



**Non-Credit Course
Must be completed within 10 weeks.**

Sick Plants and a Hungry World

A potato famine caused by the late blight fungus resulted in the death of more than a million Irish and the immigration of many families to the U.S. But what else in Ireland contributed to such changes? Throughout history, there have been many stories of how plant disease has helped shape society. Sick Plants and a Hungry World provides an opportunity to explore and reflect on those stories.

Sick Plants and a Hungry World is a non-credit course offered completely online through Moodle, a course management system. There are 10 modules with topics ranging from basic concepts in plant disease (such as the disease triangle) to prehistoric man and plant diseases, and from the Irish Potato Famine to bioterrorism. The course is completely self-paced, so you can take it anytime, anywhere. Although the course is designed for Master Gardeners, anyone interested in plants, history, and contemporary global issues will find it exciting.

Once you begin your online experience of Sick Plants and a Hungry World, the course will be available for 10 weeks. Assignments consist of supplied module readings and self-tests. A certificate from The Ohio State University Office of Continuing Education will be awarded upon successful completion of the course. To register, visit osucedreg.com/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x15405241 and submit your payment of \$35.

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About Us

Research — Eight faculty in Columbus and eight on the OARDC-Wooster campus address strategic areas in plant pathology and disease management. We emphasize a strong gradient of basic and applied research.

Teaching — We offer an undergraduate major in Plant Health Management and a minor in Plant Pathology, and opportunities for undergraduate research, internships, and scholarships. Our graduate program, with about 30 Ph.D. and M.S. students, is recognized as a top tier program in the United States.

Extension — Our programs include fruits, vegetables, agronomic crops (including soybean, corn, wheat, and alfalfa), trees, ornamentals, and turf. The C. Wayne Ellett Plant and Pest Diagnostic Clinic provides diagnostic services for commercial operations and the general public.

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