

# British History until 1900 Lectures (Bachelor Year 1 / Fall)

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

## Introduction

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

## 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

## 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](mailto:incomingdri@icp.fr)

## Admission

### Prerequisite

#### Prerequisites training

Minimum level of English B1

## Program

### 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.



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