

**Module Title:** The Spanish Inquisition

**Module Code:** HSP206

**Credit Value:** 15

**Level:** 5

**Pre-requisite modules:**

### **Content Description**

This course will examine the impact of the Spanish Inquisition on people's lives during the early modern period, when Spain developed into the largest Empire of its time and experienced a dramatic political and economic decline. Focusing on inquisitorial records, the course will explore issues related to authority, belief, gender, and the construction of ethnic and religious identity. It will also look at the inquisitorial methods of trial, torture and punishment, and at ordinary people's attitudes towards truth, accusation and confession.

### **Module Aims**

This course aims to equip students with an understanding of people's lives in early modern Spanish society (1480-1700), drawing on a diversity of primary sources, such as autobiographical accounts and trial records from the Inquisition archives, in English translation.