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General Syllabus

HIST 3213 England since 1714

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite: ENGL 1213 Composition II or ENGL 1233 Honors Composition and HIST 1123 Civilizations of the World to 1500 or HIST 1133 Civilizations of the World since 1500

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

The history of England and the British Empire from the reign of George I through the twentieth century.

B. Additional Information

This course provides students with another option for their European History degree requirement.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify the political, social, and economic status of England and its position in the world at the beginning of the reign of George I.
2. Describe the rise of the British Empire, and the impact of colonial gains and losses through the 18th and 19th centuries.
3. Discuss the reforms that reshaped English society in the 19th century.
4. Analyze the political and economic impact of both World Wars on England and the British Empire.
5. Describe the decline of the British Empire and the growth of the Commonwealth during the 20th century.

6. Discuss the position of England in the modern European and world community.

B. University Learning Outcomes

England Since 1714 enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Global and Cultural Perspectives

By exploring social, cultural, political, and economic factors, students will demonstrate understanding of the relationship between the rise and the British Empire and the position England now enjoys in the European and world community.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will use a formal documentation style for written presentations of research projects. Students will discuss particular aspects of English and British history in written and oral assignments.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. The reigns of George I and George II
- B. Gain and loss of empire under George III
- C. Impact of the American Revolution
- D. Rise of parliamentary power for the House of Commons
- E. The Napoleonic Wars and England's participation
- F. English economic and social reform during the 19th century
- G. Expanding empire in Africa and Asia
- H. Queen Victoria's reign
- I. England's role in World War I
- J. Background and impact of World War II on the empire
- K. The independence of Asian and African holdings through the 1960s
- L. NATO and the Cold War
- M. England's connection with the modern European Union