

## Course details

### Course title

History: History of the Old Bailey

### Course code

Q00017273

### Course date

Start: 07/12/24

End: 07/12/24

### Number of classes

1 sessions

### Timetable

Sat 7th Dec, 14:00 to 17:00

### Branch

Petts Wood and Orpington Branch

### Tutor

Anna Cusack

### Fee range

Free to £10.00

### How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

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## **Venue**

St John's United Reform Church Orpington  
Lynwood Grove  
Orpington  
BR6 0BG

## **Level of study**

Beginners

## **Course overview**

This three hour lecture offers an in-depth examination of the rich history of the Old Bailey in London. It delves into the architectural evolution of the building itself, tracing its development from its early days to its current form. Additionally, the lecture explores the Old Bailey's significant role in the British legal system, highlighting its function in upholding and administering the law throughout the centuries. Attendees will gain a comprehensive understanding of how this iconic courthouse has shaped and been shaped by the legal landscape, reflecting broader societal changes and the pursuit of justice in London and beyond.

## **Course description**

This engaging three hour lecture will introduce students to the fascinating history of the Old Bailey building, an iconic institution in London's legal landscape. The lecture will delve into the architectural evolution of the courthouse, from its origins to its present-day form, showcasing its historical significance and the various transformations it has undergone over the centuries. Students will learn about the many notable figures who have crossed its floors, including famous judges, lawyers, and defendants whose cases have left a lasting impact on the legal system.

In addition to exploring the physical structure of the Old Bailey, the lecture will examine its pivotal role in London's history. The courthouse has been at the center of many significant legal proceedings that have shaped public perceptions of justice and law enforcement. By understanding the Old Bailey's function in upholding and administering the law, students will gain insight into its importance within the broader context of British history.

Through a combination of historical anecdotes, architectural analysis, and discussions of landmark cases, this two-hour lecture will provide a well-rounded perspective on the Old Bailey. Students will appreciate the courthouse not only as a physical building but also as a symbol of the enduring pursuit of justice in London. This brief yet comprehensive session promises to be both educational and engaging, offering a unique glimpse into one of the most important legal institutions in the world.

## What financial support is available?

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## What other support is available?

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