

National Research Mordovia State University (MRSU)	
Faculty of Foreign Languages	
S Y L L A B U S	
Course Name	Country Studies (The UK, the USA)
Degree Programme	Translation and Translation Studies Specialization: "Linguistic Support for International Relations"
Year of Study	2 year
Semester	Autumn
ECTS (36 hrs per ECTS)	3 (108 hrs)
Instructor(s)	Prof. Olga Safonkina , Associate Professor, Department of English Philology, Faculty of Foreign Languages
Language of Instruction	English
Course Requirements	At least B1 English Previously studied courses "History of Russia", "Ancient languages and cultures"
Course Overview	The course is intended for undergraduate students interested in in-depth study of the cultural and historical heritage of English speaking countries. The required level of English is up from B1+
Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define regional and cultural features of English speaking countries; • Review and evaluate geography, history, political structure, cultural traditions of English speaking countries ; • Plan and implement cross-cultural communication issue in the situations of communication with the representatives of other cultures; • Overcome stereotypes in cross-cultural dialogue based on the awareness of cultural and historical features.
Course unit contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module 1. Weeks 1-6. The geographical and political structure of the English Speaking countries. Prehistoric Britain. Roman invasion. • Module 2. Weeks 7-11. The period of Middle Ages. Early modern period. Birth of the Union. Early Modern Britain. Georgian era. British Empire. Union with Ireland. Napoleonic wars. • Module 3. Weeks 12-18. Victorian era. Early 20th century 1901–1918. Interwar era 1918–1939. Second World War 1939–1945. Postwar Britain. 21st century. The history of the United States: Early America. The colonial period. Independence. Westward expansion and regional differences. Slavery and abolition. The New Deal and World War. Postwar America. Toward the 21st century.
Course Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number of contact hours: 37 Lectures: 18 hrs (9 lectures) Seminars: 18 hrs (9 seminars) Individual consultations: 1 hr • Self-study: 71 hrs

Teaching methods	Interactive lectures, discovery learning, cooperative learning, practical learning
Grading System (including segment percentage)	Oral Q&A sessions on lectures content (30%) Student presentation (10%) Three course tests during the semester (30%) Final oral test (pass-fail) (30%)
Textbooks and Mandatory Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An illustrated history of Britain, McDowall, D., 2014 • Benzak, J., & Cook, S. (2009). The Rough Guide to the USA (Vol. 9th [updated] ed). London: Penguin Random House LLC. Retrieved from http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&site=eds-live&db=edsebk&AN=319896 • Britain in Close-Up : an in-depth study of contemporary Britain, NEW EDITION, now with website addresses, 208 p., McDowall, D., 2006 • Голицынский, Ю.Б. Великобритания : пособие по страноведению / Ю. Б. Голицынский : [2-е изд., испр.] — Санкт-Петербург : КАРО, 2019. — 480 с. - ISBN 978-5-9925-1350-9. - Режим доступа: https://new.znaniium.com/catalog/product/1047325 • Зайцева С.Е., Щавелева Е.Н. - Curious Facts about Great Britain. (Бакалавриат и специалитет) - КноРус - 2019 - 171с. - ISBN: 978-5-406-00958-1 - Текст электронный // ЭБС BOOKRU - URL: https://book.ru/book/932467

Grading system		
Grade	No. of points	Description
5	86-91	Excellent
4	71-85	Good
3	51 - 70	Satisfactory
2	Below 51 point	Fail