**1.Course Description**

The course examines the history of England in the 16th and 17th centuries. The main focus area of the course, as its title suggests, is the making of early modern England. The course basically probes into the shift of England from the medieval era to modern times. It investigates three main events that epitomize that shift: the English Reformation, the English Civil War and the Glorious Revolution. The main focus of the course is the examination of the extent of change that England witnessed during the 16th and17th centuries that is why it concentrates on continuity and change in England during that period of time.

The course is designed for students with little or no background knowledge in British history. Consequently, it uses the narrative and analytical approaches eclectically. It introduces the main events and how these events were recorded by different historians in order to make students aware of the different historiographical trends.

**2.Course objectives**

The course has long- and short-term objectives:

* To make students understand the historical context within which England became later a modern country
* To make students question the uncritically-accepted interpretations of the Reformation, the Civil War and the Glorious Revolution.
* To enable students to read primary- or secondary-source documents with a critical mind.

At the end of the term, students will be able to deal with a debatable statement (exam topic) by selecting the most appropriate arguments for or against the statement without falling into contradiction.