## **DEREE COLLEGE SYLLABUS FOR: HY 4155 ADVANCED TOPICS IN HISTORY UK LEVEL 6 UK CREDITS: 15** (Updated Fall 2025) US CREDITS:3/0/3 PREREQUISITES: **HY3146-Investigating History CATALOG** Sophisticated and in-depth study of a topic in history that is broadly **DESCRIPTION:** conceived and is informed by the state-of the art literature and research. The thematic concentration varies year to year and is determined by the instructor. **RATIONALE:** The module allows students to become experts on a particular topic which is not covered in other courses in the curriculum. Moreover, students will learn how to use and synthesise a wealth of sources but also to formulate their own informed conclusions. The required scholarly piece of work also acts as a warm-up to their dissertation module. **LEARNING OUTCOMES:** As a result of taking this module, the student should be able to: 1. Utilize advanced and deeply contextualized readings and analyses of primary and secondary sources 2. Evaluate contrasting historical interpretations 3. Demonstrate advanced knowledge of original arguments and to write sophisticated evidence-based essays. 4. Evaluate historical events and processes by forming coherent and convincing arguments both orally and in written form **METHOD OF TEACHING AND** In congruence with the teaching and learning strategy of the college, **LEARNING:** the following tools are used: Lectures and class discussions on secondary literature and on primary sources Office hours held by the instructor to provide further assistance to Use of library facilities: Students are encouraged to make use of the library facilities for further study as well as for preparation for the exams. Use of the Blackboard site to further support communication, by lecture notes, assignment instruction, announcements, formative quizzes and online submission of assignments. **ASSESSMENT: Summative:** 1<sup>st</sup> assessment: Oral presentation 10% 2<sup>nd</sup> assessment: Term Paper (3,500 words) 60% Final assessment: Final examination (essay, and gobbet 30%

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	questions)				
	Formative:				
	Take home gobbet exercises 0				
	Annotated bibliography and draft essay	0			
	The 1 <sup>st</sup> summative assessment tests LO 4 The 2 <sup>nd</sup> summative assessment tests LOs 1, 2, 3 The final summative assessment tests LOs 1, 2, 4				
	The formative assessment aims to prepare students for the examinations.				
	Students are required to resit failed assessments in this module.				
INDICATIVE READING:	<b>REQUIRED READING:</b> Varies according to the course topic, theme or issue chosen				
	RECOMMENDED READING: Varies according to the course topic, theme or issue chosen				
INDICATIVE MATERIAL:  (e.g. audiovisual, digital material, etc.)	REQUIRED MATERIAL: Varies according to the course topic, theme or issue chosen				
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COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:	Proper academic written and oral presentation and referencing				
SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:	MS Office , Blackboard CMS				
WWW RESOURCES:	Students are expected to use databases available through the ACG library				
	Other resources vary according to the course to chosen	opic, theme or issue			
INDICATIVE CONTENT:	Varies according to the course topic, theme or issue chosen				
	Possible Topics/ Themes/ Issues include:				
	Total War in Europe				
	Russia and the USSR				
	European Anti-Semitism and the Holocaust				
	America in World Affairs				
	Early Medicine				
	Themes in Environmental History				
	Women in History				
	Travel, Trade and Tourism in the Ancient Mediterranean				

## REVISED Bloom's Taxonomy Action Verbs

Definitions	I. Remembering	II. Understanding	III. Applying	IV. Analyzing	V. Evaluating	VI. Creating
Bloom's Definition	Exhibit memory of previously learned material by recalling facts, terms, basic concepts, and answers.	Demonstrate understanding of facts and ideas by organizing, comparing, translating, interpreting, giving descriptions, and stating main ideas.	Solve problems to new situations by applying acquired knowledge, facts, techniques and rules in a different way.	Examine and break information into parts by identifying motives or causes. Make inferences and find evidence to support generalizations.	Present and defend opinions by making judgments about information, validity of ideas, or quality of work based on a set of criteria.	Compile information together in a different way by combining elements in a new pattern or proposing alternative solutions.
Verbs	Choose Define Find How Label List Match Name Omit Recall Relate Select Show Spell Tell What When Where Which Who Why	Classify Compare Contrast Demonstrate Explain Extend Illustrate Infer Interpret Outline Relate Rephrase Show Translate Translate	Apply     Build     Choose     Construct     Develop     Experiment with     Identify     Interview     Make use of     Model     Organize     Plan     Select     Solve     Utilize	Analyze     Assume     Categorize     Classify     Compare     Conclusion     Contrast     Discover     Dissect     Distinguish     Divide     Examine     Function     Inference     Inspect     List     Motive     Relationships     Simplify     Survey     Take part in     Test for     Theme	Agree     Appraise     Assess     Award     Choose     Compare     Conclude     Criteria     Criticize     Decide     Deduct     Defend     Determine     Disprove     Estimate     Evaluate     Explain     Importance     Influence     Interpret     Judge     Justify     Mark     Measure     Opinion     Perceive     Prioritize     Prove     Rate     Recommend     Rule on     Select     Support     Value	Adapt     Build     Change     Choose     Combine     Compile     Compose     Construct     Create     Delete     Design     Develop     Discuss     Elaborate     Estimate     Formulate     Happen     Imagine     Improve     Invent     Make up     Maximize     Minimize     Modify     Original     Originate     Plan     Predict     Propose     Solution     Solve     Suppose     Test     Theory