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Title: Victorian Cities
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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Academic Level: FHEQ6
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
Workshop	22

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Portfolio	AS1	Portfolio, 2000 words	50	
Essay	AS2	Essay, 2500 words	50	

Aims

1. To introduce students to the history of the Victorian city.
2. To investigate the themes of class and gender in the Victorian city.

3. To enable students to think critically about and historicise urban identities.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Evaluate key cultural and social histories of urban modernity in nineteenth-century Britain
- 2 Critically analyse secondary and primary sources relating to the Victorian city
- 3 Develop the qualities and transferrable skills necessary to retrieve, present and communicate complex information and argue clearly in oral and a variety of written forms. Students will engage with and assess the critical and primary material concerning gender, class and the Victorian city.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Portfolio, 2000 words	3	
Essay, 2500 words	1	2

Outline Syllabus

Introduction and What is Urban History
Civic Culture and Museums
Urban Governance and Public Health
Slums and Social Investigators
Working-Class Housing
Suburbia and Domestic Ideology
Sex and the City
Urban Crime
Pleasure and Leisure in the City
Urban Religion
Work on Independent Projects

Learning Activities

This module will explore how the Victorians experienced and imagined their cities. The nineteenth century witnessed the rapid transformation of urban centres into densely populated areas. Victorians were both fascinated and repelled by this process. London was not only 'magnificent', in the eyes of American writer Henry James, but also a 'brutal' city, which had 'gathered together so many of the darkest sides of life'.

Notes

This module will introduce you to some of the most vibrant debates in British history and urban history. We will explore the Victorian city through a range of sources, including architecture, maps, photographs, novels, letters, diaries, journalism and investigative reports.