**BMNFT12500M Cultural Studies**

**2017/2018 spring semester**

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**10:15.11:45, Room 309**

15 February – course description, requirements, schedule, plus FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT

22 February – HISTORY AND POLITICS

1 March – ECONOMY

8 March – TECHNOLOGY

**15 March – national holiday**

22 March – HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**29 March – Easter break**

**5 April – Easter break**

12 April – EDUCATION AND LEARNING

19 April – ENVIRONMENT (NATURAL AND MAN-MADE)

26 April – ARTS

3 May – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE DIGITAL DOMAIN

10 May – LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

**17 May – no class** (conference in abroad, class will be held on another day before 17 May),THE FUTURE, plus test and assessment

All students will be in charge of a subject chosen during the first class and they will act as organisers and moderators of the class which will deal with that particular subject.

All classes will focus on a subject like history or economy or information technology etc., and it will be the organiser’s job to make the class varied, edifying and entertaining. All classes will compare Anglophone cultures to/with the Hungarian one.

All students will actively participate in each class and talk about a relevant person, concept, object or event of their choice, plus prepare a presentation on a given topic (accepted by the organiser as well as the teacher of that class). Presentations may be pre-recorded on video or done via Skype (or other channels), if the student’s absence is unavoidable.

All students will evaluate one another’s work (talk and presentation), including that of the organiser’s, every time.

Assessment will be based on the talks (40%), the evaluations (30%) and a test (30%).

0%-60% failed (1)

61%-70% passed (2)

71%-80% satisfactory (3)

81%-90% good (4)

91%-100% excellent (5)

Presentation topics for HISTORY AND POLITICS

1. The Social and Political Changes Caused by the Industrial Revolution
2. The Great War and Its Aftermath
3. The Great Depression
4. World War II and Its Aftermath
5. The Cold War
6. The Political Transformation of the Soviet Bloc
7. Politics in the 21st Century
8. The European Union
9. Representative democracy, presidential and parliamentary systems of government, national (or general) elections
10. The US and Hungary
11. The UK and Hungary
12. Ireland and Hungary
13. Canada and Hungary
14. Australia and Hungary
15. Country of your choice and Hungary