

HACETTEPE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF LETTERS
Department of English Language and Literature

Title of the Course: IED 258 (01) British Popular Culture

Semester: Spring 2019

Class Hours and Classroom: Wednesday 13:00-15:50 B2/203

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For an updated version of the syllabus and the course outline, please visit:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1OYaBMC5bLE3N8T0ZRO9J7R0SY7se6Wiq>

Aim of the Course: This course aims to familiarize the students with contemporary British popular culture along with key theoretical concepts. For this purpose, the course focuses on a detailed study of British Popular Culture through the discussions of articles and selected texts, both literary and cultural.

Fiction:

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling

A Study in Scarlet (1887) by Arthur Conan Doyle

Films:

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Trainspotting

Green Street Hooligans

Pride

Bohemian Rhapsody

Documentaries:

"Mods, Rockers and Bank Holiday Mayhem", BBC *Timeshift*

Let Us Entertain You, Four Episodes, BBC

TV Series:

"A Study in Pink" Season 1 episode 1 of BBC series *Sherlock* (2010)

"Wolferton Splash" Season 1, E1 of the Netflix series *The Crown* (2016)

The Fall, S1/E1

Method of Instruction: Class meetings will consist of the discussion of the assigned material. Students are expected to participate in the class discussions, which is a major requirement and will affect the end-of-term evaluation.

Requirements: The students are expected to attend the classes having read the assigned material. Attendance is obligatory. More than 11 (eleven) hours of absence will result in F1.

Term Paper: The students are also expected to write a term paper that analyses the lyrics/music video of any song from the BBC's UK TOP 40 list. The paper needs to be between 1000-1500 words and written in MLA style. **The paper is due on May 22nd**. Term paper is required to be uploaded to the turnitin.com. The class id and the enrolment key for this class is as follows:

Class ID: 20574738

Enrollment Key: 123456

Assessment: Assessment will be as the following:

Mid-Term Examination: 25 %

Paper Assignment: 20 %

Class Participation: 5 %

Final Examination: 50%

In the grading of the exam papers, up to 25% of the total mark might be taken off for grammatical and writing mistakes. Marks below 50 (out of 100) in the Final Exam will be regarded as failure.