



Department of English Studies

General information		
Name of the course	British Culture	
Course instructor	Dr Aidan O'Malley, Assistant Professor	
Study programme	Undergraduate study programme in English Language and Literature	
Status of the course	compulsory	
Academic year	2022-2023 (summer semester)	
Language	English	
ECTS credits and manner of instruction	ECTS credits	4
	Number of class hours (Lectures + Exercises + Seminars)	30+0+15

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION
1.1. Course objectives
This course provides a broad picture and understanding of modern and historical Britain, its institutions and its peoples, as background for the study of language and literature, and translation. It locates key issues in British experience in their contemporary and historical contexts, while also examining the spread of selected features of British culture its influence on the world.
1.2. Course enrolment requirements and entry competences required for the course
Excellent level of written and spoken English.
1.3. Expected course learning outcomes
At the conclusion of the course, students will have acquired a knowledge of key aspects of British experience, and will have learnt about both the historical roots of these features of British culture and the diverse ways in which they have come to be understood in contemporary Britain and elsewhere.
1.4. Course content
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Introduction. Locating Britain: Where is Britain/UK? Images of Britain—what sets it apart?2. Early Britain: History and myth. Roman Britain and the Arthur myth3. 1066 and all that... More Invasions: Angles, Saxons, Jutes, Vikings, Normans. The changing linguistic landscape: from Anglo-Saxon to Norman French4. The Reformation and Elizabethan Era: Creating Modern Britain5. Civil War and Restoration. Debates about monarchy6. Victorian Britain. The empire on which the sun never set. The Industrial Revolution. Victorian Morality7. 20th Century Britain: The World Wars. The Welfare State. The Decline of Empire . Immigration8. Dis-United Kingdom? England, Scotland, Wales. Britain and Europe9. British culture since the 1960s10. British class and education system11. British humour12. Sport and the British
1.5. Manner of instruction

- ✓ Lectures
- ✓ Seminars and workshops
- ✓ Individual assignments