

		Course: British Culture		
Course code	Course status	Semester	ECTS credits	Number of lessons
BK	optional	3 rd	4	4 (2+2)

The course is organized within the following study programs:
English Language and Literature

The course is conditioned by the following courses:
None

Course aims and objectives:

This course introduces the students with the cultural and historical aspects of the UK and the manner in which life is organized in the country. Among the wide variety of topics, the basic characteristics and features of political, healthcare, educational and other formal systems are studied. However, a great deal of attention is paid to daily life sphere in the country as well. By taking this course, students are able to perceive similarities and differences, and to develop the understanding of the mutual conditioning of linguistic and cultural knowledge.

Learning outcomes:

After completing this module / course successfully, the students will be able to understand the socio-cultural context of the public and private life in the UK, recognize its specificities, and develop the awareness of the importance of the cultural component within general language competence.

Teaching staff: Tatjana Marjanović, PhD

Teaching and learning methods:

Presentations, conversation, lectures.

Course description:

Week 1	Introduction.
Week 2	The UK - country and people. England.
Week 3	Scotland. Northern Ireland. Wales.
Week 4	The British Queen. Parliament.
Week 5	Police and law.
Week 6	NHS and other health issues. Social services and charities.
Week 7	Money and business.
Week 8	Midterm exam.
Week 9	Education in Britain (from pre-school to A-levels). British universities.
Week 10	Class and identity. Religion.
Week 11	Multiculturalism. The British Empire.
Week 12	Television in Britain. Newspapers.
Week 13	Music, sport and art. Travelling, holidays and lifestyle.
Week 14	Houses and flats in Britain. Food and drink.
Week 15	Study week.

Student workload:

<u>Per week</u>	<u>Per semester</u>
3 classes (2 lectures + 1 practical classes) 3 hours of individual work	95 classes (30 lectures + 15 practical classes + 45 hours of individual work)

Students are required to attend lectures and practical classes.

Mandatory reading materials:

- O'Driscoll, J. (1996). *Britain*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
McDowall, D. (1997). *An Illustrated History of Britain*. Harlow: Longman.

Forms of assessment and evaluation of the students' knowledge:

During the semester, students make group presentations on different topics regarding the British culture and life (20 points), after which they take the test (30 points). At the end of the semester, they enter the final exam (50 points). The final grade represents the summation of all the aforementioned forms of assessment and evaluation of the students' knowledge.

Specific remarks regarding this course: Students are required to attend the classes and to participate in the classes.

Teacher who prepared the information sheet on the course: Tatjana Marjanović, PhD

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