

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY:

The full set of school regulations and procedures is contained in the Undergraduate Student Handbook which is available online at your [MyAberdeen](#) Organisation page. Students are expected to familiarise themselves not only with the contents of this leaflet but also with the contents of the Handbook. Therefore, ignorance of the contents of the Handbook will not excuse the breach of any School regulation or procedure.

You must familiarise yourself with this important information at the earliest opportunity.

COURSE CO-ORDINATOR/COURSE TEAM

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TIMETABLE

For time and place of classes, please see [MyAberdeen](#)

Students can view their university timetable

at <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/infohub/study/timetables-550.php>

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course allows a student to do in-depth study in a specific area in History agreed upon with his or her supervisor and approved by the Head of School. It may be offered in conjunction with the student sitting in on Level 3 or 4 lectures relating to the subject material.

INTENDED AIMS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

The aim of this course is to allow students to do in-depth study of a particular topic relevant to their Masters degree programme.

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

- demonstrate independent research by producing a substantial paper investigating a particular problem in the topic chosen
- critically discuss and evaluate primary material carefully and identify key themes, issues and arguments contained therein
- progress and enhance the key ability to critique primary sources using relevant secondary literature and vice versa

LECTURE/SEMINAR PROGRAMME

The lecture programme will depend on individual options taken. When you have chosen your option in consultation with the Course Coordinator you will be given access to relevant materials on [MyAberdeen](#).

For Special Subjects, students should follow the in-class seminar and formative assessment regime of the Special Subject as these will generally contribute to the learning outcomes of this course.

ASSESSMENT

- 6000-word essay (80%) due on Thursday of Week 11 by 3.00pm, on a topic agreed by the Course Coordinator and relevant member of staff/Special Subject Coordinator.
- In-class assessment (20%); this may be a presentation, presentation response paper or another form of assessment appropriate to the learning outcomes, developed in consultation with the Course Coordinator and relevant Special Subject coordinator/supervising member of staff. At least 10% of the 20% should be based on submittable text or presentation materials for assessment.

To view the CGS Descriptors please go to **MyAberdeen- Organisations- Divinity, History, & Philosophy Student Information for Undergraduates**. The link to the CGS Descriptors is on the left hand menu.

PLEASE NOTE: In order to pass a course on the first attempt, a student must attain a Common Grading Scale (CGS) mark of at least E3 on each element of course assessment. Failure to do so will result in a grade of no greater than CGS E1 for the course as a whole.

If you submit your work on time, you can expect that feedback will **normally be provided within three working weeks** (excluding vacation periods) of the submission deadline.

ASSESSMENT DEADLINES THURSDAY OF WEEK 11 BY 3.00PM

SUBMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

Please submit by the deadline ONE paper copy (cover sheet required) PLUS, ONE official electronic copy (no cover sheet required) as follows:

Hard Copy: One hard copy typed and double spaced, together with an **Assessment cover sheet**, – this should have your ID number **CLEARLY** written on the cover sheet, with **NO** name and **NO** signature but **EVERYTHING ELSE** filled in – and should be delivered to the **Drop-off boxes located in CB008, 50-52 College Bounds.**

Electronic Copy: One copy submitted through Turnitin via [MyAberdeen](#). (for instructions please see http://www.abdn.ac.uk/eLearning/turnitinuk/student_s/)
Students are asked to retain the Turnitin receipt so they are able to provide proof of submission at a later date if required.

In advance of uploading, please save the assignment with your student ID number listed in the filename, i.e. 59999999 HI502K Essay 1.

When asked to enter a title for the assignment, please enter a title identical to the name of your saved assignment, i.e. 59999999 HI502K Essay 1.

Both copies to be submitted by 3.00pm on the due date.

Failure to submit both an electronic copy to Turnitin and a hard copy to the school office, by the stated deadline, will result in a zero mark.

N.B Turnitin doesn't accept Mac documents in Pages. If using a Mac please go to File and export work as a Word document.

EXAMINATION

Information on how the examination paper will be structured, if necessary, such as how many questions, etc. **General exam guidance will be given in the Student Handbook.**)

Past exam papers can be viewed at <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/library/learning-and-teaching/for-students/exam-papers/>.

PLEASE NOTE: Candidates whose first language is not English may refer to English/native tongue dictionaries, when permitted by their Schools to do so. Electronic dictionaries are not permitted in the examination venue. Invigilators are entitled to request inspection of dictionaries prior to the examination, thumbing through them to check that there is no extra written material present.