

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500245 English Studies	FB	1	1
2501902 English and Catalan	OB	2	A
2501907 English and Classics	OB	2	A
2501910 English and Spanish	OB	2	A
2501913 English and French	OB	2	A

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Use of languages

Principal working language: english (eng)
 Some groups entirely in English: Yes
 Some groups entirely in Catalan: No
 Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Prerequisites

There are no specific requirements for this subject BUT a level of B2 English is essential for students of English Studies and C1 for students from Combined Degrees as they take the subject in their second year. Students should be able to understand and follow theoretical discussions of historical and cultural texts, They should also be able to interact with native speakers and express their ideas and opinions without effort.

Objectives and Contextualisation

The subject History and Culture of the British Isles provides an introduction to the main events and figures of British and Irish history and culture. The main purpose of this subject is to prepare the students to understand British and Irish society, which will help them to follow the remaining subjects in their degree.

After taking this subject students will be able to

- Show they have understood a variety of texts
- Use the historical and cultural resources of any library
- Express an informed critique of any cultural or historical text they may read.

Content

Syllabus

This course is an introduction to the main historical and cultural events of Britain and Ireland from the early Celts to the present day, although the emphasis is on the modern and contemporary era. Among the topics discussed are:

The country (people, geography, infrastructures, communications, cultural practices)

The people (the early invasions, immigration, ethnic groups, identities)

The evolution of the institutions of the British Isles (parliament, the monarchy, the Church)

The formation of the United Kingdom (England, Scotland and Wales)

Ireland (history, relations with England, its mythology)

Medieval Britain

Early Modern Britain

The Industrial Revolution

The Expansion of the British Empire

The 19th century and social reforms

The 20th century (the two world wars, demographic changes, cultural phenomena)

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