Title of the subject: Irish History, 1588-2008: Events and Movements

Credit value: 5

Description of the subject: the brief, still informative description of the knowledge to be attained

This lecture course surveys the most important events in Irish history from the end of the sixteenth century to the beginning of the twenty-first. Starting with the war of the Gaelic chieftains of Ulster against the armies of Queen Elizabeth I between 1588 and 1603, the module addresses key moments in the course of Irish history subsequently. Students will also learn about the broader movements in Irish history that specific events show. Examining Irish historical events and movements, students will have the opportunity to explore a range of issues. Foremost among these is the relationship between religion and politics in Irish history. Another matter that this course addresses is the relation between republicanism and nationalism in Ireland from the eighteenth century: the significant differences or identifications that existed between these ideologies as they developed into the twentieth century. The course will also explore the nature of political unionism as it evolved in Ireland during the nineteenth century, particularly in Ulster. Students will engage questions of ethnicity, gender and class when examining these matters.

List of the most important 2–5 pieces of *required* and *recommended* literature (lecture notes, handbooks) with bibliographical details (author, title, edition information (or specific pages), ISBN)

Bartlett, Thomas. *Ireland: A History*. Cambridge. Cambridge University Press, 2011. ISBN: 978-1-10742-2346

English, Richard. *Irish Freedom: The History of Nationalism in Ireland*. London. Pan Books, 2006. ISBN: 978-0-330-42759-3

Ferriter. Diarmuid. *The Transformation of Ireland, 1900-2000*. London: Profile Books, 2005.

ISBN:978-1-86197-443-3

Foster, R. F. (ed). *The Oxford Illustrated History of Ireland*. Oxford. Oxford University Press, 1994. ISBN: 0-19-285245-0

Lee, Joseph. *Ireland*, 1912-1985: Politics and Society. Cambridge. Cambridge University Press, 1985. ISBN: 0-521-37741-2

List of those required professional competences, competence elements (knowledge, skill, etc., Section 8 of the Educational and Output Requirements) to the development of which the subject characteristically, materially contributes

## a) knowledge

- students will acquire knowledge of the most important events and movements in Irish history from the end of the sixteenth century to the start of the twenty-first century.
- -students will gain knowledge of the complex relation between Ireland and Britain over the course of the past four centuries
- b) skills
  - -students will enhance their skills of critical interpretation of historical events.
  - -students will acquire a historical foundation for the study of Irish culture and literature.