Modern Britain: 1714 to the Present

This course will introduce students to topics such as the rise of the fiscal-military and social welfare states; nationalism and imperialism; the development of the middle and working classes; and the emergence of modern British society, economy, politics and constitution. The course will explore in particular the forces and processes of change.

Text Books

The History Student’s Handbook
A Short Guide to Writing History Essays
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http://hist.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate

Grading

Class participation 20%

Book assessment due 23 October 25%
About 8 double spaced pages. Further direction will be provided in class.

Book assessment due 17 November 25%
About 8 double spaced pages. Further direction will be provided in class.

Final take-home examination 30%
Two Major Themes for the Course: -

1. Relatively non-violent and non-revolutionary movement to democracy.

   Books:

   Joyce, Patrick, *Visions of the People; Industrial England and the Question of Class, 1848 - 1914*

   Benson, John, *The Working Class in Britain, 1850 – 1939*

   Worley, Matthew, *Labour Inside the Gate: A History of the British Labour Party Between the Wars*

2. Nationalism and imperialism: together an irresistible and dangerous force.

   Books

   Belich, James, *Replenishing the Earth; the Settler Revolution and the Rise of the Anglo-World, 1783 – 1939*

   Gould, E.H., *The Persistence of Empire; British Political Culture in the Age of the American Revolution*

   Carey, Hilary, *God’s Empire, Religion and Colonialism in the British World, c. 1801 - 1908*
Modern Britain Reading List

Middling People


**Working People**


**Aristocracy**


Prisons, Punishment & Madness and Modern Science


Credit, Finance and Commerce:

Ashworth, W.J., *Customs and Excise: Trade, Production, and Consumption in*


*Trentmann, Frank, Free Trade Nation; Commerce, Consumption, and Civil Society in Modern Britain, Oxford; Oxford University Press, 2008.

Gender


Hall, Catherine, White, Male and Middle Class, New York: Wiley, 1992.


Walkowitz, Judith R, *City of Dreadful Delight: Narratives of Sexual Danger in late-


**Politics, Parties and People**


Pugh, Martin. The Tories and the People: 1880-1935, Oxford: Basil Blackwell Ltd.,
1985.


**War**


**The Empire and the Wor**

Armitage, David, *The Ideological Origins of the British Empire* (Pestana, Carla Gardina


**Porter, Bernard, Absent-Minded Imperialists: Empire, Society, and Culture in


**National Sentiment**


**Religion**

Hempton, David, Methodism and Politics in British Society, 1750-1850. London:
Hutchinson, 1984.


**Law**


**Culture**


Le Faye, Deirdre, *Jane Austen’s Country Life; Uncovering the rural backdrop to her life, her letters and her novels*, London: Frances Lincoln Ltd., 2014.


**Intellectual**


**Economic**


“Great” Men


