



Economy of Ireland A

Module Code: ECU22021

Module Name: Economy of Ireland A

- **ECTS Weighting:** 5
- **Semester/Term Taught:** MT
- **Contact Hours:** 22 hours lectures + tutorials (tbc)
- **Module Personnel:** Barra Roantree

Module Learning Aims:

This module aims to provide students with an understanding of the Irish economy and public policy-making; show how various pressures and policies have shaped the development of the Irish economy; economically interpret and evaluate public policy making in Ireland and elsewhere; and, facilitate the use of clear and concise English that is required for understanding economics and policy-making.

Module Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of this module, you will be able to:

- identify the key outcomes of interest for economic policymakers in Ireland and the primary tools used to achieve those outcomes
- interpret and analyse public/social policy phenomena in Ireland and elsewhere; and
- evaluate public policy making in Ireland and elsewhere.

Module Content:

1. Output and living standards
2. Inequality, poverty and redistribution
3. Taxation
4. Social Insurance and Social Assistance
5. Housing
6. Climate



Recommended Reading List:

The core textbooks for this module are:

- The Economy of Ireland: Policy Making in a Global Context, John O'Hagan, Francis O'Toole and Ciara Whelan (eds). 15e. Bloomsbury: Dublin.
- Economy, Society and Public Policy (ESPP) by Core Econ. Available [online here](#)

The following books provide useful background reading:

- Julian Le Grand, Carol Propper and Sarah Smith, The Economics of Social Problems, 4th Edition, palgrave macmillan, 2008.
- Michael Sandel, What Money Can't Buy: The Moral Limits of Markets, Penguin Books, 2012.
- Richard Thaler and Cass Sunstein, Nudge, Penguin Books, 2009.

Other suggested reading materials are listed below and/or will be highlighted during lectures.

Module Pre-Requisite:

None

Module Co-Requisite:

None

Assessment Details:

- Coursework: 35%
- Final exam: 65%

Module Website:

Blackboard