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Course Title: Ireland 1688-1923: From Repression, Rebellion and Famine to Final Independence

Course description: The objective of this course is to survey the evolution of Irish Society from the establishment of the Protestant Ascendancy in the late seventeenth century to the creation of an independent nation in 1922. The emphasis will be on political, social and economic development. Key topics addressed in the course include the Great Rebellion of 1798, Catholic Emancipation, the Famine, the emergence of modern physical force Republicanism and the War for Independence.

Recommended Readings:

S.J. Connelly, *Religion, Law and Power: the Making of Protestant Ireland*. Clarendon Press, 1995.

James Donnelly, *The Great Irish Potato Famine*, Sutton Publishing, Ltd., 2001.

R.F. Foster, *Modern Ireland: 1600-1972*. Viking Adult, 1989.

Cormac Ó Gráda, *Ireland Before and After the Famine: Exploration in Economic History 1800-1925*. Manchester University Press 1993.

Alan J. Ward, *The Easter Rising: Revolution and Irish Nationalism*. Wiley-Blackwell, 2003.

Weeks	Topics
Week 1	Background: Ireland on the Edge
Week 2	The Creation of the Protestant Ascendancy
Week 3	Irish Society, Eighteenth Century - Religion, Class, Economy/Population
Week 4	Reform and Revolution, Peasant Movements, the United Irishmen, Union
Week 5	O'Connell and the Catholic Question
Week 6	Irish Society, Nineteenth Century - the Repeal Movement, Young Ireland
Week 7	The Great Hunger
Week 8	Land war, Nationalism, and Parnell
Week 9	Reform and Rebellion, WWI, 1916
Week 10	Revolution, Civil War, Independence
Week 11	Ireland Today

