

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY  
HIS 212 – HISTORY OF ENGLAND II (3 CR.)**

**Course Description**

Examines the history of England from 1714 through the present. 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 show how England emerged from its' early days of empire through decolonization and into the modern twentieth century world.

**Course Prerequisites/Corequisites**

HIS 121 is not a prerequisite for 122.

**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 from 1715 to the present.

**Major Topics to be Included**

- The Hanoverian Succession
- Economic and Social Changes of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries
- The Intellectual Revolution
- George III and Revolution
- Wars and the Age of Revolution
- Conservatism vs. Liberalism
- The Victorian Age
- The British Empire
- Labor and Reform
- World War I
- Between the Wars
- World War II
- Life in Socialist Britain
- Socialist Britain: 1945-present