

## RBSBRI01K Fathoming Britain

Course module	RBSBRI01K
Credits (ECTS)	2
Category	SG (Student-driven track)
Course type	Elective at hogeschool level
Language of instruction	English
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### Aims

At the end of this course, the student will have acquired knowledge and insight in the historical cultural, social, and business backgrounds of Great Britain, past and present, laying a sound foundation for dealing with professional situations in Great Britain. The student will be able to discuss, write, and present about/on topics to do with the historical cultural, social, and business aspects of Britain, on B2/C1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

**Entry level:** At least B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

**Teaching methods:** Lecture and presentations.

**Learning objectives:** At the end of this course, the student will have acquired knowledge and insight in the historical cultural, social, and business backgrounds of Great Britain, past and present, laying a sound foundation for dealing with professional situations in Great Britain. The student will be able to discuss, write, and present about/on topics to do with the historical cultural, social, and business aspects of Britain, past and present, on B2/C1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

**Content:** Country and people, history, identity and attitudes, political life, the government, the law, international relations, the economy and everyday life.

The student will take part in discussions actively, will do a group presentation, and write an essay.

### Assessment:

- a presentation introducing the week's topic, in groups. (30 %)
- an essay, individual (60%) (to be handed in in week 8)
- participation in discussions (10%)

**Literature:** *Britain For Learners of English, Second Edition*, Oxford University Press (019430647X)

Week 1: chapter 1 & 2 (Country and people + History)

Week 2: chapter 3 & 4 (Geography + Identity)

Week 3: chapter 6 & 7 (Political Life + The Monarchy)

Week 4: chapter 8 & 9 (The government + Parliament)

Week 5: chapter 11 & 13 (The law + Religion)

Week 6: chapter 12 & 15 (International relations + The economy and everyday life)

Week 7: chapter 16 & 22 (The media + The arts)

Week 8: chapter 20 & 23 (Food and drink + Holidays and special occasions)

**Remarks:** Mandatory attendance and participation. (Homework must be done or a student will be barred from entering class.) It is permitted to miss one class. If two classes are missed, an extra presentation must be given. If more than two classes are missed, the elective cannot be passed and points will not be awarded.