

COURSE SPECIFICATION DOCUMENT

Academic School / Department: Social Sciences and Humanities

Programme: Study Abroad

FHEQ Level: 4

Course Title: Exploring London

Course Code: HIST 4601

Total Hours: 160 (Lev 3-5) (4 US Credit)

Timetabled Hours: 45

Guided Learning Hours: 15

Independent Learning Hours: 100

Credit
16 UK CATS credits
8 ECTS credits
4 US credits

Course Description:

The course aims to cover the history of London from its prehistoric origins to the modern era. This course will study the great economic, social and political changes that have occurred throughout the centuries on this capital city. By exploring the artistic, primary sources and architecture materials, students will understand how the city developed as a parallel to the history of Britain. The course is designed to be interactive and students are expected to attend lectures, seminars, and field trips to important and historically relevant locations around London. Please note that visits will be an integral part of this course and may require additional fees.

Prerequisites:

None

Aims and Objectives:

- To engage students with the history of London from Roman times to present day, in part through visits to significant sites
- To address cultural, social, political and architectural themes in London's evolving urban landscape
- To provide a background for eventual careers in fields which require articulate, clear thinking individuals with a grasp of international history
- To foster the acquisition, development and consolidation of a variety of historical and transferable skills through the study of particular themes in international history
- To promote critical engagement with a wide range of primary and secondary historical sources, and the development of both a succinct writing style and the ability to present complex arguments orally

Programme Outcomes:

A4I

B4I

C4I

D4I

A detailed list of the programme outcomes are found in the Programme Specification.

This is located at the archive maintained by Registry and found 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 an understanding of the historical development of London, from pre-historic times to today.
- Demonstrate an awareness of the issues that have impacted the development of London.
- Critically evaluate a variety of sources, including artistic, primary and secondary sources and architectural materials in relation to the development of London.
- 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 QCF Level 4 course
- Demonstrate well-developed skills (eg; group work, report writing, oral presentation) which translate to workplace.

Indicative Content:

- Geography, the origins of settlements on the Thames and the coming of the Romans
- Early Medieval London and England 500-1065
- Late Medieval London and England 1066-1485
- Tudor London
- Stuart London
- Growth, Revolution and the Restoration
- The Georgian Revolution
- The Regency and the move to the west
- The Coming of Industry and Empire; Urban transformation
- London in Times of War & The reconstruction of Modern London

Assessment:

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

Teaching Methodology:

Each topic will be approached through lectures, discussions and external trips. Trips begin from a specified departure point. Students are expected to use the external trips as an opportunity to apply concepts and ideas developed in lectures, as well as to collect further information and impressions to provide a basis for subsequent class discussion.

Indicative Text(s):

Ackroyd, P. (2000) *London: The Biography*. London: Chatto & Windus.

Ackroyd, P. (2017) *Queer City: Gay London from the Romans to the Present Day*. London: Chatto & Windus.

Grant, C. and Robinson, A. (2024) *Cultures of London: Legacies of Migration*. London: Bloomsbury Academic.

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*. London: Inkspire Publishing.

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

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

See syllabus for complete reading list.

Change Log for this CSD:

Nature of Change	Date Approved & Approval Body (School or AB)	Change Actioned by Registry Services
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