

Course Title	British Thought and Culture ASE356	Instructor(s)	Felix A. Jiménez Botta
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Class Style	Lecture	Office Hours	Period Monday-Wednesdays
Track	English Education (TC)	Mode of Instruction	Solo
Credits	2	Allocated Year	Spring 3 rd Year
Active Learning	Category 3-2,3,4 Category 4- 1,2,3,7,8,9,10.	Compulsory or Elective	Required for the TC Track
Course Overview	<p>The first part of this course will trace the history of Britain's economic and imperial rise from the mid-17th and into the 19th century. We will discuss ideas about rights, society, and economics. Then, we will analyze the process of industrialization of the British Isles and the intellectual debates that emerged from this process.</p> <p>The second unit will analyze the impact of scientific thought and the rise of imperialist ideology in the latter 19th century. We will also discuss the thought of Fukuzawa Yukichi and the impact of British and western thought on him and others like him, and on the modernization of Japan during the Bakumatsu and Meiji periods.</p> <p>The class will be heavily discussion-based and proper preparation is imperative to pass the course. To be able to do that all students will be required to maintain a reading/note-taking journal throughout the semester. This journal will be worth 15%, or 1 point per class. Moreover, there will be a midterm exam and a final exam.</p>		
Course Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1) To understand the texts and key religious and historical concepts. 2. 2) To learn how to ask and answer analytical questions. 3. 3) Enhance student's abilities to create, develop, and test original arguments. 		
Prerequisite			
Course Schedule	No	Contents	Homework
	1	Introduction to the course	Discuss syllabus and course objectives. Discuss reading techniques and nature of assignments
	2	Unit 1: British social hierarchy in the 17 th century. Migration to the New World.	Interactive lecture Group work. Think-pair-share.
	3	Unit 1: Settler Colonialism, Relations with Native Americans, and African Slavery.	Interactive lecture Group work. Think-pair-share
	4	Unit 1: Mercantilism and the American Revolution.	Interactive lecture Group work. Think-pair-share
	5	Unit 1: The French Revolution and Edmund Burke's conservatism.	Interactive lecture Group work
	6	Unit 1: British Capitalism and the great Divergence: The Conquest of India.	Interactive lecture Group work
	7	Unit 1: British Capitalism and the Great Divergence: The Opium Wars.	Interactive lecture Group work Think-pair-share
	8	Midterm Exam	
	9	Unit 3: Basic ideas about Victorian Society: Gender, Class, and Race.	Interactive lecture Group work
	10	Unit 3: Science, ideology, imperialism	Interactive lecture

		Charles Darwin	Group work
	11	Unit 3: Social Darwinism and Imperialism	Interactive lecture Group work
	12	Unit 3: The gender of imperialism. Baden-Powell and the Boy Scouts	Interactive lecture Group work
	13	Unit 3: The debate about British colonialism in India.	Interactive lecture Group work
	14	Unit 3: Japan's reaction to the Victorian Era: Fukuzawa Yukichi and Tanizaki Jun'ichiro.	Read and analyze: Fukuzawas' "Datsu-A-Ron" and Tanizaki, "In Praise of Shadows" Interactive lecture Group work
	15	Conclusion	Debate, course overview
		Final Exam	Study for final exam.
Grading	Group discussions and participation: 25%/ Notebook w/ all lecture notes: 15%/ Midterm Exam: 30%/ Final Exam 30%.		
Textbooks	All readings will be provided by the instructor on Moodle.		
NOTES	Students will only be excused for illnesses (that must be verifiable), or exceptional circumstances. Your participation grade will be dropped if you are often late to class. Students who miss three classes without proper excuses will have to withdraw from the course. Late assignments are only accepted with a 1-week delay. The penalty will be 20% of the score.		