

FIRAT UNIVERSITY  
Faculty of Humanities  
Department of English Language and Literature

**British Culture and History**

**Course Outline**

**Title of the Course:** IDE 111 British Culture and History

**Instructor:** Assoc. Prof. Dr. Seda ARIKAN

**Year and Term:** Fall 2022

**Office Hours:** TBA

**Course Description:** This course is an introduction to the history of England (and, to some extent, Britain) from pre-Roman times to the Restoration of the Stuart monarchy in 1660. During the semester, we will discuss important political, social, religious and cultural developments that helped to shape the course of English and British history and culture.

**Course Learning Outcomes**

- To acquire a general idea on British history
- To be able to recall the names of historical figures and movements as well as the dates of important events in British history
- To be able to build connections between historical, social, political, cultural, religious, and philosophical developments and to elucidate how they contribute to the construction of British cultural identity

**Primary Reading List:**

David McDowall, *An Illustrated History of Britain* (England: Longman Publishing, 2006)

**Secondary Reading List:**

John Oakland, *British Civilization* (London and New York: Routledge, 2002)

**Weekly Schedule**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>	
1	Introduction to the Course	
2	<b>*Earliest Times</b> Chapter 1: The Foundation Stones	
3	Chapter 2: The Saxon invasion	
4	Chapter 3: The Celtic Kingdoms	
5	<b>*The Early Middle Ages</b> Chapter 4: Conquest and Feudal Role	
6	Chapter 5: The Power of the Kings of England	

7	Chapter 6: Government and Society	
8	<b>*The late Middle Ages</b> Chapter 7: The Century of War, Plague, Disorder	
9	<b>Mid-Term</b>	
10	Chapter 8: The Crisis of Kings and Nobles	
11	Chapter 9: Government and Society	
12	<b>*The Tudors</b> Chapter 10: The Birth of the Nation State	
13	Chapter 11: England and Her Neighbours	
14	Chapter 12: Government and Society	

**Assessment:**

Mid-Term Exam	40 %
Final Exam	60 %

**Expected workload:**

The students are expected to spend approximately 3-4 hours of preparation for each week.

**Requirements:**

The requirements for this course include careful reading of all the assigned texts and regular attendance and participation. Regular participation and attendance will contribute to your overall assessment. The medium of instruction is English. The use of any other languages during the lecture shall not be allowed. No assignments shall be accepted after the deadline.

**Plagiarism:**

Plagiarism is academic dishonesty. It is an act of stealing somebody's work or idea and trying to pass it off as original. It is a crime in academia. If the student takes or summarizes someone else's written works or ideas, s/he must give their full citation in her/his assignment. Each quotation must be properly cited. Plagiarism will result in a failing grade for this course.