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Course Overview

London’s architecture and urban development will be explored through the themes that shaped the physical characteristics of London which include mapping the city, the city as representation of national identity, navigating the ever changing city and a review of recent developments. We will be looking at the growth of the city as a historical phenomenon, covering early modern London to the present day by assessing it in the context of political, economic and social change. Architectural styles will be discussed within the framework of these wider themes.

Terms and Conditions

Promptness and punctuality are expected, slackness in this respect is discourteous and disruptive, and will be penalised. Attendance at all lectures and visits is compulsory and you will be docked a – or + for missing any session unless you have provided a letter of excuse signed by a doctor or the Director of Programmes. Weekend trips and family visits are not acceptable reasons for either lateness or absence. Students must check their email and the weekly Student Newsletter for field trip updates and reminders.

Teaching Pattern

Teaching Sessions will be divided between classroom lectures and field trips. Students should be dressed for all weather walking. Please note you may bring your camera. Mobile phones and MP3 players must be switched off at all times including when travelling on the tube. Smoking is also not permitted. Attendance at all classes and visits is mandatory. Students missing any session without a doctor’s letter or authorisation from the Director will automatically be docked a grade. Persistent lateness will be penalised.
**Assessment Method**

1) Essay: How did modern London develop up to 1666?
The course assignment counts for 50% of the overall mark and is due Monday 14 March at 8.45am and is to be handed into the Student Affairs Office. The essay should be 2,000 words in length and include captioned illustrations. It should indicate thorough research and critical use of published sources with end notes and a separate bibliographic sheet.

2) Exam Paper: The 2 hour exam paper consists of 1 question weighted at 50% and is offered from a list of 3 question options which will be handed out in the session before the exam. The exam response should also indicate thorough research and critical use of published sources.

**Grading**

Please refer to the Academic Handbook for detailed grading criteria, attendance requirements and policies on plagiarism:

**COURSE SCHEDULE**

**Lecture One: Monday 21 February  9.00am-3.00pm (6 hours)**
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington
Lecture: Introduction to London & Architecture
Field Trip: Kings Cross to Bloomsbury

**Lecture Two: Monday 28 February  9.00am-1.00pm (4 hours)**
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington Gardens
Lecture: London World City
Field Trip: St. Bartholomew the Great & Barbican

**Lecture Three: Monday 7 March  9.00am-1.00pm (4 hours)**
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington Gardens
Lecture: The City
Field Trip: Monument to St Paul’s Cathedral

**Course Work Essay:** Monday 14 March at 8.45am & is to be handed into the Academic Affairs Office on the first floor of 43 Harrington Gardens.
Lecture Four: Monday 14 March  9.00am-1.00pm (4 hours)
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington Gardens
Lecture: Interpreting Architecture
Field Trip: Covent Garden to Somerset House

Lecture Five: Monday 21 March  9.00am-1.00pm (4 hours)
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington Gardens
Lecture: Battle of the Styles: Victorian Architecture
Field Trip: Parliament Square to Trafalgar Square

Lecture Six: Monday 28 March  9.00am-3.00pm (4 hours)
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington Gardens
Lecture: Making Modern London
Field Trip: Hampstead Garden Suburb

Lecture’s Seven-Eight: Monday 4 April  9.00am-1.00pm (6 hours)
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington Gardens
Lecture: The Age of Optimism
Field Trip: South Bank

Lecture Nine: Monday 11 April  9.00am-1.00pm (4 hours)
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington Gardens
Lecture: The Commercial City
Field Trip: Canary Wharf
Monday 18 April: No class (due to extra hours on 21 February and 4 April)

* Contingency Class Date: Wednesday 20 April. Students are obligated to keep this date free to attend class should any class dates need to be rescheduled.

Final Exam: Thursday 21 April
Exam times and locations will be posted on the BU London website and in the Student Newsletter two weeks before exam dates.

Readings
Additional readings may be posted on the course webpage: [http://www.bu-london.co.uk/academic/ah381](http://www.bu-london.co.uk/academic/ah381) (you must be logged in to view materials).

BIBLIOGRAPHY
Felix Barker & Ralph Hyde (1982) London as it might have been, John Murray.