

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY  
HIS 211 – HISTORY OF ENGLAND I (3 CR.)**

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**Course Description**

Examines the history of England from the Neolithic period up through 1714. Lecture 3 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose**

To understand the important individuals and events that shaped English history and how various institutions and groups – i.e. the monarchy, church, aristocracy, peasants, and Parliament – struggled to live with and among each other. The ongoing quest for political, economic, and religious stability will be a major focus. This course will illustrate the early history of the British isles and how various ethnic groups, invaders, and forces gradually shaped it into an English monarchy that evolved throughout the medieval and early modern periods.

**Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites**

None

**Course Objectives**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- Identify major historical figures and connect them to their proper countries, time periods, and significant events.
- Demonstrate the ability to understand historical events, explaining why they occurred and the major impact they had on people and governments.
- Analyze and argue through writing how the relationship between people, religion, and culture shapes the birth of a nation.
- Explore and analyze the relevance of ancient British history (through the 18<sup>th</sup> century) to the modern world and contemporary issues.

**Major Topics to be Included**

- Neolithic period – Early Inhabitants
- Roman Britain
- Anglo-Saxon Britain
- Norman England
- The Angevins
- The Hundred Years' War
- The "Wars of the Roses"
- Early Tudor England
- The Reformation
- Elizabethan England
- Stuart England
- The English Civil War
- The Restoration
- The Glorious Revolution
- War & Society