1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course traces some of the key developments in the making of the British Isles in the early modern period. The four themes that will be followed in lectures and tutorials are: monarchy (in lectures) and religious change, war and state building (in tutorials). These themes will be examined through key documents that shed light on these documents, each lecture and tutorial will focus on one document. It is very important that you have read the documents in advance of both the lectures and the tutorials. Essays will focus on the documents that you have discussed in tutorials. The examination will take the form of extracts from the documents that will be discussed in lectures and you will be asked to comment on the context, content and significance of three from six extracts from the documents discussed in lectures.

2. LECTURE TOPICS

Lecture 1  Aims of the course: British Isles and its contexts
Lecture 2  The act in restraint of appeals to Rome (1533)
Lecture 3  The act of the kingly title (Ireland) 1541
Lecture 4  The homily on obedience (1547)
Lecture 5  National Covenant (Scotland, 1638)
Lecture 6  Remonstrance of County Cavan (1641)
Lecture 7  King’s answers to the 19 propositions (1642)
Lecture 8  Humble petition and advice (1657)
Lecture 9  Declaration of Breda (1660)
Lecture 10  Bill of Rights (1689)
Lecture 11  Articles of union (Scotland) 1707
Lecture 12  Monarchy and governance: patterns of social order: conclusions

ASSESSMENT

The module is assessed by a one-hour end-of-semester examination (50%), and two tutorial essays (both of equal value) of approximately 2,500 words each (25% each).

READING

Essential texts:

Mark Nicholls, A history of the modern British isles 1529-1603: the two kingdoms (Oxford, 1999) (10 copies)


Recommended texts

BOOKS/ARTICLES OFFERING COMPARATIVE TREATMENT


Hugh Kearney, The British isles: a history of four nations (1989) (10 copies)

Norman Davies, The isles: a history (1999) (5 copies; also available in NetLibrary)


David Scott, Politics and war in the three Stuart kingdoms, 1637-49 (2004) (5 copies)


SURVEYS COVERING ALL OR LARGE PARTS OF THE COURSE, BY COUNTRY

**ENGLAND**


Kevin Sharpe, *Selling the Tudor monarchy: authority and image in 16thc. England* (Yale, 2009) (1 copy)

**SCOTLAND**


J.D. Mackie, *A history of Scotland* (1964) (4 copies)


Keith Brown, *Kingdom or province? Scotland and the regal union, 1603-1715* (1992)

**WALES**


" From Reformation to Methodism 1536-1750', in Prys Morgan (ed.), *The Tempus history of Wales* (2001) (5 copies)

**IRELAND**


Ciaran Brady, Raymond Gillespie (ed.), *Natives and newcomers* (1986) (2 copies)


**INTRODUCTORY AND BACKGROUND**


Hugh Kearney, *The British isles* (1989), ch. 6 (10 copies)

Norman Davies, *The isles* (1999), ch. 7 (5 copies; also available in NetLibrary)

Steven Ellis & Sarah Barber (ed.), *Conquest and union* (1995), ch 2 (4 copies)

Brendan Bradshaw & John Morrill (ed.), *The British problem* (1996), ch 1 (2 copies)


Art Cosgrove, *Late medieval Ireland* (1981), (17 copies)


**PART 1: REFORMATIONS c.1450-1603**


Recommended:

**OTHER COMPARATIVE WORKS**

Steven Ellis & Sarah Barber (ed.), *Conquest and union* (1995), chs 3-5 (4 copies)
Brendan Bradshaw & John Morrill (ed.), *The British problem* (1996), ch. 2 (2 copies)
Norman Davies, *The Isles* (1999), ch. 7 (2 copies)
Frank Welsh, *The four nations* (2003), ch. 5 (10 copies)

**ENGLAND**
Norman Davies, *The Isles* (1999), ch. 7 (2 copies)
D. M. Loades, *Politics and the nation* (1999 & earlier eds), Part II (chs 5-9) (15 copies)
John Guy, *Tudor England* (1990), chs 5-10 (16 copies)
G.R. Elton, *Reform & Reformation* (1977), chs 7-9, 12-17 (10 copies)
A.G. Dickens, *The English Reformation* (1967) (7 copies)
Christopher Haigh (ed.) *The English Reformation revised* (1987), esp. ch. 9 (2 copies)
Eamon Duffy, *The stripping of the altars* (1994) (3 copies)

**WALES**
Geraint Jenkins, 'From Reformation to Methodism', in Prys Morgan (ed.), *The Tempus history of Wales* (2001) (5 copies)
" " *Wales and the Reformation* (1997) (1 copy)

**SCOTLAND**
J.D Mackie, *A history of Scotland* (1964), chs 9-10 (4 copies)

**IRELAND**
Colm Lennon, *Sixteenth-century Ireland* (1994), chs 5-6, 11 (23 copies)
Felicity Heal, *The Reformation in Britain and Ireland* (2005 ed) (3 copies: also available in NetLibrary)
Ciaran Brady & Raymond Gillespie, *Natives and newcomers* (1986), chs 2, 3 (2 copies)
B. Bradshaw, 'Sword, word and strategy in the Reformation in Ireland', in *Historical Journal* xxi, no. 3 (1978) (E-Journal: available via JSTOR from Library databases)

**PART 2: WARS & CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES c. 1603-1700**

**Essential:**

**Recommended:**

**OTHER COMPARATIVE WORKS**
Frank Welsh, *The four nations* (2003) ch. 6 (10 copies)
Brendan Bradshaw & John Morrill (ed.), *The British problem* (1996), ch. 7 (2 copies)
Steven Ellis & Sarah Barber (ed.), *Conquest and union* (1995), ch. 8 (4 copies)
ENGLAND, WALES: SOME SCOTTISH COVERAGE


D. M. Loades, *Politics and the nation* (1999 & earlier eds), chs 12-16 (15 copies)


Barry Coward, *The Stuart age* (1994), chs 4-7, (2 copies)

Derek Hirst, *Conflict and authority* (1986) (3 copies)

Blair Worden, 'Oliver Cromwell and the Protectorate', in *Transactions of the Royal Historical Society*, xx (2010), 57-83 ((E-Journal: available via JSTOR from Library databases)

WALES


Geraint Jenkins, 'From Reformation to Methodism', in Prys Morgan (ed.), *The Tempus history of Wales* (2001) (5 copies)


Geraint Jenkins, *The foundation of modern Wales, 1642-1780* (1993) ch 1 (10 copies)

SCOTLAND


IRELAND


T.C. Barnard, *Cromwellian Ireland* (1975, 2000) (7 copies)

Nicholas Canny, *Making Ireland British* (2001), esp. ch. 8 (2 copies)

Brian Mac Cuarta (ed.), *Ulster 1641* (1993) chs 5-6, 8 (1 copy)


TUTORIALS

Each tutorial is based on a document or documents which students are expected to have downloaded and read in advance of each week's discussion. In addition, familiarity with the documents will be essential for the essay assignments. Copies of the documents may be obtained from the web at the recommended sites below.
The documents have been selected in groups with reference to two of the main elements in the course (Reformations and Wars). There will be two essays, which will attract marks in the final assessment. Essays are related to documents studied in tutorials, with some context provided by lectures, and additional reading material selected from the reading list. The most important consideration when writing essays (and answering exam questions) is the need to adopt a comparative approach. It is not sufficient simply to recount what happened in the different countries. What will be looked for by the tutor (and will attract better marks) is the ability to compare and contrast: in other words, to explain the differences.

**WEEK 1** (2 Feb.-6 Feb)  Introduction

**WEEK 2** (9-13 Feb)  Documents for discussion: The 39 Articles of the Church of England, 1563, and the Lambeth articles, at:

- www.victorianweb.org/religion/39articles.html
- www.ccel.org/ccel/schaff/creeds3.iv.xiii.html  (pp 8+3)

**WEEK 3** (16-20 Feb.)  Document for discussion: 'The Irish Articles of Religion. A.D. 1615', at:

- www.ccel.org/ccel/schaff/creeds3.iv.xiv.html  (pp 15)

**WEEK 4** (23-27 Feb.)  Documents for discussion: The Scottish Confession of Faith (1560), and The second book of discipline (1578) *(chs 1-7 only)*, at

- www.swrb.com/newslett/actualNLs/ScotConf.htm  (pp 19)
- www.swrb.com/newslett/actualNLs/bod_ch04.htm  (pp 9)

**WEEK 5** (2-6 Mar.)  Documents for discussion: The Grand remonstrance and the King's Answer (1641) at:

- http://www.constitution.org/eng/conpur030.htm  (pp 3+1)

**WEEK 6** (9-13 Mar.)  Document for discussion: Extracts from Sir John Temple, *The Irish rebellion, or the history of the beginning and first progress of the general rebellion raised within the kingdom of Ireland upon the three and twentieth day of October 1641* (London, 1646), pp 73-84

Available on EEBO but be sure to use 1646 edn.

**FIRST ESSAY DUE WEEK 6**  
(StUDY WEEK)

**WEEK 7** (23-30 Mar.)  

Document for discussion: The Solemn League and Covenant, agreed between the Scottish estates and the English parliament, 1643, at:

- www.reformed.org/documents/  (pp 4)

Under 'Historic Church Documents' go to 'Confessions', scroll down to 'Westminster Confession of Faith, additional documents', and click on 'Solemn League and Covenant'.

**WEEK 8** (31 Mar-4 Apr.)  RETURN ESSAY 1

**WEEK 9** (13-17 Apr.)  Documents for discussion: 2013 exam paper – docs 1-2

**WEEK 10** (20-24 Apr.)  (28 Apr-2 May Apr.) Documents for discussion: 2013 exam paper docs 3-4

**SECOND ESSAY DUE WEEK 10**

**WEEK 11** (27 Apr – 1 May) Documents for discussion: 2013 exam paper docs 5-6

**WEEK 12** (4-8 May)  RETURN ESSAY 2; OVERVIEW
ESSAY TITLES (Recommended length: up to c. 2,500 words. Where appropriate, do refer to relevant tutorial documents).

Essay 1: Using the documents you have discussed in tutorials explain the differing impact of religious ideas on the course of the reformation in the three kingdoms?

Essay 2: Using the documents from tutorials explain why the character of the outbreak of war in 1639-43 differed so widely between the three kingdoms.