Course Name: Ireland: History, Culture and the Politics of Peace  
Prefix and Number: HIS 215  
Credit Hours and Contact Hours: 3 credit hours – 3 contact hours  

Catalog Description:
This course will examine Irish History and Culture through a wide spectrum of topics, covering: mythology, folklore, literature, music, art, history and politics. Issues of cultural identity will be discussed with special focus on literary response to social events in the course of Irish history. This course emphasizes reading, writing and oral presentation with strong emphasis on critical evaluation and discussion of historical, social cultural and political issues. Students will also be exposed to Irish art and Irish music and theatre.

II. Course Objectives and Outcomes

Students will gain knowledge about the major themes in Ireland’s history: invasion, colonization, social change, urbanization, nationalism, revolution, economic growth, religion, and emigration.

Students will explore Ireland’s culture through its rich literary traditions.

The following learning outcomes are addressed in this course: writing, oral communication, reading, problem-solving, ethics/values, citizenship, global concerns and information resources.

This course may be taken as a social science, history or general elective within the liberal arts degree.

III. Methods of Instruction

Course materials: Textbook, articles, maps, DVD documentaries, movie clips and music CD’s

Methods of Instruction: Include; in class readings, map work, lecture, discussion, use of power point and audio visual material.

Method of Evaluation: Grades will be based upon tests, papers, assigned exercises, oral presentation and class participation.

Assessment Measures: Upon completion of the course, student’s knowledge of Ireland’s history and culture will have been assessed to measure their understanding of the major themes in Irish history and Ireland’s cultural significance.

IV. General Outline of Topics Covered
Geography
Myths and legends
Celtic Ireland
The arrival of Christianity
Viking wars
English Invasion
The Great Famine
Emigration
Irish Nationalism
The Republic of Ireland
Northern Ireland
Irish Literature
Irish Music and Dance
Irish Art and Crafts
Present Day Ireland