### Module Title: SS2785– Irish Social Policy II (10 ECTS)

This module, which will run in both Michaelmas and Hilary term, comprises two sections:

- Section One - Crime and Irish Society will run in Michaelmas term (Ms Gillian Smith)
- Section Two – European Refugee Policy Hilary term (Dr Philip Curry)

### Section One

#### Module Overview and Content

**Crime and Irish Society (5 ECTS)**

This module examines crime and punishment in Ireland under the lens of social policy. It gives a historical overview of the approaches of the state to criminal justice, and explores trends, systems and policies in crime and punishment in Ireland.

**Module Content**

- Defining, classifying and measuring crime
- Trends in crime in Ireland
- Imprisonment in Ireland
- Coercive confinement in Ireland
- The use of non-custodial sanctions in Ireland
- Drugs policy in Ireland
- Youth justice in Ireland
- White collar crime in Ireland

#### Learning Outcomes

On completion of this module students will be able to:

- Analyse issues associated with the definition and measurement of crime and crime trends.
- Identify and analyse the main trends in crime and punishment in Ireland over the past century.
- Describe and analyse the historical development of criminal justice policies in Ireland.
- Give a critical appraisal of penal policy development since the establishment of the State in Ireland.
- Critically discuss the use of custodial and non-custodial sanction in juvenile and adult criminal justice.
- Critique policy approaches to drugs, white collar crime, youth justice and penal policy broadly.

### Section Two

#### Module Overview and Content

**European Refugee Policy (5 ECTS)**

The number of people worldwide who have been forcibly displaced from their home as a result of conflict, systemic discrimination, persecution, and other human rights violations has been steadily growing over the last decade to reach an unprecedented 65 million in 2015. The protection of
asylum seekers and refugees has correspondingly become an urgent global policy issue.

This course examines the legal basis of modern asylum and refugee systems, how these systems operate in practice and how the protection of people who have been forcibly displaced has come to be intertwined with the politics and policies of migration more generally. While recognizing that forced displacement is a global issue, this course focuses on the European Union and the nations of Europe.

### Section Two

**Learning Outcomes**

On completion of this module students will:

- Understand the main provisions of the United Nations Convention and Protocol relating to the status of refugees
- Comprehend how asylum and refugee protection systems operate in practice and the kinds of difficulties they encounter
- Be able to identify key dimensions of the lived experience of forced displacement and how it varies across cultural, gender, age and ethnic groups.
- Be able to assess how and why governments have attempted to control and direct migration using legal and policy frameworks and the impact this has had on the victims of forced displacement.

**Lecturer for Crime and Irish Society:**

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There are 17 hours of lectures in total made up of two 1 hour lectures per week.

**Assessment 1: Crime and Irish Society (Michaelmas Term)**

Online journal entry x 3 = 10% of overall grade
2,000 word essay = 40% of overall grade

Online journal submission dates = 24th Oct, 21st Nov, 12th Dec.
Essay Submission date: 16th December 2016
Penalties: 10% will be deducted from essays submitted late.
Extensions must be requested via tutor.

**Assessment 2: European Refugee Policy (Hilary Term)**

This module is assessed entirely through course work which consists of an individual project in which students apply the material learnt on the course to the European 2014-16 ‘migrant crisis’.

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**Recommended Reading - Crime and Society (Michaelmas Term)**

*(Detailed weekly reading lists will be provided in class and on Blackboard)*


Essential Reading - European Refugee Policy

Core textbooks for this course are:


The ‘Convention and Protocol relating to the status of refugees’ (1950 / 1967) is a key policy document for this course and may be downloaded at:


Crucial journals for this course which may all be accessed online through the College library website are:

- Journal of Refugee Studies
- Refugee Survey Quarterly
Some indicative readings:
