

Course description

Descriptif du cours

Department : Department of English

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Academic year: 2021-2022

Level: Third Year

Course title: Aspects of 20th Century Britain

Course outline:

Introduction to the course

Part 1: Britain's involvement in World War One

- Facts and figures about the Great War
- The international & British contexts
- Key Political and Military Developments
- Britain's role in WWI:
- The aftermath of the war: Political, social and economic impact

Part 2: The Inter-War Years

- The economic slumps of 1920-21 and 1930-33 and their effects
- The General Strike of May 1926
- Inter-War Government Policies

Part 3: The outbreak of World War Two and its aftermath

- British Appeasement Policy
- Key Political and Military Developments
- Britain's involvement in WW II
- The effects of WW II

Course objectives: This course is designed to introduce third-year students of English to major historical turning points in twentieth-century Britain which have shaped British national as well as international relations to this day. In this respect, a particular attention will be given to Britain's involvement in the two World Wars. The course's approach is mainly chronological, tracing the impact of world and national events on British politics and society during the first half of the 20th century.

Method of evaluation: Mid-term and final exams.

References:

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Porter, B. (1996) *The Lion's Share* [code: XB 11103]

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