**Ferenc Rákóczi II Transcarpathian Hungarian College of Higher Education**

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| **Level of the course unit** | Master | **Form of study** | Full time | **Academic year / semester** | 2020/2021  1st semester |

**Syllabus**

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| **Course Title** | Country Studies |
| **Department** | Philology |
| **Programme of Studies:** | 03 “Humanities” 035 “Philology”( English Language and Literature ) |
| **Course Type (e.g. core, elective), Student workload: Number of ECTS credits, Modes of instruction/work hours (lectures / seminars, laboratory classes / independent study)** | Course Type: core course  Number of ECTS credits: 3  Lectures: 14 (Learning centered and interactive)  Seminars: 16  Independent study: 60 |
| **Course coordinator**  **Course Lecturer(s)**  **Assistant(s)**  **(Name, surname, Academic degree and rank, e-mail address)** | Dr. Granville Pillar, PhD, Associate professor  pillar.granville@kmf.org.ua  Gergely Hladonik, MA degree  gergelyhladonik@gmail.com |
| **Course Prerequisites** | Country Studies: Great Britain and the Commonwealth; Culture Studies; |
| **A tantárgy általános ismertetése, célja, várható eredményei, főbb témakörei**  **Анотація дисципліни, мета та очікувані програмні результати навчальної дисципліни, основна тематика дисципліни**  **Course description, Course overview, Course Objectives Content, Learning outcomes**  **Main topics**  Competences to be developed: | The course aims to give you an appreciation of the culture of Great Britain and will focus on its historical formation. The lectures give a comprehensive treatment of the chronological history of Great Britain from the Roman Empire to the formation of the British Empire and Commonwealth of Nations.  The seminars focus on interactive discussions on relevant multi-media material (PowerPoint presentations and videos) pertaining to the lectures and additional material.  The main objectives are to:   * increase cultural understanding and tolerance by learning about societies and cultures * better understand how ethnicity, religion, language, economics and history continue to affect the UK * better understand the historical background and its effect on today’s society * understand the past and present of the UK   **Main topics:**  1. Economy and Geography of the United Kingdom Geographical Position of the United Kingdom. The Islands of Great Britain: the Islands of England; the Islands of Scotland - the Isle of Man. Climate in Britain. Parts of the Country. British Economy. The Population of the Country.  2. History of Britain Early Britain. The Roman Conquest of Britain. The Anglo-Saxon Conquest of Britain. The Roman Invasion. Medieval England. Tudor England. The18th Century. The 19th Century. The 20th Century.  3. National symbols, emblems. The UK and N.I. National holidays, customs and traditions. Food. Religion.  Education in Great Britain. Historical Background.  4. Political Structure of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The British Monarchy. The UK Government. The House of Commons. The House of Lords. The Cabinet. Political Parties. National Emblems of the UK  5. The English Language. History of the English Language. English as a world language. Development of English Language. The natural role of English. Everyday English.  6. The English Language. External History. The Germanic languages. The settlement of Britain. Internal history.  Periods in the development of English. Old English. Middle English. Early Modern English. Modern English  English regions and dialects. Historical and cultural events.  Various accents in English. The everyday life of British people. Lifestyle. The English, Irish, Scottish, Welsh character  London. Business district, Soho and East End. West End. Cockney – past and present.  Lancashire and Yorkshire - history and present. Dialects of the northern regions of England. The linguistic situation in metropolitan areas.  Scottish, Irish and Welsh Languages. Cultural realities, regionalisms and stereotyped ideas about  Scots, Irish and Welsh |
| **Grading Policy, Methods of Assessment** | Elements of final grade:  For the lectures, students will be required to sit for an exam. For the seminars, students will give a 15-20-minute oral presentation on one of the seminar topics.  **Assessment Criteria and Weighting for Oral Presentations**  **Criteria Weighting**  Oral skills 10  Delivery 10  Content 40  Relevance 10  Cohesion 5  Creativity 5  Media 10  Clarity 10  Module test evaluation over the theory of the course material comprises 30% of the total mark.  Presentation 20% of the total mark.  The course will be completed with an oral exam.  The seminars comprise 50% of the final grade  The exam comprises 50% of the final grade  Grading scale: 0-59 fail, 60-74 pass, 75-89 good, 90-100 excellent |
| **Course Policy** | Students are required to attend lectures and seminars regularly and they are expected to be active participants of both the lectures and seminars.  Students are required to write the module test and give a presentation on a chosen topic. |
| **Basic literature of the discipline and other information resources** | Гапонів А., Возна М.О: Лінгвокраїнознавство. Вінниця.: Нова Книга, 2005. – 464 с.  Глазкова І.Я. Країнознавство. Модульний курс: Навчальний посібник для студентів. – Бердянськ: Видавець Ткачук О.В., 2011. – 206 с.  David P. Christopher: British Culture. An Introduction - 2nd Edition. Routledge, 2006. – 292 р.  McDowall David: An Illustrated History of Britain. Longman, 2010. – 188 p. |