

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>HISTÒRIA I CULTURA DELS PAÏSOS DE PARLA ANGLESA</b>
<b>Code:</b>	<b>28462</b>
<b>Credits:</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Semester:</b>	<b>Anual</b>
<b>Groups:</b>	<b>1</b>
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## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT

This course is designed to be a comprehensive introduction to the history and culture of the United Kingdom and Ireland. The first semester will deal with events from the Roman occupation of Britain in the first century AD up to the early 18<sup>th</sup> century. The second semester will cover the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries including Britain's overseas expansion.

## OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the course is to

- acquaint students with a wide range of aspects that have contributed to the shaping of the people and culture of the United Kingdom and Ireland
- analyse the role and the influence of the most outstanding personalities
- encourage students to consider not just the events themselves but the way they have been narrated and the role of history in the formation of a common culture

## SYLLABUS

### **Semester A. From Roman Britannia to Rule Britannia**

Week 1. The Celtic heritage of Britain. Roman Britannia. Boudicca.

Week 2. Anglo-Saxon England. Alfred the Great.

Week 3. The Norman Conquest: causes and consequences.

Week 4. Celtic Ireland. The Golden Age. 1169 invasion.

Week 5. The Middle Ages. Conquest of Wales. Wars with Scotland. Early Parliament.

Week 6. Henry VIII & the Reformation.

Week 7. Elizabethan England.

Week 8. Francis Drake and the beginnings of overseas expansion. The East India Company.

Week 9. Ireland under the Tudors

Week 10. The North American colonies. The Triangular Trade.

Week 11. The Stuarts. Religion, Politics & the Civil Wars. Oliver Cromwell.

Week 12. The Glorious Revolution. The rise of political parties.

Week 13. The Act of Union of Scotland & England & Wales. 18<sup>th</sup> century Britain.

## **Semester B.**

### **The Growth of Industry, Empire and Democracy**

- Week 1. Ireland in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The Penal Laws. Wolfe Tone. Daniel O’Connell.  
Week 2. The Act of Union with Britain. The famine & emigration.  
Week 3. The Industrial Revolution. Scots & Industry.  
Week 4. From Plassey to the Indian Rebellion. The Caribbean colonies. Slavery and abolition.  
Week 5. Colonization and Settlement of Canada, Australia & New Zealand.  
Week 6. Chartism. 19<sup>th</sup> Century reforms. Queen Victoria. Disraeli & Gladstone.  
Week 7. The suffragette movement. Keir Hardie & the Labour party.  
Week 8. The Irish Question. Home Rule bills. Charles Stewart Parnell.  
Week 9. South Africa. Cecil Rhodes.  
Week 10. The Scramble for Africa. The Boer War.  
Week 11. Easter Rebellion 1916. Partition & Civil War. Michael Collins & Eamon de Valera.  
Week 12. World War I. The general strike. Depression. The inter-war years.  
Week 13. Decolonization & Post-War immigration into Britain.

### **ASSESSMENT**

- Class attendance and participation: 10%  
Essays: 20%  
Mid-Term exam: 30%  
Final exam: 40%

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY / MATERIALS**

#### **Compulsory Reading**

Jeremy Black, *A History of the British Isles*, Palgrave, 2002  
Reading Packs

#### **Secondary Reading:**

##### **The United Kingdom**

- Colley, Linda, *Britons. The Forging of a Nation*, Yale UP, 1992.  
Ferguson, Niall, *Empire. How Britain Made the Modern World*, Allen Lane. The Penguin Press, 2003.  
Haigh, Christopher (ed). *The Cambridge Historical Encyclopedia of Great Britain and Ireland*, CUP, 1990.  
Hunt, Jocelyn, *Britain 1846-1919*, Routledge, 2002.  
Kearney, Hugh, *The British Isles. A History of Four Nations*, Cambridge U.P. 1990.  
Lang, Sean, *Parliamentary Reform 1785-1928*, Routledge, 1999.  
Lang, Sean, *British History for Dummies*, John Wiley & Sons, 2004  
Lloyd, T.O. *The British Empire 1558-1983*, Oxford UP. 1984.  
Morley, David & Kevin Robins (eds), *British Cultural Studies: Geography, Nationality, and Identity*, OUP, 2001.  
Mathias, Peter, *The First Industrial Nation*, Routledge, 2001.  
Morgan, Kenneth (ed), *The Oxford History of Britain*, Oxford U.P. 1988.

Rosman, Doreen, *From Catholic to Protestant*, Routledge, 1996.  
Strong, Roy, *The Story of Britain*, Pimlico, 1998.

### **Ireland**

Ellis, Peter Beresford, *Eyewitness to Irish History*, John Wiley & Sons, 2004.  
Forster, R.F. (ed), *The Oxford Illustrated History of Ireland*, Oxford UP, 1993.  
Killeen, Richard, *A Timeline of Irish History*, Dublin: Gill & Macmillan, 2003.  
Mulholland, Marc, *Northern Ireland: A Very Short Introduction*, Oxford UP, 2003.  
Moody, T.W. & F.X. Martin, *The Course of Irish History*, Dublin: Mercier Press, 2001.  
Paseta, Senia, *Modern Ireland: A Very Short Introduction*, Oxford Paperbacks, 2003.  
Walsh, Oonagh, *Ireland's Independence: 1880-1923*, Routledge, 2001.

### **OTHER COMMENTS**

Class attendance is compulsory. The films and documentaries shown in class are part of the essential course material.