

The Academic Board of Cand. negot. Studies

**Contemporary British Studies**

Moderne britiske studier

Teaching language: English

Exam activity id: 7303822

Examination language: English

Periode: Autumn 2017

Grading: Internal grading

Assessment: Grade

Offered in: Odense.

Teaching activity id: 7303821

ECTS / weighting: 5

Approved: 15-12-2016

**Programmes:**

BA in Business, Language, and Culture - English, BA  
, mandatory. Offered in: Odense.

**Subject director:**

Associate Professor Casper Sylvest, Department of History

**Content - Key areas:**

The course gives an introduction to British history and social conditions over the last 100 years, approximately, with primary focus on recent history. A retrospective historical examination with relevance for understanding the current era may be incorporated. Societal evolution will be explored in its political, social, and economic aspects. The development of the welfare state and the impact of historical events on all parts of the British Isles will be discussed, including Scotland and Northern Ireland's gradual political empowerment.

**Goals description:**

Instruction will be organised with a focus on the central learning objectives for students as set out below. This will be supported by the chosen method of assessment, which will test and further students' knowledge, skills and competences on the following points:

**Knowledge and understanding**

The student must possess knowledge of:

- the main features of British history and society since the beginning of the 20th century with emphasis on the most recent era
- key public institutions in the United Kingdom
- the values and forms of behaviour that characterise modern Britain
- the primary factors that have had an impact on British history and society in the 20th century

**Skills**

The student must be able to

- use historical and social science methodologies in an analysis of modern history and society in the United Kingdom
- communicate in focused English, both verbally and in writing, on the subject's topics

**Competences**

The student must be able to

- analyse and understand the relationship between concrete issues and the social and historical context of which they are a part

**Time of classes:**

Class E1: Monday from 10 to 12 (Kristine Kjærsgaard)

Class E2: Friday from 12 to 14 (Kristine Kjærsgaard)

Changes may occur.

**Scheduled classes:**

2 classes weekly in the 1st semester

Weighting: 5 ECTS

**Form of instruction:**

Instruction is carried out as a combination of lectures, discussion and exercises:

Instruction is organised in such a way that it upholds the humanities model of active learning and stimulating teaching outlined in § 7. At the start of the course, the university teacher will inform the students about the organisation of study activities. Reservation is made for eventual changes in class size/composition, classrooms, new supporting activities, use of IT, etc.

**Time of examination:**

This is based on the provisions of the Grading Scale Order and the method of assessment, and the student's efforts will also be evaluated based on the degree of fulfilment of the general competences specified in § 2, as well as the following specific criteria:

In regard to the restricted take-home assignment, primary emphasis in the assessment will be placed on the degree to which the student's presentation fulfils the learning objectives' points 1, 2, 6 and 7. Grades are awarded according to the degree of fulfilment of the learning objectives.

**Literature:**

The syllabus consists of the following types of English language texts:

A presentation of Britain's history and society of approx. 500 pages, including a standard textbook plus additional secondary reading and primary sources

**Form of examination:**

Method of assessment: Individual restricted take-home assignment

Duration: 72 hours

Page extent: 4-6 standard pages per student

Marking: Internal examination with one examiner

Evaluation: A grade will be given on the 7-point grading scale. No separate language grade is given, but the linguistic level must be evaluated as passed for 1st semester level, for the overall examination to be passed

Weighting: 5 ECTS

Re-examination as for the ordinary examination.

**Supplemental information for the form of examination:**

At the end of the semester, a restricted take-home assignment in English will be given based on the material covered: The instructor will, in collaboration with the degree programme secretarial office, decide on and ensure notification of the deadline for submission of the assignment, however no later than 10 January. 72 hours will be allowed for the assignment. The degree programme secretarial office will announce the submission date.

The examination is a part of the first-year examination.

**Comments:**

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