

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: LION RAMPANT, LION TAMED: THE RISE & FALL OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, 1750 TO THE PRESENT DAY
Status: Definitive
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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Academic Level: FHEQ5 **Credit Value:** 24 **Total Delivered Hours:** 20
Total Learning Hours: 240 **Private Study:** 220

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	8
Workshop	12

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	1000 word book review	20	
Essay	AS2	4000 word essay	80	

Aims

- 1. To survey the development and transformation of the British empire from the mid 18th century to the present day and to examine a wide range of theories and interpretations of this central aspect of historical globalisation.*
- 2. To evaluate theories and interpretations of British imperialism and decolonisation through case studies in Asia, Africa, North America and Australasia.*

3. To examine the programme themes of 'nation, state and power', 'technology, economy and society' and 'culture, local and identity' with reference to the rise and demise of the British imperial system.
4. To examine the concepts of 'structure and agency' and 'change and continuity' in the context of British imperialism and decolonisation.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate argumentative and analytical skills through discussing an aspect of British imperial history in the 18th and 19th centuries.
- 2 Demonstrate argumentative and analytical skills through discussing an aspect of British imperial history in the 20th century.
- 3 Demonstrate historical skills in evaluating a variety of approaches to Britain's imperial history.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

1000 word book review	1	2	
4000 word essay	1	2	3

Outline Syllabus

The pattern of rise and decline
The 'imperialism of free-trade'
India in the 18th and 19th centuries
Expansion and self-government in Canada and Australasia
The 'new imperialism': Hobson, Lenin and Schumpeter
The 'new imperialism': Cain and Hopkins
The partition of Africa
Expansion in South-east Asia: Burma
Popular imperialism in late-nineteenth century Britain
Orientalism
Sexuality and gender
World war One and the British Empire
The 'crisis' of empire after World War One
Inter-war India
The dominions in the inter-war years
Development in Africa and Asia before World War Two
Imperial propaganda in the 20th Century
World War Two and After
Decolonisation in the 1950's and 1960's
Britain and the multi-racial Commonwealth
The embarrassing remnants

Learning Activities

Lectures, workshops and Independent study through guidance from module tutors.

Notes

The British Empire was the largest empire the world has ever known, reaching its territorial zenith as late as 1921 and still largely intact at the end of the Second World War. Through initial lecturer-led sessions, independent study and tutor consultation this module critically examines the long rise of the British global system from the second half of the 18th century to the early 20th century and the slow demise of British imperial power thereafter.