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ELL 130 Course Syllabus – British Culture and Society

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**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 understanding British culture and society, course activities will be based on group discussions of the readings and documentaries, and lectures.

For each class, students are expected to:

1. Don’t forget your responsibilities – that means, bring your assigned text with you to class, as well as pen, pencil and paper

2. Put away your mobile phone during class, I do not accept the use of phones for any reason whatsoever

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 and one final examination. I do not accept late papers and the deadline for assignments is during class hours. For every week, each student is also responsible for bringing in a piece of noteworthy news concerning a contemporary topic of interest (this could relate to culture, media, history, sports, archeology, climate change, health, celebrity and so on). You are required to bring TWO of these throughout the semester, and your explanation of them will count towards the “discussion” part of your grade. You may bring in more for extra credit, as well as comment on others’ discussions. The first hour of every week will be devoted to this exercise.

**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 45%

Final Exam 45%

Discussions 10%

**Textbook:** The textbook for this course will be John Oakland’s, *British Civilization: An Introduction*. (9th edition)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| Week 1 |  | Introduction to the Course |
| Week 2 |  | Read: **Chapter 1 The British Context** |
| Week 3 |   | Read: **Chapter 2 The Country**Documentary: The Grumpy Guide to Class, Parts 1,2& 3 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ZAyYBDUNug>) |
| Week 4 |  | Read: **Chapter 3 The People** |
| Week 5 |  | *Fawlty Towers* |
| Week 6 |  | Read: **Chapter 4 Religion** |
|  Week 7 |  | Cont. Documentary: Henry VIII – The Most Iconic King of English History (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hc5AkPJFV1E) |
| Week 8 |  | **NO CLASS - BAYRAM HOLIDAY** |
| Week 9 |  | **Midterm** |
| Week 10 |  | **NO CLASS – IDEA CONFERENCE** |
| Week 11 |  | Read: **Chapter 5 Politics and Government**  |
| Week 12 |  | Read: **Chapter 6 International Relations** |
| Week 13 |  | Read: **Chapter 10 Education** |
|  Week 14 |  | Read: **Chapter 11 The Media** |
|  Week 15 |  | Review |