PARKLAND COLLEGE

Course Information Form (CIF)

Course Code: HIS 167

Course Title: British History II

Department: Arts, Media, and Social Sciences
PCS Code: 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer
CIP Code: 54.0101
Repeatability: 0

Effective Date: Summer 2026

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 3-0-3
Credit Hour Distribution:

Lecture: 3	Lab: 0	Clinical: 0	**Total: 3**

General Course Information

Catalog Description

Survey of British history from 1714, including growth of the British Empire, the Irish question, the American Revolution, Victorian Britain, and contemporary Britain.

General Course Objectives

To teach students the history of Britain from 1714 to modern times. The course will examine the rise of the House of Hanover, the American Revolution, the reign of Queen Victoria, British imperialism, World Wars I and II, and Britain's decline as a world leader.

Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
Placement out of ENG 098	Placement out of CCS 098	None

Prerequisites

None

Methods of Evaluation

Students take a midterm and a final exam; both are mixed objective-essay exams. Students are required to complete a reading and writing assignment which is usually a 2,000 word research paper which makes use of both primary and secondary sources.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

The Oxford History of Britain, revised ed., Kenneth Morgan, editor. 978-0199579259

Course Content

General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Critical Thinking and Information Literacy: Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate perspectives, evidence, and implications, and to locate, assess, and use information effectively.
- Global Awareness and Cultural Reasoning: Students will demonstrate their understanding of global issues, gender and sexual orientation, and multicultural perspectives.

Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
The Whig Oligarchy	1. Describe English culture and society in the eighteenth century. 2. Analyze the political economy in the age of Walpole.	3	0	0
The First British Empire	1. Outline the rise of the British Empire.	3	0	0
The Enlightenment	1. Interpret and identify the ideas that led to the Enlightenment and the contributions made by England to the intellectual, social, and religious climate.	3	0	0
The Age of George III and the Loss of the Empire	1. Contrast the political climate in England with that of their North American colonies. 2. Express why America separated from England as well as the role that King George III had in that separation.	3	0	0
The Industrial Revolution	1. Summarize what industrialization was, why Great Britain became the first nation to industrialize, what factors led to that early industrialization, and how industrialization changed life for many.	3	0	0
The French Revolution and the British Response	1. Relate the events leading to the French Revolution and examine the British responses to it.	3	0	0
The Napoleonic Wars	1. Describe England's response to Napoleon's expansion of French power and the continual decline in monarchical influence.	3	0	0
The Great Reform Bill	1. Interpret the British desire to revolt or reform their voting laws to create a more democratic society, and examine how the Great Reform Bill was eventually passed.	3	0	0
From Laissez Faire to Active World Leader under Palmerston	1. Relate why Britain went through a period of laissez-faire government. 2. Sketch how Palmerston rose to power and created a key position for Great Britain around the world.	3	0	0
The Mid-Victorian Years	1. Identify the key traits of Queen Victoria and describe life for those who lived in her realm in the mid-Victorian years. 2. Summarize how the second Great Reform Bill was passed in 1867 and what changes it made.	2	0	0
The Late Victorian Years	1. Contrast the ministries of Disraeli and Gladstone. 2. Discuss the Irish Question. 3. Examine the imperialism of the late nineteenth century.	2	0	0
The Welfare State	1. Report how Britons struggled with social reform and what impact it had on politics.	2	0	0
Britain and World War I	1. Summarize how the British became involved in World War I, how they participated in the defeat of the Germans, and what the consequences of the peace were.	3	0	0
The Great Depression and World War II	1. Explain how the Great Depression was caused. 2. Outline how Great Britain became involved in World War II, how it participated in the fighting under the leadership of Winston Churchill, and what their response was to the Holocaust.	3	0	0

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The Cold War: Britain Relinquishes Power	1. Restate the key points of Churchill's Iron Curtain Speech, how the Cold War began, Britain's role in the Cold War, and Britain's determination to pass their world power on to the United States.	3	0	0
Post-Imperial Britain	1. Relate how Great Britain's empire declined in the 1950's and 60's and explain how the nation maintained its power by adapting and changing laws.	2	0	0
Contemporary Britain	1. Examine the Thatcher years and discuss other key governments and their contributions. 2. Summarize the social, economic, and political climate in Britain. 3. Ascertain the place Great Britain holds today relative to the other nations of the world.	1	0	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
45	0	0