

## Irish Politics A | POU33021

Year	Junior Sophister
ECTS Credits	5
Contact Hours	20 hours of lectures and 5 hours of tutorials
Pre-requisite	Nil
Semester	1
Module Leader & Lecturer	TBC
Contact Email	TBC

### Module Outline

#### Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of this module, students will:

- Have an enhanced understanding of the Irish political process
- Be familiar with academic research into Irish politics
- Have been encouraged, and ideally have learned, to critically assess the material they encounter

#### Module Learning Aims:

The aim of this module is to deepen students' understanding not only of the substance of Irish politics but also of the academic research that aims to interpret and understand it.

#### Module Content:

The module covers political culture, the constitution, elections and electoral behaviour, parties and the party system, the electoral system and its political consequences, and the role of parliament.

#### Visting Students:

This module is OPEN to one-term and full-year visiting students. However, visiting students should bear in mind that this module is not designed as a beginners' guide to Irish Politics or as the equivalent of a summer school course, and that those with little or no prior knowledge of the subject will need to do some initial catching up on the basics. Reading chapter 1 of the module textbook (*Politics in the Republic of Ireland*, see below) in advance of term or early in the term is recommended for those with little background knowledge of Irish history. A useful and fairly introductory overview of the country is Eoin O'Malley, *Contemporary Ireland* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2011). Incoming Socrates/Erasmus/visiting students are required to fulfil the same module requirements, in terms of coursework and exams, as TCD students. Registering for the module implies acceptance of this.

### Assessment

Coursework 40%

90 minute in-person end-of-semester examination 60%

## Recommended Reading List

Coakley, J., & Gallagher, M. (Eds.). (2017). *Politics in the Republic of Ireland*. Routledge.

O'Malley, E. (2017). *Contemporary Ireland*. Bloomsbury Publishing. (This is a general and lively introduction to Ireland, including history and society as well as politics. It is recommended reading for visiting students.)