



Module Specification

Britain's Second Empire: The Transformation From Empire to Commonwealth, 1820-1965

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Britain's Second Empire: The Transformation From Empire to Commonwealth, 1820-1965

Module code: UPHPHP-30-2

Level: Level 5

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

Faculty: Faculty of Arts Creative Industries & Education

Department: ACE Dept of Creative & Cultural Industries

Partner institutions: None

Field: History

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: Pre-requisites: Any Level 1 History Module.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: See Learning Outcomes

Outline syllabus: Mercantilism versus Free Trade, 1820-70

Nineteenth-century Settler Societies

The New Imperialism, 1870-1914

Darwinism, Social Darwinism and imperialism

The Indian Raj before 1914

South Africa 1870-1914

The Irish question to 1921

The British Empire between the Wars: a survey

The British Empire between the Wars: case studies

Policing the Empire in the inter-war period

Recovery through Empire: Colonial development

The impact of World War II on the British Empire

The partition of India

The Palestine mandate

The Suez crisis and its impact on Anglo-Commonwealth relations

Decolonisation since 1947-1965: a survey

Confrontation and insurgency: decolonisation in Asia

The American factor in British decolonisation

The winds of change: decolonisation in Africa

Britain, South Africa and the Commonwealth

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: This module consists of a series of weekly lectures and seminars. Each student is given a comprehensive course handbook at the beginning of the year which contains the lecture programme, the seminar series including the required reading for each week, essay topics complete with recommended source material, a writing practice guide, maps, tables and chronologies.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

MO1 Familiarity with the major events and themes in British imperial history since 1820

MO2 An appreciation of the content and significance of key issues and debates in historical literature on, for example, the 'scramble' for Africa, imperial rivalry as a factor in international conflict, social imperialism, Social Darwinism, race and empire, colonial development, Anglo-dominion relations, colonial nationalism and decolonisation, and the transformation of the British empire to the British Commonwealth

MO3 The necessary technical and analytical skills which allow students to assess post-colonial issues and events within an historical framework

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 228 hours

Face-to-face learning = 72 hours

Total = 300

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uphphp-30-2.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uphphp-30-2.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: This module has no assessment strategy

Assessment tasks:

Examination (First Sit)

Description: Exam (3 Hours)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Essay (2500 words)

Weighting: 25 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Essay (2500 words)

Weighting: 25 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Examination (Resit)

Description: Exam (3 Hours)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Essay (2500 words)

Weighting: 25 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Essay (2500 words)

Weighting: 25 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

History [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22