

HI552G INDEPENDENT READING IN HISTORICAL STUDIES

15 credits; 11 weeks

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

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TIMETABLE

There is no formal seminar schedule, but it is expected that you will meet fortnightly with the programme coordinator or another member of staff (subject to approval by the course coordinator). An initial meeting with the course coordinator will be scheduled via email circulation in January 2018.

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 the course coordinator.

INTENDED AIMS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

This course aims to allow a student to do in-depth study in a specific area in History agreed upon with the course coordinator and is specifically designed to provide an opportunity for students to define and explore a short research topic that is not readily available in other taught modules.

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

- Demonstrate an ability to pursue independent analysis on a topic chosen by the student in consultation with a member of staff
- Investigate and respond to a particular problem in a field of History by critical use of primary and secondary material

LECTURE/SEMINAR PROGRAMME

The course will be structured around a series of meetings in which individual students are directed towards reading in a particular area or on a particular topic.

As a result of initial discussions a project supervisor will be agreed with the individual students as appropriate.

Subsequent meetings will allow the student to communicate and discuss the reading and be directed in reading for the following meeting. Meetings are likely to be fortnightly with either the course convenor or the individual project supervisor.

General readings for the specific, individual research project will be agreed in consultation with the individual project supervisor.

ASSESSMENT

An essay (4000 words, excluding bibliography but including notes) on a topic agreed in advance with the course co-ordinator: 100%.

*To view the CGS Descriptors please go to **MyAberdeen- Organisations-Divinity, History, & Philosophy Student Information for Taught Postgraduates.***

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.

ESSAYS

The essay is due by 3pm on Thursday of week 10.

SUBMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

Submit **one paper copy** with a completed essay cover sheet to the **drop boxes in CB008 in 50-52 College Bounds** and **one official electronic copy** to **TurnitinUK via MyAberdeen**. Both copies to be submitted by 3.00pm on the due date.

Paper Copy: One paper 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 or signature but **EVERYTHING ELSE** completed, including tutor's name – and should be delivered to the drop boxes 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/students/>) 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 HI552G 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. HI552G Essay 1.

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

Please note: Failure to submit both an electronic copy to TurnitinUK, and an identical paper copy, will result in a deduction of marks.
Failure to submit to TurnitinUK will result in a zero mark.

EXAMINATION

The course has NO examination.