



## Course details

### Course title

History: Intermediate History : Byzantium - the Great Age

### Course code

Q00016037

### Course date

Start: 09/01/25

End: 27/03/25

### Number of classes

12 sessions

### Timetable

Thu 9th Jan, 11:45 to 13:45

Thu 16th Jan, 11:45 to 13:45

Thu 23rd Jan, 11:45 to 13:45

Thu 30th Jan, 11:45 to 13:45

Thu 6th Feb, 11:45 to 13:45

Thu 13th Feb, 11:45 to 13:45

Thu 20th Feb, 11:45 to 13:45

Thu 27th Feb, 11:45 to 13:45

Thu 6th Mar, 11:45 to 13:45

Thu 13th Mar, 11:45 to 13:45

Thu 20th Mar, 11:45 to 13:45

Thu 27th Mar, 11:45 to 13:45

### Tutor

Gary Slator

### Fee range

Free to £88.80

## **How you'll learn**

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes online in video meetings and materials will be provided in our virtual learning environment.

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Online

## **Venue**

Online

## **Qualification name & awarding organisation**

History: Intermediate History : Byzantium - the Great Age ()

## **Level of study**

Intermediate

## **Course overview**

How did the Roman Empire survive the great challenges it faced in the later 8th century? We will examine first of all the impact of the final years of Konstantine V And the implications of his legacy for his dynasty. We will then consider the difficulties faced by Leo IV's failing imperial authority, before looking in greater detail at the emergence of the independent authority of his mother Eirene. Thereafter, we will consider how she was able to focus enough support and influence, ultimately, to be able to overthrow her own son, end usurp the throne for herself.

## **Course description**

This course will look at how the Roman Empire survived the greatest doctrinal crisis in iconoclasm, and then how the Roman state continued to adapt and evolve into the later 8th century despite a series of internal crises. We will examine in greater details the final campaigns of Konstantine V And his efforts to maintain an imperial supremacy, particularly in the Balkans. We will then go on to consider the administration of Leo IV and his victory against the Arabs before going on to consider the difficulties encountered by Konstantine VI When contending with the ambitions of his mother Irene. We will then go on to examine the struggle between the two of them, before considering the important factors as to why Irene was ultimately successful in her efforts to retain power for herself. As a further part of that, we will go on to consider the main factors behind the choice of the Empress to restore the veneration of icons and reverse the previous policy of iconoclasm. Additionally, we will also look at Irene's general policies of government and her affairs both with the East and with the Balkans.

## **What financial support is available?**

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

## **What other support is available?**

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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