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BRITISH HISTORY UNTIL 1900

Bachelor in English and American Language, Literature and History
Faculty of Liberal Arts

Course information

Bachelor year 1 24 HOURS

Fall Semester 5 ECTS

Lectures (CM)

Professor: Robert Ivermee, PhD, University of Kent

Course Code: FDL_AN_L1_S1_CM_CIVI_GB

Course description

This course provides an introduction to British history up to 1900, examining key themes and developments through different ages. Emphasis is placed on the formation of the United Kingdom and the development of national identity, religious and social change, and the global expansion of the British Empire. You will be encouraged to think critically about key concepts such as British civilisation and national history. Alongside the study of British history, the course considers how particular historical moments are remembered or forgotten in Britain today.

Indicative topics:

The British Isles before Great Britain

The formation of the United Kingdom

Monarchy, parliament, and rights

Religious change and conflict

The British Empire: The Atlantic

The British Empire: India

The Enlightenment

The Industrial Revolution

Social change

Science and progress

The British World in 1900

Exam preparation

Learning Objectives

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Understand key events and processes in the history of the British Isles before 1900
- Recognise key institutions in the UK and explain their development
- Question key concepts like “civilisation” and “British” history
- Write short written responses in English on the topics studied in class

Course Prerequisites

Minimum level of English B1

Methods of Instruction

A 2-hour weekly lecture. 12 weeks of teaching in total, with the final week dedicated to exam preparation. Interaction and discussion are encouraged.

Assessment and Final grade

A 2-hour written exam during the exam period at the end of the semester. Students write short responses to 3 questions, from a choice of about 11.

Course Requirements

Material to help prepare each lecture is made available on the learning platform. Students are expected to spend 1-2 hours per week preparing for the lecture.