Course Content

This course provides a survey of some of the significant political, social and economic developments that have taken place within Britain during the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. We shall examine the wider European and global dimensions of Britain’s history during that period, as well as identifying and discussing the role of key individuals in shaping recent British history.

Weekly Outline

1. Britain since 1918: an introduction
2. Britain at War: from Versailles to Baghdad
3. British Women: their place and role in British society
4. Economic Cycles: depression and prosperity
5. Political Parties
6. Political Leadership: Winston Churchill
7. Britain and the Wider World
8. A Century of Change: social, religious and cultural developments since 1918

Intended Learning Outcomes

The course aims to provide students with an understanding of today’s Britain by looking at the changes that have taken place since 1918. Students should acquire a comprehensive grasp of the nature of modern day British society. There will also be an opportunity to compare recent developments in Britain and the Far East.