Doing History I

HS1007

Value: half unit

**Teaching:**

Taught through weekly lectures and fortnightly follow-up tutorial classes

**Assessment:**

Assessed Coursework Essay (70%) and an Online Quiz (30%)

This course aims to unveil the processes by which primary sources are turned into ‘history’. It will introduce students to a range of primary material used by historians to reconstruct past societies and cultures: from images to legal and administrative records, from oral testimonies to material artefacts. Students will be encouraged to engage with specific examples of written, visual and oral sources and hence to enhance the practical skills needed to do history while reflecting upon the potential for historical study and the limitations of different types of evidence. The course also aims to give students experience in writing essays, discussing the interpretation of primary materials, and develop students' skills of critical analysis.