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FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND LETTERS

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

2017-2018 SPRING

ELL 232 Course Syllabus – British Culture and Society

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Office Hours: Tues. 10:00-12:00

**Aim of the course:** The aim of this course is to provide the student with the knowledge and skills to survey and interpret the cultural, social, and political developments in Britain.  In this course, British institutions such as politics, education, family, religion as well as social class, daily life, customs and manners in the multicultural Britain are introduced and discussed.

**Requirements:** As the course aims to enhance students’ abilities in evaluating literature, course activities will be based on group discussions. Therefore, for each class, students are expected to:

1. Read the assigned text(s) for that week

2. Bring the text with them, ready to discuss it in class

3. Bring pen, pencil and paper to be able to take notes

4. Turn off their mobile phones during class, I do not accept the use of phones for any reason whatsoever

If the student fails to bring any of these items to class, their work will be considered unsatisfactory. Additionally, tardiness is considered rude and distracting, before being late to class, please consider the following: a) Do not enter the classroom if you are more than 10 minutes late b) Do not forget that repetitive tardiness (at least 3 times) could result in a deduction of your final grade.

**Evaluation:** There will be one midterm, one final examination, two presentations, and a final project (more information about this soon). I do not accept late papers and the deadline for assignments is during class hours. Plagiarism of even one sentence will result in a direct F on the assignment, more than one paragraph will be a direct fail of the course.

The grade breakdown is as follows:

Midterm 40%

Presentations 10%

Final Exam 30%

Final Project 20%

**Textbook:** The textbook for this course will be John Oakland’s, *British Civilization: An Introduction*. The book will be distributed by the lecturer to all the students in e-book format. The students are responsible for bringing the relevant chapter to class in **Hard copy**.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| Week 1 | 14.02.2018 | Introduction to the Course  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=daB7np-RtOM |
| Week 2 | 21.02.2018 | Read: The British Context  *Fawlty Towers* |
| Week 3 | 28.02.2018 | Read: The Country  Documentary: The Grumpy Guide to Class, Parts 1,2& 3 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ZAyYBDUNug) |
| Week 4 | 07.03.2018 | Read: The People  Presentations |
| Week 5 | 14.03.2018 | Read: Politics and Government  Documentary: Extreme World: Northern Ireland (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5TWdtkuZMBw) |
| Week 6 | 21.03.2018 | *Blackadder* |
| Week 7 | 28.03.2018 | Read: International Relations  *Escape to the Country*  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9f18QQFXWJo |
| Week 8 | 04.04.2018 | Read: Education  *Hot Fuzz* |
| Week 9 | 11.04.2018 | **Midterm** |
| Week 10 | 18.04.2018 | No class – IDEA Conference |
| Week 11 | 25.04.2018 | Read: The Media  Presentations |
| Week 12 | 02.05.2018 | Read: Religion  Documentary: Henry VIII – The Most Iconic King of English History (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hc5AkPJFV1E) |
| Week 13 | 09.05.2018 | Presentations  *Love Actually* |
| Week 14 | 16.05.2018 | Read: Leisure, Sports and the Arts  Final Project Reveal |