

Course title: British Culture and Civilisation – History, Style, Identities, Mentalities

Course code: MCEN0813, MCEN0823

Type of course: compulsory

Level of course: MA

Year of study: 1st

Semester: 1st, 2nd

Number of ECTS credits allocated: 8/8

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Course objective: The course and seminar is meant to familiarize the students with the cultural diversity of the U.K., analysed in the large European and world context, to introduce the students to the different cultures and subcultures of contemporary Britain. By this type of approach we shall try to help them understand the cultural complexity of this European country, its economy, literature, arts, politics on a special historical and geographical background.

Course contents: The course offers recent information referring to geographical and historical, social, political and cultural aspects of the country and their impact upon the inhabitants of the British Isles. We shall insist on the key moments in the history of the British Isles. Other topics will be Monarchy today, mass-media and its role, U.K. member of the E.U. and other international organizations, new perspectives.

Recommended reading: Anghelescu-Irimia, Mihaela, 1999. *Dicționarul universului britanic*, București: Humanitas; *Longman Dictionary of English Language and Culture*, 2006. New Edition; Macarie, Manuela, 2002. *The Georgian Market*, Iași: Institutul European; Nicolescu Adrian, 1999, 2001, 2006. *Istoria civilizației britanice*, vol. I, II, III, Iași: Institutul European; Oakland, John, 2002. *British Civilisation – an Introduction*, Routledge

Teaching methods: interactive lectures, debates

Assessment methods: essays, final oral test

Language of instruction: English