

UNIVERSITY OF KRAGUJEVAC
Faculty of Philology and Arts, Kragujevac

S Y L L A B U S

Program	56: English Language and Literature
Course Name and Code	British Culture and Civilization code of this course: 56002
Course Structure (lectures, seminars)	lectures, 2+0
Year of Study	first
Academic Year	2014-2015
Semester	second
ECTS Credits and Course Status (mandatory or elective)	4, mandatory
Instructor(s)	Dr. Aleksandar B. Nedeljkovic, Associate Professor
Course Requirements	/
Course Aims	Understanding and study of the British culture and civilization in the past, and at present, and giving the student the ability to follow, independently, the development of this field in the future, and to acquire, independently, additional knowledge in it.
Course Overview	How the past of Britain is divided into prehistory and history, and how the history is divided into the Antiquity, the Middle Ages, and the Modern Times. Celtic and Roman Britain. Arrival of Angles, Saxons and Jutes, in the 5 th century. Norman conquest in 1066, and its linguistic consequences. Magna Carta Libertatum. Henry VIII, establishment of the Anglican Church, Elizabeth I, defense from the Armada in 1588. Renaissance on the continent, and in Britain. Old English, Middle, and Modern English; Chaucer. Civil War 1642, Cromwell. Restoration of the monarchy, Glorious Revolution, and the essential republicanization of the state although it remains nominally a monarchy. Human, civil and religious rights and freedoms in the parliamentarism. Overseas empire, geographic explorations, settlement of America and Australia. Industrial Revolution, advancement of science, world domination at the beginning of the Victorian Age. Wars in the XX century, decolonization, and the much more modest role of Britain in the world today.
Grading System (including segment percentage)	attendance at classes 12%, activity at classes 12%, written colloquium after six weeks of lectures 26%, the final (oral) exam 50%.
the complete, final list of questions for the written colloquium	(1) What was before history? And, how is history divided? (2) Why are people so disunited in their opinions as to which historical period was when? Whom should we ask?

the complete, final list of questions for the final exam

- (3) What age is next, after us, after our age?
- (4) The Kelts, their life and monuments, in ancient Britain
- (5) Prehistoric peoples walked across La Manche? How could that be?
- (6) Roman conquest of Britain, and, Roman Britain
- (7) Keltic religions; defeat of the druids; Queen Boadicea
- (8) How the years are numbered, and why so; the time line of history
- (9) Tribal ethics and universal ethics
- (10) Anglo-Saxons arrive – when? why? The name “Angles”
- (11) Life in the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms
- (12) Vikings, and the Danes, in medieval England
- (13) Names of days in the week. Periodization of English language
- (14) Battle of Hastings, year 1066: the last fall of England. Doomsday Book
- (15) The mix of French and English language in the Middle Ages. Social differences between the Anglo-Saxon and French words
- (16) Periodization of the history of British literature
- (17) The Crusades (The Crusade Wars)
- (18) Magna Carta Libertatum, and, primogeniture
- (19) Medicine and health in the Middle Ages. Black Death. Scurvy
- (20) A Hundred Years’ War. Joan of Arc (Жана од Орлеана)
- (21) Gutenberg, then Caxton; Wars of the Roses; fall of Smederevo
- (22) Why is English spelling so complicated, why don’t they write phonetically, as Serbs do?
- (23) Events in Spain in 1492 (Muslims, Columbus, Jews)
- (24) The sixteenth century until Queen Elizabeth: Copernicus, Henry VIII, Dutch defense from Spanish attacks
- (25) “Yule Tide” and “Auld Lang Synne” (two important songs)
- (26) “Scarborough Fair” and “Greensleeves” (two important songs)
- (27) “Amazing Grace” (song)
- (28) Queen Elizabeth I
- (29) Burning of “witches”
- (30) Science of the 17th century: Francis Bacon, Tycho Brache, Kepler, Galileo, Newton, etc.
- (31) Events, and disasters, in the 17th century: two revolutions in England, Plague of London, Fire of London. Serbs in 1690
- (32) 18th century, until the American Revolution: union with Scotland, copyright, doctor “Dictionary” Johnson, Ruđer Bošković, steam engine, oxygen
- (33) Adam Smith; free-market economy – “capitalism”. Malthus
- (34) Utopianism and communism
- (35) Families of languages on our planet. How did they become? Are Serbs the oldest?
- (36) French Revolution. Serbian revolution. Period 1800-1832. Napoleon
- (37) The British Constitution. Three branches of power, and the Crown
- (38) British history in the first half of the Victorian period, to 1865. Chartists, slavery, Lyell, photography, Marx, World Exhibition, Crimean War
- (39) Queen Victoria
- (40) Medieval units of measure, surviving in England today. Medieval British money

	<p>(41) Darwin</p> <p>(42) Creationism (anti-Darwinism) and education: a problem today</p> <p>(43) Victorian science, and Victorian morality</p> <p>(44) Serbian authors as prisoners of a small language</p> <p>(45) England, or Britain, or United Kingdom?</p> <p>(46) Ireland</p> <p>(47) Irish language; an Anglo-Irish song known in Serbia</p> <p>(48) Planetary English; do we have the right to change something in it?</p> <p>(49) “Confetti” (small remaining parts) of the British Empire</p> <p>(50) First half of the 20th century, to 1939 (revolution in Russia, why not in England? World War One; what was done with Germany after it; radio and film; Hitler, etc)</p> <p>(51) Albert Einstein. Mileva Marić-Einstein. Edwin Hubble. Science and God</p> <p>(52) Second World War. Russia as ally. What was done with Germany after this war. Atom bomb.</p> <p>(53) Post-war Britain. Falklands. European Union</p> <p>(54) Exploration of space (Russian, and American). The age of television. Astronomy today</p> <p>(55) Fall of European communism. China in the 20th century</p> <p>(56) Internet, PC (personal computer), and, also PC (political correctness). Golden age of science</p> <p>(57) Human rights. NGOs – non-governmental organizations, and their “open” and “civil” society</p> <p>(58) The future of the British and American civilization, and of Serbs there</p>
<p>Textbooks and Mandatory Reading</p>	<p>There is no mandatory literature, there is only the recommended literature, which is:</p> <p>/1/ Aleksandar B. Nedeljković, <i>History of the British and American Civilization, for the Students of Anglistics</i>, 2007. Many chapters (not all) of this book are really a transcript, written down verbatim, of professor Nedeljković’s lectures.</p> <p>/2/ (this book exists only in the Serbian language; it is not for foreign students) Ivanka Ćuković-Kovačević, <i>Istorija Engleske</i>, Beograd, Naučna knjiga, sedmo izdanje, 1995, ili ranija izdanja.</p> <p>/3/ George Macaulay Trevelyan, <i>A Shortened History of England</i>. London, Penguin Books, edition 1971 or later.</p> <p>/4/ Vesna Lopičić, <i>British Studies Course Book</i>, publisher “Tibet”, Niš, 2006, and,</p> <p>/5/ teacher’s material, on a DVD disk given to students (so that they can copy it entire, for themselves) on the first day.</p>