

Course title: British History and Culture		Credits: 6	Course code: AN187B/ AN290
Type of the course Lecture <input type="checkbox"/> Seminar		Assessment: Examination Performance-based grade	
Semester: according to the standard curriculum			
Course availability: according to the standard curriculum			
Language of instruction (if not in Hungarian): English			
Prerequisites: according to the standard curriculum			
Type of the course (compulsory, obligatory elective, free elective): compulsory			
Course schedule: http://www.kodolanyi.hu/neptun/			
<p>Course objectives: The aim of the course is to provide the students with an overview and to enlarge their capacity for understanding broader contextual analogies within the field of study; to further their knowledge independently through critical thinking and the use of specific methods of study. Among the objectives of the course, empathy and the understanding, including the acceptance, of the so called "otherness" of different traditions, religions and cultures features strongly. The course strongly urges students to use their theoretical knowledge in practice by doing independent presentations, summarizing written texts, and learning to write critically about complex thematic issues dealt with in the course. The seminar provides the student with the necessary practical methods and technique of debating, and critical reasoning. The objective of the course is to educate responsible and well prepared professionals. The course develops and extends language competence and vocabulary, as well as enhancing the ability to solve problems, collecting information and reading material with the use of informational technology.</p> <p>Learning outcomes (based on professional competences):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the ability to find the most relevant historical sources and databases. • the ability to encounter and solve problems relating to the specific field of science. • to have an overview of the various historical sciences • the ability to read and interpret historical and cultural oriented texts, and placing it in cultural context. • the ability to use various trends of analysis in interpreting works relating to historical sciences. • to learn relevant research methods. • continuous development of professional competence <p>Course content: The course is a compulsory course within the culture module of the English Studies BA. The course contains lectures and seminars that are content-wise closely knit; it provides a detailed study of the history of the United Kingdom. Thematically the course offers an overview of the major historical eras from the ancient Celtic culture to the establishment and fall of feudal kingdoms, the War of the Roses, the reign of the Tudor Dynasty, the Glorious Revolution, and the formation of the British Commonwealth following the two World Wars. The students also study the structural layout of the British political and education system. The course focuses on</p>			

the development of contemporary English society, its major political institutions and the relevance of the Monarchy. The understanding of these multicultural facets, including traditional holidays and ceremonies and favourite leisurely activities of the British population enable students of English studies to monitor, develop and expand their knowledge.

Teaching methods:

- active learning
- group work
- case-related learning
- problem-based learning
- individual tasks and presentation
- research-based instruction
- independent work

Prerequisites: n/a

Evaluation criteria: professional content, language proficiency and technical language terminology

Course requirements:

1. **Lecture:**

- **regular attendance**
- **successful accomplishment** of the seminar on British history and civilization is a **prerequisite**
- **oral exam** (topics covered throughout the fall term)

2. **Seminar:**

- **Regular attendance and active participation** in class
- **Assessment:**
 - **1 cumulative test/ term and quizzes (unannounced)**
 - accomplishment of **regular home assignments**
 - **presentation**

Assessment & Grading:

Fail:

Indicates that the student has not demonstrated to the satisfaction of the department and has not completed the requirements of the course.

Pass:

Indicates that the student has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the department and fulfilled the minimum requirements of the course.

Satisfactory:

Indicates that the student has demonstrated an average level of competence within the course.

Good:

Course requirements have been met, with only minor mistakes.

Excellent:

Outstanding, faultless work and competence.

Department/faculty responsible for the course: Department of English Language and Literature

Required average students' working hours (number of credits multiplied by 30):
5 x 30 =150

Individual assignments (expected number of hours and list of activities):

Assessment and analysis of unknown texts including textual interpretation, terminology, as well as presenting views and opinions regarding textual interpretation. Working through home assignments.

Course leader: Bálint Szele PhD

Lecturers: László Zsolt Zságer