

**COURSE SPECIFICATION DOCUMENT**

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

**Programme:** International History

**FHEQ Level:** 5

**Course Title:** History of London

**Course Code:** HIST 5101

**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:**

This course surveys the history of London from its Roman origins to the modern metropolis of today. Through a combination of thematic lectures and corresponding field excursions, students will examine the social, political and demographic developments that have shaped London over two millennia. In reading historical texts and visiting significant sites, students will analyse how London's past informs the present urban landscape of this great global city. *Note: Most visits require travel.*

**Prerequisites:**

40 Credits

**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:**

5AII; 5BI; 5CI; 5DII

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:

- Demonstrates critical engagement with primary and secondary materials used to understand different moments in the social, political and cultural history of London.
- Demonstrates the ability to critically reflect on the historical processes that forged the multilayered identity of London.
- Demonstrates the ability to formulate and communicate arguments cogently.
- Engages in action-learning that utilises London directly as a research tool and produces innovative research outcomes.

**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 and demographic 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 and located at: <https://www.richmond.ac.uk/university-policies/>

**Teaching Methodology:**

This course will be delivered face to face through a combination of lectures and interactive sessions. In addition to classroom activities, there are guided learning elements that are tutor led and arranged through Blackboard. These activities can be asynchronous online sessions, flipped classrooms, set readings with discussion boards or set guest lectures for example. Set activities are monitored by the instructor to ascertain student engagement. Students are encouraged to prepare for class and to play an active part, to raise questions, following-up ideas and interact with a wide range of provided material.

**Indicative Text(s):**

- Ackroyd, P. (2017) *Queer City: Gay London from the Romans to the Present Day*. London: Chatto & Windus.
- Bucholz, R. and Ward, J.P. (2012) *London: A Social and Cultural History, 1550–1750*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Lewis, J. (ed.) (2010) *London: The Autobiography* London: Constable.
- Panayi, P. (2022) *Migrant City: A New History of London*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.
- Porter, R. (2000) *London: A Social History*. London: Penguin.
- White, J. (2002) *London in the Twentieth Century*. London: Penguin.
- White, J. (2008) *London in the Nineteenth Century: A Human Awful Monster of God*. London: Vintage.
- White, J. (2012) *London in the Eighteenth Century: A Great and Monstrous Thing*. London: Random House.

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
First edition	Nov 2024	