

Forman Christian College

(A Chartered University)

Department of History

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**COURSE : British History: From Restoration to the Present**

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**OFFICE HOURS : MWF 10:00-11:00am, and by appointment**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course introduces students to basic themes, ideas, and influences in British History, from the restoration of the monarchy in 1660 to the present. The course examines how Britain was transformed both at home and in its international role through the two World Wars, imperial decline, Cold War, and in the present post-Cold War era in the twenty first century. The purpose is to situate the development of Britain internally and internationally up to the present times.

**COURSE POLICIES**

Attendance in all classes is required. Any absences must be approved by the tutor. Failure in reading the assigned texts will result in an absence being marked.

Any sort of plagiarism, which not only includes copying someone else’s work without a citation, but also covers the presentation of another’s idea as one’s own, will not be tolerated. All cases of scholastic dishonesty will be immediately reported to the Vice Rector.

The topics for the response papers will be announced a week in advance and are due on the day assigned below. Any delay in submission of assignments, without prior approval of the tutor, will result in the lowering of the grade by one letter grade each day.

The texts used for this course will be:

[Kenneth O. Morga](http://bookfi.net/g/Kenneth%20O.%20Morgan)n (ed.), *The Oxford History of Britain* (Oxford University Press, 1993)

David Macdowall, *The Illustrated History of Britain* (Longman, 2006)

Jeremy Black, Britain: A Nation Transformed (1851-2010) (London: A Constable and Robinson, 2011)

Reading material will also be given during the class.

Grading

Class Participation/ Attendance: 10 %

Weekly Oral Speech: After 2nd week there will be a 02-04 marks oral responses/ speech for the five weeks amounting to total 10 %

Mid Term 30 %

Presentation 20 %

Final Term 30%

Total 100

**Course Outline**

**Week 1**

T: Introduction, Course outline, aims and objectives

TR: From Reformation till Restoration

**Week 2** Restoration of Monarchy and the Stuarts

T: Restoration of Monarchy and Religious Tension

TR: Life and Thought during Stuart Age

**Week 3 Eighteenth Century England**

T: Politics and Economy

TR: Colonialism and Decolonialism

**Week 4 Industrial Revolution**

T: Industrial Revolution

TR: Life and Politics during the Revolution

**Week 5** **Nineteenth Century England**

T: Power, Dangers and Reforms

TR: Change in Life Styles

**Week 6 Malaises of Nineteenth Century**

T: **Condition of Working Class**

R: Political Holy Alliances

**Week 7** **The End of an Age of Empire**

T: Social and Economic Improvements and Storm of Wars

TR: **Mid Term**

**Week 8** First World War

T: First World War and England

TR: Rise of Labour Party and Liberalism

**Week 9 Second World War**

T: Second World War and England

TR: Colonies and Second World War

**Week 10** Decolonization after Second World War

T: Economy of England and Colonies

TR: Decolonization of subcontinent

**Week 11** Post World War and New England

T: Age of Uncertainty and The loss of Empire

TR: England and the new World Powers

**Week 12** Question of Ireland

M: Freedom movement of Ireland

W: Twentieth century and the Settlement of the question

**Week 13** Social Welfare and Cultural Revolution of 1960s

T: Youthful England and Cultural Revolution

TR: Tension between Social Welfare and Capitalism

**Week 14** England after 1970

M: Rise of Thatcherism and Conservatives

F: England and Present

**Final**