

## COURSE SPECIFICATION DOCUMENT

**Academic School/Department:** Social Sciences and Humanities

**Programme:** Study Abroad

**Course Title:** Historical London

**Course Code:** HIST 5601

**Total Hours:** 120

Timetabled Hours: 45

Guided Learning Hours: 0

Independent Learning Hours: 75

**Credits:** 12 UK CATS credits  
6 ECTS credits  
3 US credits

### **Course Description:**

This course surveys the history of London from its Roman origins to the modern cosmopolitan metropolis that it is today. Through a variety of themes, students will explore social, political and architectural developments of this urban centre throughout the ages. Students will both read about and visit significant sites within London which illustrate aspects of the history of this great metropolis.

### **Prerequisites:**

40 Credits

Students will not be able to take the four-credit version of this course if they had previously taken this three-credit course.

### **Aims and Objectives:**

The course aims to introduce students to the history of London from Roman times to today, through a study of important moments and events that shaped the history of the city throughout the centuries. The course is divided into themes in order to provide students with an understanding of the development of London by exploring social, cultural and political changes. The course is designed to be interactive, and students are expected to participate in all the field trips to the relevant locations within London.

**Programme Outcomes:**

5AI

5BII

5CI

5DI

A detailed list of the programme outcomes is found in the Programme Specification. This is maintained by Registry and located at:

<https://www.richmond.ac.uk/programme-and-course-specifications/>

**Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of this course, successful students should be able to:

- Demonstrate a systematic understanding of historical processes as they pertain to how the multilayered identity of London was forged
- Analyse primary and secondary materials in order to achieve a critical understanding of different moments in the history of London in their political, social and cultural contexts.
- Present research orally in a convincing and accessible manner.
- Complete assigned work with a degree of clarity, technical competence and critical thinking, and a degree of independence and capacity for self-evaluation, appropriate for a 5000-level course .

**Indicative Content:**

- Historiography and narratives of the history of London.
- Cultural, social and political moments in the history of London from the Romans to today.
- Cultural, social and political aspects of urban landscape development through the centuries.
- Spatial and imagined sites in the history of London.

**Assessment:**

This course conforms to the University Assessment Norms approved at Academic Board: <https://www.richmond.ac.uk/university-policies/>

**Teaching Methodology:**

The course will be taught through a combination of lectures and seminar classes.

Lectures are primarily designed to give an overview of the issues and problems on a particular topic, and thereby provide guidance for seminar discussion. Seminars will be used for debates and are intended to provide an interactive and participatory learning environment. The general approach to classes is informal, and discussion is viewed as an essential part of learning. Where possible the course will make use of museums, collections and sites in London. These external trips serve as a basis for the projects.

**Bibliography:**

See syllabus for complete reading list.

**Indicative Texts:**

Ackroyd, P. (2000) *London: The Biography*. London: Vintage.

Ackroyd, P. (2017) *Queer city: Gay London from the Romans to the present day*. London: Penguin Books.

Grant, C. and Robinson, A. (2024) *Cultures of London: legacies of migration*. London: Bloomsbury.

Jenkins, S. (2020) *A Short History of London: the creation of a world capital*. London: Penguin Books.

Nanton, A. and Burton, J. (2021) *Black London: history, art & culture in over 120 places*. Chichester: Inkspire.

Panayi, P. (2022) *Migrant City: A New History of London*. New Haven, Connecticut: Yale University Press.

Wilson, A. N. (2011) *London: A Short History*. London: W&N.

**Change Log for this CSD:**

Nature of Change	Date Approved & Approval Body (School or LTPC)	Change Actioned by Academic Registry
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