

Adult Education courses

Writers of the Rebellion

In the year of the centenary of 1916 this course looks at writers' responses to Easter 1916 from the event up to the present day. This course examines literary, cultural and social interpretation and understanding of the Easter Rising over the past 100 years. It complements the 1916 history course. The course will cover poetry by Yeats and the 1916 rebels (Pearce and MacDonagh), plays by Sean O'Casey and Frank Mc Guinness, novels by Roddy Doyle and Sebastian Barry and today's reinterpretations such as the graphic novel *Blood Upon the Rose*. It will also explore the way in which Easter 1916 is present in the city around us, how its representation and memory shapes our physical surroundings today through art, architecture, sculpture and public processions, festivals and events. It will look at Film and TV representations of the event. It will include a consideration of public performance through the 1966 50th anniversary events and debates around commemorations today and the proposed re design of the GPO and O'Connell Street.

8 Tuesdays: Jan 26, Feb 2, 9, 16, 23, Mar 1, 8, 15

10:00am – 12.30 pm

Fee: €195

Tutor: Garrett Fagan

Uncovering 1916

This course will explore the events surrounding the 1916 Rising. Lectures will reveal the context, development, course and aftermath of the rebellion as well as issues surrounding its interpretation and commemoration. Manuscript material, documentary footage, contemporary newspapers, ephemera and the Library's photographic collection will elucidate the subject for participants. The course will conclude with a field trip to the Easter Rising Exhibition at the Collins Barracks Museum. Uncovering 1916 will examine the complex origins and development of the rebellion and its impact on Irish society and politics in the immediate years after. As we near the hundred anniversary of the remarkable events of Easter Week 1916, this course hopes to give participants an in depth knowledge and understanding of perhaps the most decisive moment in modern Irish history.

8 Wednesdays: Jan 13, 20, 27, Feb 3, 10, 17, 24, Mar 2

10:00am – 12.30 pm

Fee: €195

Tutor: Dr Richard Mc Elligott

An Interdisciplinary Guide to 1916

Seeking to prove that the Easter Rising of 1916 was much more than simply a key event in Irish history, this groundbreaking new course will offer students a unique perspective on the events and people involved in that pivotal week. Experts from a number of schools within UCD'S Arts and Human Sciences College as well as distinguished guest lecturers will provide students with an insight into various themes and topics that are often neglected when discussing the history of 1916. These include ideas relating to art, literature, medicine and transport among others. Held within the historic surrounding of the National Library of Ireland during the centennial year and utilising contemporary ongoing academic research students will gain an incredible opportunity to analyse and assess this famous moment of Irish history and to understand the significant impact and influence which it exerted upon subsequent Irish culture and identity.

8 Thursdays: 2.00pm-4.30pm, Jan 21, Jan 28, Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, Mar 3, 10

2pm – 4.30pm

Fee: €195

Tutor: Dr Leanne Blaney

Irish War of Independence 1919-1921

This course explores the events, impact and legacy of the Irish War of Independence. It discusses key aspects of the political and military campaigns both at a national and a regional level. The course also examines the Anglo-Irish Treaty signed on 6 December 1921 and the political fallout following its ratification. The course ends with an examination of the Irish civil war and an assessment of the commemoration and memory of the struggle in the ninety odd years since. Run in conjunction with the National Library of Ireland, participants have an opportunity to view a wide variety of primary source material relating to this period.

09 Mar 2016 to 27 Apr 2016

8 Wednesdays: 10.00am-12.30pm, Mar 9, 16, 23, 30, Apr 6, 13, 20, 27

10am – 12.30pm

Fee: €195

Tutor: Dr Richard McElligott

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