

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: The Sound of Memory  
Status: Definitive  
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science  
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ5  
**Credit Value:** 20  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 35  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200  
**Private Study:** 165

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	11
Online	2
Seminar	22

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	2,000 word essay on the methodology and theory of oral history	50	
Essay	AS2	2,000 Reflective analysis of interviews conducted by student.	50	

### Aims

*This module will highlight oral history as a valuable means of understanding the past. It will examine the origins, historiography and methodology of oral history and will feature a strong practical element that covers elements that include ethics, interviewing, transcription and analysis.*

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Evaluate the strengths and weakness of oral testimony as a historical source.
- 2 Be able to marshal information effectively, through the study and discussion of secondary sources have a wide knowledge of key aspects of oral history.
- 3 Undertake and analyse their own oral history interviews.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Essay	1	2	3
Reflective Analysis	1	3	

## Outline Syllabus

*Introduction: What is Oral History?*  
*Historiography*  
*Concepts and ideas*  
*Ethics and copyright*  
*Fieldtrip to Liverpool Central library*  
*Essay workshop*  
*Developing an interview schedule*  
*Conducting and transcribing an interview*  
*Practice interview*  
*Interpreting your material*  
*Conclusion*

## Learning Activities

Lectures, Seminars

## Notes

Oral history is a valuable yet underused resource. This module will play a crucial role in alerting L5 students to the benefits of oral testimony as a primary source and equip them with the knowledge and techniques that they need to collect it and interpret it.