

RISE THE AND OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE FALL

This course will explore the forces that shaped the historical development of the British Empire. From the 16th century onwards Britain began to explore, colonize and dominate a significant portion of the globe only to retreat to the status of a regional middle power in the 20th century. Along the way Britain not only sought to extend its political and economic domination but to establish its cultural and social values throughout the world. In the process it clashed with indigenous civilizations and created diaspora communities whose influence was felt around the globe- often romanticized and often vilified History 314 will study the ever changing face of the British Empire, its demise and historical legacy.

Each class will begin with a lecture to provide context for that week's theme. The second half of each class will be devoted to discussion of the issues raised by that week's readings. The discussions will be conducted in small groups and the class as a whole. Throughout the term there will be extensive use of visual and digital materials available through UFV and general online sources.

Course Books:

Philippa Levine, **The British Empire: Sunrise to Sunset.**
ed. S.E. Stockwell, **British Empire.**

Grading:

Participation: 15%
Weekly Reading Assignments: 10%
Review Essay: 10%
Term Paper: 30%
Final Exam: 30%