



BRITISH HISTORY: TWENTIETH HISTORY

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

Course information

Bachelor year 2 24 HOURS

Fall Semester 5 ECTS

Lectures (CM)

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Course description

British Civilisation 1900-2001

Students will be given an overview of Britain in the 20th century from a social, political and economic perspective. The lectures will hinge upon important questions or issues from the period under study and they will be based on a historical approach.

Among the main themes to study, one will look at:

- 1) Britain at the turn of the 20th century: a pessimistic fin-de-siècle?
- 2) The Liberal Party in power (1906-1914): New Liberalism and social reforms
- 3) The emergence and development of the Labour Party (1906-1924)
- 4) The First World War and the question of Women's suffrage
- 5) Britain between the Wars: focus on the 1926 General Strike and the ambivalent 1930s
- 6) The Second World War: the "People's War" and the Beveridge Report (1942)
- 7) The Labour Party in power and the setting up of the Welfare State (1945-1951)
- 8) The Post-War Consensus and the Conservative thirteen "wasted" years (1951-1964)
- 9) The "Permissive" Society in the Labour Years (1964-1970) and Britain becoming the sick man of Europe in the 1970s
- 10) Thatcherism
- 11) Blair's first term in office (1997-2001)
- 12) The European Question: the development of Euroscepticism before 1997