

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Department of History

SEMESTER II YEAR 72-73

COURSE NO.

COURSE TITLE

INSTRUCTOR

364

Modern Britain, 1870-1960

Mr. Carr

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A general survey of British civilization in all its aspects from 1870 to the present. The course is designed both for upper-classmen with no previous background in British history and for graduate students. Readings will be put on a basis of choice so that a student may start at his own level. Approximately equal attention will be devoted to social, political, economic, Imperial, and cultural and literary affairs. Films will be used to show such great British orators as Churchill in action and to give students a feel for the visual impact of Britain.

LECTURES

Three lectures per week, together with discussion section every other week led by the instructor.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMS

Not fully decided, but probably two hour examinations and a final, with the option to substitute either an analytical paper or a research paper for one of the examinations.

GRADING SYSTEM

Each piece of written work will be counted approximately equally. Students' participation in discussion will also be taken into account. In determining the final grade, allowance will be made for a student's improvement in the course.

REQUIRED READINGS

Selections taken from the attached list will contribute the basic reading; other options will be suggested for students who want more advanced readings.

REQUIRED READINGS

Matthew Arnold

Culture and Anarchy

Joe A. Thompson

Collapse of the British Liberal Party

Robin W. Winks

British Imperialism

David A. Thomson

England in the Twentieth Century

Samuel H. Beer

British Politics in the Collectivist Age

Anthony Sampson

Anatomy of Britain Today (revised edition)

Robert Graves

Long Weekend

J. Osborne

Look Back in Anger

G. Orwell

Collection of Essays