

British Civilisation: British History Twentieth Century Lectures (Bachelor Year 2 / Fall)

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

Introduction

This course is a deep dive into the history of twentieth century Britain: its politics, economy, society and culture. A selection of themes will be considered in detail, including the changing role and rights of women; immigration and xenophobia; developments in popular culture; and the rise and fall of British social democracy. By the end of the semester, you will have a good understanding of the different political ideas and economic approaches that have shaped modern Britain, and of its most influential people, parties and social movements. Cherished national myths will be exposed and a critical eye will be cast on some of the darker moments in the country's recent past.

Objectives

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

1. Understand key events and processes in twentieth century Britain
2. Become familiar with the main institutions of the United Kingdom and their development, e.g. the Welfare State, the political parties
3. Critically reflect on accepted ideas and myths about Britain
4. Improve your language skills by taking a course and writing an exam in English

Admission

Prerequisite

Prerequisites training

None beyond the prerequisites of the programme.

Program

Methods of Instruction

Twelve two-hour lectures (CM) combining teacher-led delivery with questions and discussion. The lectures are accompanied by a related seminar (TD) course.

Duration

1 semester

Teaching languages

- English

Conditions of submission

If you need more information about this course, kindly send an email to: incomingdri@icp.fr

Assessment and Final Grade

A two-hour exam during the exam period. Students write three short essays on subjects covered during the semester.

Course Requirements

Essential preparatory reading for each class will be indicated on the course page. Classes will be interactive. The active participation of students is required.



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