

# HISTORY 321

## Van Hall/Section 13/Spring 2012

- I. OBJECTIVE:** To acquaint each student with the fundamental political, economic and social events of British history.
- II. METHOD:** The instructor has selected 26 topics and each will be the subject of a lecture. Questions and comments are welcome during and after each lecture.
- III. TEXTBOOK:** The "[United Kingdom, history of](#)" entry in the 15th Edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica, available online, serves as the textbook.
- IV. OUTSIDE READING:** Each student must select and read two books (or one big book) in addition to the Britannica text. The books must relate to subjects which fall roughly within the period 1603 - 1945. They must also be approved by the instructor. There will be additional reading assignments in the form of class handouts and Britannica links.
- V. BOOK REVIEWS:** Each student must submit a review of each of the two "outside" books selected. Each review must be three to five pages (c.800 - 1300 words) long, typewritten and double-spaced. **Two copies of each review must be made** (one for the instructor and one to be retained by the student.) For guidance about what to put in the review, click: [BookReview](#).
- VI. EXAMS:** There will be two exams during the semester plus a final exam. All exams consist primarily of essay questions but there are also some identification questions and a map section.
- VII. GRADES:** Grades will be computed on the following basis:  
Each semester exam will count: 20% of the course grade  
Each book review will count: 10%  
The final exam will count: 40%
- VIII. GRADE SCALE:**
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| 90 - 100 | A  |
| 87 - 89  | B+ |
| 77 - 79  | C+ |
| 70 - 76  | C  |
| 67 - 69  | D+ |
| 60 - 66  | D  |
| - 59     | F  |

**IX. MISSED EXAMS:** There is no penalty for missing one or both of the semester exams. If you miss one semester exam, then the final exam will count as 60% of your course grade. If you miss both exams, then the final exam will count 80%. **THERE ARE NO MAKE UP EXAMS.**

**IX. REQUIRED OUTCOMES:**

1. The student will be able to identify the major persons and events from 1603 to c.1945 and possess sufficient understanding to discuss those persons and events cogently both on paper and in conversation.
2. Demonstrate a workable understanding of the geography of the British Isles and relevant continental areas.
3. Demonstrate a clear understanding of the development of fundamental institutions such as crown and parliament.
4. Demonstrate the ability to express clearly, in writing, the student's opinions.

10 January	Syllabus, Resources, the Death of Queen Elizabeth	<a href="#">ODNB Online</a> (Campus Only)
12 January	New King, Old Problems: James I and VI	<a href="#">The Great Contract</a>
17 January	King James and his Son, Charles	<a href="#">Hanover Hist. Texts</a>
19 January	Pilot Error: King versus Parliament, 1625 - 1640	<a href="#">Documents</a>
24 January	<a href="#">The Civil Wars: 1642 - 1651</a>	
26 January	The Rule of the Army: <a href="#">Oliver Cromwell</a> and the Interregnum	<a href="#">Humble Petition...</a>
31 January	The Restoration: The Merry Monarch, <a href="#">Charles II</a>	
2 February	James II and the Glorious Revolution (click for <a href="#">Bill of Rights</a> )	<a href="#">The Jacobite Heritage</a>
7 February	The Wars against Louis XIV, 1689 - 1713 <a href="#">OED Online</a> (on campus computers only)	<a href="#">Renaissance Editions</a> Works 1477-1799
9 February	<a href="#">Sir Robert Walpole</a> and the Whig Machine, 1714 - 1742	<a href="#">MAPS</a>
14 February	The Wars of Mid-Century	
16 February	<b>FIRST EXAM</b>	
21 February	The Augustan Age: Society in the mid-1700s	
23 February	Difficulty at <a href="#">Home</a> , Disaster in <a href="#">America</a> , 1763 - 1784	<a href="#">The Age of George III</a>

28 February	The Younger Pitt and the <a href="#">French Revolution</a> , 1784 - 1801 <b>FIRST BOOK REVIEW DUE</b>	Burke's <a href="#">Reflections On...</a>
2 March	War with Napoleonic <a href="#">France</a> , 1798 - 1815	
4 - 11 March	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>	
13 March	Industrialization: Reaction and Reform	
15 March	The Age of <a href="#">Peel</a> , 1815 - 1850	<a href="#">The Peel Web</a>
20 March	What Jane Austen Ate and Charles Dickens Knew: Society	
22 March	<a href="#">Gladstone and Disraeli</a> , Liberal versus Conservative	<a href="#">The Victorian Web</a>
27 March	<a href="#">Irish Home Rule and Imperialism</a> , c.1860 - 1902	
29 March	Diplomacy, Dreadnoughts, and the Road to War, 1904 - 1914	
3 April	<b>SECOND EXAM</b>	
5 April	The <a href="#">Great War</a> (World War I)	
10 April	The Great War and the Paris Peace Conference. <b>SECOND BOOK REVIEW DUE</b>	<a href="#">Treaty of Versailles</a>
12 April	The Lost Weekend: the 1920s	
17 April	The Slump and the National Government, 1929 - 1935	
19 April	The Rise of the Dictators, Appeasement 1935 - 1939	<a href="#">Munich Pact</a>

**FINAL EXAM : 11:00 – 1:30, Thursday 26 April**  
**Last Day to Drop without a 'WF'---27 February**

**Office Hours:    MW 12:00 – 1:30, 5:00 – 5:20**  
**TTH 10:00 – 11:00, 12:20 – 1:30**  
**FRI 12:00 – 1:00**

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