



Dublin Parliamentary Internship Institute of Public Administration

DUBI POIR 350 Irish Society and Politics

This course examines several aspects of Irish culture and how they impact Ireland today; focusing on Irish Society, Irish Politics, Irish Economy, and Ireland the European Union.

The engaged nature of this course is directly related to each intern's placement in the *Dáil Éireann* or the *Seanad Éireann*. Students are expected to interact at a high level while participating in their placement and have a strong knowledge of contemporary issues in Ireland. This course is designed to support students in their participation in the *Oireachtas* (Irish Parliament).

Irish Society

Profile of Irish Society and Social Issues
Population and Population change in Ireland
Church and State in Ireland

Irish Politics

Introduction to the Irish Political System
Irish Political Culture
The Constitution of Ireland
The *Oireachtas*
Political Parties – Evolution and Bases of Support
The TD

Irish Economy

Irish Economic Problems; unemployment, price stability etc
Irish Economic Policies
Foreign Direct Investment

Ireland the European Union

Origins and Development of the EC/EU
The Institutions and the legislative process
EU Policies and Policy Deficits
External Relations; European Political Cooperation (EPC)

Reading

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| Desmond Dinan | Ever Closer Union: An Introduction to European Integration. Longman, 2005. |
| Neil Nugent | The Government and Policies of the European Union. Macmillan, 2009. |
| Collins, N and Cradden, T | Political Issues in Ireland Today. Manchester University Press, 2004 |
| Muiris MacCarthaigh | Government in Modern Ireland. IPA, 2008. |
| Constitution of Ireland | Government Publications, 2010. |
| Hilary Tovey & Perry Share | A Sociology of Ireland, 2 nd edition, chapter 7, Inequality, Poverty and Class/ Gill and Macmillan, 2003. |
| J. McGarry & B. O’Leary | Explaining Northern Ireland: Broken Images. Blackwell, Oxford, 1995. |
| J. Coakley (Editor) | Politics in the Republic of Ireland. Routledge, 2005. |
| J. O’Hagan & C. Newman | The Economy of Ireland. Gill and MacMillan, 2008. |
| S. Healy, B. Reynolds & M. Collins | Social Policy in Ireland: Principles, Practice and Problems. Liffey Press, 2007. |
| P. Fitzgerald & B. Lambkin | Migration in Irish History. Palgrave, 2008. |