

## Civilisations of the Target Language (British Civilisation) (UED 1.1)

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Teaching Unit	Dedicated Time (per week)	Credit	Coefficient
Discovery Unit	3 hours	2	2

Presence: Obligatory / Evaluation Method: Written Exam: 60 % / Tutorial: 40% (continuous assessment)

### Tutorial's Components

Criteria	Attendance	Oral Participation and Discipline	Short Written Test (Quiz)
Mark (total 20)	5 pts	5 pts	10 pts

### Course Syllabus

Weeks	Main Tracks
1	General introduction
2	Prehistoric Britain
3	Earliest Settlers of Britain
4	Anglo-Saxons and Vikings
5	The Norman Conquest
6	England, Feudalism, and the Magna Carta
7	Middle Ages
8	The Tudors and the English Reformation
9	The Elizabethan Era
10	The Stuarts, the Civil War, and the New Constitutional Monarchy
11	General conclusion

### Description and objectives of the course

The course aims to improve students' knowledge of the English language through British life and history. The lectures and the tutorial sessions offer a general overview of the history and culture of the United Kingdom from its foundation to the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. Students of this course are supposed to have a basic knowledge of different civilizations and cultures. By the end, students should be able to recognize key dates and events related to the history of Britain. They should also engage in critical discussions and write relevant compositions about several aspects of British history and culture.

### References

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