

Module Code:	HUM445							
Module Title:	Cultural Turning Points							
Level:	4	Credit Value:		20				
Cost Centre(s):	GAHN	JACS3 code:		V320				
Faculty:	Arts, Science And Technology	d	Module Leader:	Peter Bolton				
Scheduled learning and teaching hours						36 hrs		
Guided independent study				164 hrs				
Placement			0 hrs					
Module duration (total hours)						200 hrs		
Programme(s) i	n which to be off	ered (not	including e	exit awards)	Core	Option		
BA (Hons) Social & Cultural History					✓			
BA (Hons) Social & Cultural History & English						✓		
BA (Hons) Social & Cultural History & Creative Writing					✓			
Pre-requisites								
N/A								
0.66								
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### **Module Aims**

This module aims to:

- Provide students with a knowledge and understanding of the main cultural themes and turning points in Western European history
- Introduce students to the way in which culture impacts on Western society
- Provide a chronological framework to modules offered at levels five and six

## **Intended Learning Outcomes**

# Key skills for employability

KS1	Written, oral and media communication skills
KS2	Leadership, team working and networking skills
KS3	Opportunity, creativity and problem solving skills
KS4	Information technology skills and digital literacy
KS5	Information management skills
KS6	Research skills
KS7	Intercultural and sustainability skills
KS8	Career management skills
KS9	Learning to learn (managing personal and professional development, self-
	management)
KS10	Numeracy

At	At the end of this module, students will be able to		Key Skills	
	Describe the magning of faulture, and the way in which this is	KS3	KS7	
1	Describe the meaning of 'culture' and the way in which this is re-interpreted over time	KS6		
	Te-interpreted over time			
	Identify key cultural events, processes and developments in Western Europe	KS1	KS5	
		KS2	KS6	
	western Europe	KS4		
	Evaluate the importance of art, literature and physical evidence as signifiers of cultural change	KS1	KS9	
		KS3		
	evidence as signifiers of cultural change	KS5		
4	Assess the ways in which culture is affected by social, political and religious change	KS1	KS6	
		KS3	KS7	
	political and religious charige			

## Transferable skills and other attributes

Students will be able to develop and demonstrate:

• The ability to identify and organise material



- Self-discipline and self-direction
- Empathy and imaginative insight

### **Derogations**

N/A

#### Assessment:

#### **Indicative Assessment Tasks:**

Assessment One is a Case Study focussed on a particular cultural product: eg a painting, artefact, building etc. Students will select the focus of the case study with guidance from tutors. The aim will be to research the product and place its significance into an appropriate chronological context.

Assessment Two is an essay which focusses on the way in which cultural events are affected by broad patterns of socio-political and religious change.

Assessment number	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Weighting (%)	Duration (if exam)	Word count (or equivalent if appropriate)
1	1,3,4	Case Study	50%		2000
2	2,4	Essay	50%		2000

## **Learning and Teaching Strategies:**

The module will be delivered through lectures and workshops for the close evaluation of sources. Specific artefacts and art work will be used as the basis of in-class seminars and discussion. Tutorials will be held to guide and advise students at the case study stage.

## Syllabus outline:

- The meaning of culture
- Cultural Products: art, architecture, sculpture and literature
- The Greek and Roman Inheritance
- Renaissance : from mediaeval to early modern
- Enlightenment: art, science and rational thinking
- Empire and Industry
- Cultural Nationalism and Identity



Cultural transmission in the age of the Internet

## **Indicative Bibliography:**

McCaffery, Peter & Ben Marsden, *The Cultural History Reader* (Oxford: Routledge, 2013)

Burke, Peter, What Is Cultural History? (London: Polity, 2008)

## Other indicative reading

Black, J., A Subject of Taste: Culture in Eighteenth Century England (London: Hambledon, 2005)

Garnsey, P. & R. Saller The Roman Empire: Economy, Society and Culture (Bristol: Classical Press, 2013)

Horn, Pamela, Pleasures and Pastimes in Victorian Britain (London: Amberley, 2011)

Misa, T., Leonardo to the Internet: Technology and Culture from the Renaissance to the Present (JHUP, 2011)

Porter, Roy, *Enlightenment: Britain and the Creation of the Modern World* (London: Penguin, 2000)

Rice, E.F. & Grafton, A., *The Foundations of Early Modern Europe, 1460-1559* (London: Norton, 1994)