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**Course objective**

Students should leave with a better understanding of the cultural differences – and similarities – of the countries considered, and also of the differences and similarities in the governing mechanisms. An enhanced and informed awareness of the background to the position of both the EU and of some member states as well as that of the US is the goal.

**Prerequisites**

A solid intermediate level of English (or higher) is necessary as the work will be in English.

**Recommended reading**

There is no script for this course.

**Teaching methods**

This is not primarily a lecture course, although some lecture will take place. There will be readings as both in and out of class work, followed by discussion of the topics. Students will prepare and give a presentation on some aspects of the topic and also be asked to report relevant current news as well as participate in a debate.

**Assessment methods**

The exam will comprise 50% of the mark, with the rest deriving from participation, presentations and debate.

**Language of instruction**

English

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**Course content**

Have you ever wondered about the differences in the ways of thinking on the other side of the Atlantic? Or why English has no adjective for solidarity, no “solidárisch”? Or even why the Brits always demand exceptions to EU regulations? Why does “social” mean something very different in English than it does on the European Continent? What makes those Anglo-Saxons so different from Europeans, real Europeans?

These are some of the questions we will consider, along with how these relate to the mentalities and also the laws and governments of the countries concerned. Are there any truly common grounds? Come make your contribution to the discussion! The more nationalities represented, the better!