

Modern British Culture

This programme is aimed at secondary and higher education teachers who are interested in aspects of modern British life and want to integrate contemporary British culture into their classrooms.

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| Available in | London Hampstead Oxford Brighton |
| Course code | BRIT |
| Entry level | Upper-Intermediate (B2) |
| Start dates | London Hampstead Oxford Brighton |
| Course duration | 2 weeks |
| Total input | 41.6 hours |

Objectives

The course enables participants to:

- increase their awareness of aspects of modern British life and culture.
- reflect on their teaching knowledge and skills in the focus areas of this course.
- source and analyse up-to-date authentic materials for use in their own classes.
- build confidence in their own English language and develop their language awareness.

Methodology

The course will include content drawn from a wide range of topics on contemporary British Culture. These topics, such as the arts and the media, will enable participants to gain a better understanding of aspects of modern British life and culture. The course is practical in nature. During the course, participants will be exposed to a range of teaching practices and methodologies which we will demonstrate and reflect on; highlighting transferable teaching techniques to assist participants in delivering cultural lessons on their return to their own professional environments.

Preparation

Participants are asked to complete a detailed pre-course questionnaire, which should be returned prior to the course. We ask you to select topic areas of most relevance to you so that we can best match the needs of each group and maximise the benefit gained by each participant. The pre-course information forms a crucial part of the overall design of the course.

Admissions to all cultural visits are included in the course price.

Sample Timetable

Please note that this is the outline of a typical course. Some units may alter in content.

Week 1

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 09:00-10:15 | Introduction and orientation | Examining popular culture – music, film and TV | | An overview of the British education system | Exploiting literature with students – a novel approach |
| 10:35-11:50 | British culture and etiquette - mind your manners! | Great British humour | Cultural visit | The class system and social mobility: birth or talent? | Colloquial language (slang and idioms) |
| 12:10-13:00 | Developing students' vocabulary (selecting, presenting and recording vocabulary) | Pronunciation. English in Britain (regional accents and variations) | Reflection | Exploiting authentic reading and listening texts | Tutorials / self-study |
| 14:15-16:35 | | Social programme with tutor | | Social programme with tutor | |

Week 2

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 09:00-10:15 | Getting to know Great Britons: past and present | British politics: Left, Right and Centre | | Immigration trends: is Britain full? | Brexit means Brexit? – is this goodbye? Developing speaking skills |
| 10:35-11:50 | The role of the Royal Family in modern Britain | The power of the British press: money and influence | Cultural visit | The welfare system – a helping hand | Final presentations |
| 12:10-13:00 | Pronunciation. Focus on connected speech | Developing writing skills | Reflection | Money: British spending habits | Resources exchange. Evaluation of published materials. Closing ceremony |
| 14:15-16:35 | | Social programme with tutor | | Social programme with tutor | |