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Instituto Superior del Profesorado  
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## **SYLLABUS 2009**

**ESTABLECIMIENTO:** Instituto Superior del Profesorado "Dr. J. V. González"

**DEPARTAMENTO DE INGLES**

**NIVEL:** Terciario

**CARRERA:** Profesorado en Inglés / Prof. en Inglés para la Enseñanza Primaria (1° y 2° EGB)

**EJES:** Disciplinar.

**INSTANCIA CURRICULAR:** "Geografía y Cultura de las Islas Británicas"

**CURSADA:** Cuatrimestral.

**CURSO:** 1ª año F - B

**CARGA HORARIA:** 3 horas semanales.

**HORARIO:** Lunes 5ª -7ª (Tarde) - Martes 1ª - 3ª (Mañana).

**PROFESORA:** Gabriela A. N. Scalone

**AÑO LECTIVO:** 2009

**GENERAL COURSE AIMS:** The students will:

- enhance their expressive skills in spoken and written English through class debates, group discussions and writing assignments and projects.
- hone their receptive skills through video, audio and reading comprehension.
- explore social and dialectical varieties of English as contextualised in the media.

**SPECIFIC COURSE AIMS:** The students will:

- become acquainted with the physical, economic, political, social and cultural aspects of the British Isles.
- develop awareness of social and cultural issues in the English-speaking world.

**CONTENTS:**

**1) Physical Aspect of the British :**

Position. Size. Relief. Climate and weather. The coastline. Islands. Regional description. National Parks. Location of counties / states and main cities on a map.

**2) Economic Aspect of the British Isles:**

The Economy. Farming. Manufacturing. Energy. Industries. Transport and Communications. Major ports. The European Union. The NATO.

**3) Political Aspect of the British Isles:**

The political system. Government. The Monarchy. The Constitution. Parliament. Parliamentary Procedure. Parliamentary committees. Political Parties. Elections. The Civil Service. Local Government.. Overseas Relations. The Commonwealth. Defence. Law. Crime and Justice.

**4) Social Aspect of the British Isles:**

Population. Social Welfare. Health. Employment. Country and Town planning. Housing. Social Class. Minorities. Family. Sports, recreation and leisure.

## 5) Cultural Aspect of the British Isles:

Education. Religion. Mass Media. The Arts. Science and Technology. National beliefs, values and self-expression.

### METHODOLOGY:

- 1) **Group Dynamics:** individual, pair, group and class work.
- 2) **Materials:** video and audio tapes, genuine newspaper and magazine articles, maps, pictures, charts, etc.
- 3) **Activities:** debates, discussions and tasks based on reading assignments and video/ audio comprehension sessions, lecture, project work.

**TP:** Students are expected to give oral classes and to keep up with **current affairs** by reading **the latest issues of newspapers and weekly magazines** (e.g. Buenos Aires Herald, The Guardian Weekly, Newsweek, Time, The Economist, etc.). They can consult the latest issues of quality and popular British newspapers and magazines at the **A.A.C.I.** library (Asociación Argentina de Cultura Inglesa, Suipacha 1333, Capital, Tel 4393-0969/0275/2004/4864, 11am-7pm). Free maps and brochures are available from **B.T.A.** (British Tourist Authority, Córdoba 645, 2° floor, Capital, Tel 4314-8955/6735. 10am-1pm), and videos can be watched on the premises. Students who have access to cable television are advised to regularly watch **CNN** reports.

**EVALUATION:** Final examination.

In order to qualify students will be required to :

1. attend no less than 75% of the lessons.
2. obtain a passing mark of no less than 40% in written tests (or corresponding make up tests).
3. obtain a passing mark in at least 75% of their assignments, namely
  - a. keeping up with the weekly reading assignments.
  - b. participating actively in class debates, discussions and activities.
  - c. showing a good command of the English language.

Students will have to sit for an oral **final exam** which will consist in: 1) locating a county/state and city of the UK on a map, 2) discussing three topics on a card (Physical, Political-economic, Socio-cultural aspects of the UK) and 3) answering questions about any possible research paper, including articles from the latest English newspapers.

**“LIBRE” EXAM:** In order to sit for a “libre” exam, students will have to sit for a written and oral exam ( passing mark of no less than 40% in written test ) , and they will also have to hand in a TP on a certain topic from the syllabus, to be discussed within the oral examination. They will also have to be updated reading and preparing articles from the latest English newspapers.

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