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# Programme Regulations 2017–18

## History

### BA

**Important document – please read**  
This document contains important  
information that governs your  
registration, assessment and  
programme of study



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### Important information regarding the Programme Regulations

#### About this document

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As a student registered with the University of London you are governed by the current General Regulations and Programme Regulations associated with your programme of study.

These Programme Regulations are designed and developed by Royal Holloway which is responsible for the academic direction of the programme. The regulations take account of any associated arrangements at Royal Holloway. Programme Regulations, together with the [Programme Handbook](#), will provide the detailed rules and guidance for your programme of study. Further information about how to use the Programme Regulations and Programme Handbook can be found in the [Student Guide](#).

In addition to Programme Regulations you will have to abide by the [General Regulations](#). These regulations apply to all students registered for a programme of study with the International Academy and provide the rules governing registration and assessment on all programmes; they also indicate what you may expect on completion of your programme of study and how you may pursue a complaint, should that be necessary. Programme Regulations should be read in conjunction with the General Regulations.

Further information about your programme of study is outlined in the Programme Specification which is available on the relevant Courses page of the website. The Programme Specification gives a broad overview of the structure and content of the programme as well as the learning outcomes students will achieve as they progress.

If you have a query about any of the programme information provided please contact us. You should use the *ask a question* tab in the student portal <https://my.londoninternational.ac.uk>.

#### Terminology

The following language is specific to the History programme:

**Allowed:** the Examiners may, in exceptional circumstances only, return an outcome of 'allowed' without a percentage mark where in their academic judgment they have enough evidence from formally assessed work to be satisfied of a student's performance in a course, but it is their opinion that the student's performance in the examination was compromised by illness and/or other adequately documented cause judged sufficient. A student may be granted a result of 'allowed' in courses to a value of no more than three full courses BA across the degree, and no more than 60 credits in any one Stage.

**Condonable fail:** failure in a course that, for the purpose of progression and classification, we will permit, subject to conditions stated in these regulations.

**Course:** Individual units of the programme are called courses. Each is a self-contained, formally-structured learning experience with a coherent and explicit set of learning outcomes and assessment criteria. Courses on the History programme are worth 15, 30 or 60 credits.

**Stage:** the BA has three stages, 1, 2 and 3. These are significant in that there are rules for progressing from one stage to the next and that Stage Averages are used to determine the classification of your degree.

A [Glossary](#) provides an explanation of other terms used in this document.

Throughout the Programme Regulations, 'we' 'us' and 'our' mean the University of London; 'you' and 'your' mean the student, or where applicable, all students.

### Changes to the History regulations 2017–18

The following changes have been made to the History regulations for 2017-18:

Addition of a new course: *Rome to Renaissance: An Introduction to the Middle Age* [HI1011] (30 credits) has been introduced at Stage 1. It replaces *The birth of western Christendom AD 300-1215* [HI1004] (30 credits) and, as such, the two courses are exclusions, meaning that you cannot take both of them.

Withdrawal of a course: *The birth of western Christendom AD 300-1215* [HI1004] HI1004, will be withdrawn after it has been examined for the final time in May 2019.

The conditions for when a condonable fail will be permitted have been clarified in regulation 6.5.

## 1 Structure of the programme

### Bachelor of Arts

Your effective date of registration affects the options available to you. See [Appendix A](#) for details of the programme structure and course groups.

#### 1.1

The degree consists of 12 courses divided into three Stages which correspond to FHEQ levels as follows:

- **Stage 1 (FHEQ Level 4, 120 credits)** – the equivalent of four full courses consisting of Foundation courses and Gateway courses
- **Stage 2 (FHEQ Level 5, 120 credits)** – four full courses consisting of three Group A courses and one Group B course
- **Stage 3 (FHEQ Level 6, 120 credits)** – the equivalent of four full courses consisting of a combination from Group B, Group C, Group D and Group E courses, subject to your date of registration.

Further information about the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland (FHEQ) is available in:  
<http://www.qaa.ac.uk/en/Publications/Documents/qualifications-frameworks.pdf>

### Changing your choice of course

#### 1.2

If you wish to change your choice of course you must make the request by 30 November in the year that you registered for the course. Additional fees are payable if the request is approved.

#### 1.3

If you are currently registered for one of the Group C double (60 credits) courses and you have yet to attempt the dissertation element then you may exchange the dissertation element of the course (30 credits) for a different course (30 credits) subject to the selection rules. We will not charge you for making this change.

Use the student portal to contact us [my.londoninternational.ac.uk](http://my.londoninternational.ac.uk).

### Code of conduct

#### 1.4

During virtual seminars and during all other on-line contributions, you must observe the code of conduct for on-line behaviour.

The code of conduct for online behaviour is given on the [website](#). It is not compulsory to take part in the online seminars, but we strongly encourage you to do so.

## 2 Registration

### Effective date of registration

#### 2.1

Your effective date of registration will be 30 November in the year that you initially registered. This allows you to sit your first examinations in the following May.

### Individual courses

#### 2.2

There is no provision to register for individual courses of this programme on a stand-alone basis.

## 3 Recognition of prior learning and credit transfer

### Recognition of prior learning

#### 3.1

For the BA in History you may apply for recognition and accreditation of prior learning (APL) for courses to the value of up to 120 credits at Stage 1 (FHEQ Level 4). We will not grant APL for courses at Stages 2 or 3 (FHEQ Levels 5 and 6) of the programme.

See also the rules for recognition of prior learning in the [General Regulations](#), Section 3.

## 4 Assessment for the programme

### Assessment method

#### 4.1

Courses will be assessed by the following methods:

- a) 15 credit courses will be assessed by one two-hour unseen written examination.
- b) 30 credit courses will be assessed by either one three-hour unseen written examination or a dissertation.
- c) 60 credit courses will be assessed by one three hour unseen written examination and a related dissertation of 10,000 words. The written examination and dissertation are equally weighted.

### Dates for examinations

#### 4.2

Written examinations take place in May each year.

See also the rules for taking written examinations in the [General Regulations](#).  
See the [Glossary](#) for the definition of 'examination' and 'written examination'.  
See the website for the [list of examination centres](#).

## 5 Number of attempts permitted at an examination

#### 5.1

The maximum number of attempts permitted at any examination of the BA in History is three.

### 5.2

The mark awarded for a second or third attempt at an examination will not exceed 40% if you have made a second or third attempt at the assessment.

### 5.3

If you receive a 'Fail' on a second or subsequent attempt at an examination then the highest mark that you have achieved will take precedence.

### 5.4

If you receive the result 'Fail' on the final attempt at the assessment for any course then your registration for the degree will cease unless you can still pass enough courses to be classified, subject to the scheme of award, in which case the highest mark achieved in the three attempts for the course may be taken forward for classification purposes.

## 6 Progression within the programme

### 6.1

Within the limits set by the regulations, and the minimum and maximum registration periods, you may decide when to be examined, the number of courses to attempt each year and the order in which courses are examined. You do not have to enter examinations every year.

### 6.2

If you enter examinations in any year you may attempt examinations in a minimum of one half course and maximum of the equivalent of four full courses, excluding re-sits.

Note: Regulations 6.3 and 6.4 only apply to students with an effective date of registration of 30 November 2015 or before. From the 2018-19 academic year regulations 6.5, 6.6, 6.7 and 6.8 apply to all students.

### 6.3

In order to progress to Stage 2 (Level 5), you must have passed, been granted APL or been allowed in the equivalent of at least three full Stage 1 (Level 4) courses.

### 6.4

In order to progress to Stage 3 (Level 6), you must have attempted any remaining Stage 1 (Level 4) courses and must have passed or been allowed in at least three Stage 2 (Level 5) courses.

Note: Regulations 6.5, 6.6, 6.7 and 6.8 apply only to students with an effective date of registration of 30 November 2016 or later, and will take effect for all students from the 2018-19 academic year.

### Condonable fail

### 6.5

If you have achieved an average for the Stage of at least 40%, then a "Condonable fail" may be awarded

(a) for marks of 30%-39% for a maximum of 30 credits to progress from Stage 1;

(b) for marks of 30%-39% for a maximum of 30 cumulative credits across Stage 1 and Stage 2 to progress to Stage 3.

(c) for marks of 0%-39% for a maximum of 30 credits from Stage 3.

### 6.6

If you have achieved a “Condonable fail” then you may choose to retake the course. The normal rules will apply regarding the maximum number of attempts and the mark for retaken examinations being capped at 40%.

### 6.7

#### Progression from Stage 1 to Stage 2

Progression from Stage 1 to Stage 2 will require either:

- (a) passes and APL to the value of 120 credits; or
- (b) passes and APL to the value of 90-105 credits and a “Condonable fail” in the remaining credits.

### 6.8

#### Progression from Stage 2 to Stage 3

Progression from Stage 2 to Stage 3 will require either:

- (a) passes and APL to the value of 240 cumulative credits from Stage 1 and Stage 2; or
- (b) passes and APL to the value of 210-225 cumulative credits from Stage 1 and Stage 2 and a “Condonable fail” in the remaining credits.

## 7 Scheme of award

### 7.1

To achieve a pass in the written examination for a course, you must get 40% or above in the assessment concerned. If you fail and subsequently pass an assessment at re-entry you will not receive a mark greater than 40% for that course.

### 7.2

A final average mark will be calculated from the marks obtained in Stage 2 (Level 5) and Stage 3 (Level 6), weighted in the ratio 1:2. Marks obtained in Stage 1 (Level 4) will not contribute towards the final average. In addition, accreditation of prior learning and results of ‘allowed’ will not count towards the final classification.

### 7.3

Degree classification will be determined by the following scale:

Final average	Classification
70% or above	First Class Honours
60% - 69%	Second Class Honours (Upper Division)
50% - 59%	Second Class Honours (Lower Division)
40% - 49%	Third Class Honours
35% - 39%	Pass without Honours

### 7.4

Your degree classification will be raised into the next class if:

- a) your final average falls 2% or less below one of the classification boundaries given above and
- b) marks from courses to the value of at least 60 credits at Stage 3 (Level 6) are in or above the higher class.

See [Appendix C](#) for information on how to achieve a particular mark.

### To be eligible for the award

Regulation 7.5 applies to students with an effective date of registration of 30 November 2015 or before. From the 2018-19 academic year regulation 7.6 applies to all students.

#### 7.5

To be eligible for the award of the BA in History, you must:

- a) have attempted the assessment for courses to the value of 360 credits (this total may include APL) and
- b) have passed, been allowed or been granted APL in courses to the value of 270 credits, at least 90 credits of which must be from Stage 3 (Level 6) and gain a final average of 35.00% or above.

A student who has reached this stage will not be permitted to make any further attempts at any failed courses or to substitute any failed units with alternative courses.

Regulation 7.6 applies to students with an effective date of registration of 30 November 2016 or later and will apply to all students from the 2018-19 academic year.

#### 7.6

To be eligible for the award of the BA in History you must:

- a) have attempted the assessments in a total of 360 credits (the equivalent of 12 full courses) and
- b) have passed courses to the value of at least 300 credits and
- c) have passed at least 90 credits in Stage 3 (Level 6) and
- d) have no more than 60 credits as “Condonable fails” overall, giving a cumulative total of at least 300 credits.

### Exit awards

#### 7.7

The Certificate and Diploma of Higher Education in History are classified on a Pass/Fail basis, are made at the discretion of the Board of Examiners and are subject to the Board being satisfied that the award represents a coherent programme of study.

#### 7.8

All assessments for exit awards are marked and graded according to the assessment criteria for the degree in History.

#### 7.9

If we award you the Certificate or Diploma of Higher Education in History you may not subsequently be awarded the BA in History.

### **Certificate of Higher Education in History**

#### **7.10**

We may award the Certificate of Higher Education in History as an exit award if you do not complete Stage 2 (Level 5) of the programme, but do pass or are allowed in courses to the value of at least 120 credits, including at least 90 credits at Stage 1 (Level 4) or above.

### **Diploma of Higher Education in History**

#### **7.11**

We may award the Diploma in Higher Education in History as an exit award if you do not complete Stage 3 (Level 6) of the programme, but do pass or are allowed in courses to the value of at least 120 credits at Stage 2 (Level 5) or above and at least 90 credits at Stage 1 (Level 4).

## Appendix A – Structure of the programme

### BA in History

#### Stage 1 (Level 4)

If you registered in 2015 or before, to complete Stage 1, you can take either two 15 credit Foundation courses and three 30 credit Gateway courses, or four 15 credit Foundation courses and two 30 credit Gateway courses.

If you registered in 2016 or after, to complete Stage 1, you must take four mandatory 15 credit Foundation courses and two 30 credit Gateway courses from a selection.

After the examinations in 2018, all students will be required to complete Stage 1 with the same structure as those students registering from 2016.

HI1004 *The birth of western Christendom AD 300-1215* and HI1011 *Rome to Renaissance: An Introduction to the Middle Ages* are exclusions: you may register for one or the other of them, or neither, but not both.

HI1004 *The birth of western Christendom AD 300-1215*, will be examined for the final time, be it a first attempt or a resit, in May 2019.

#### **Foundation courses (15 credits each)**

History and meanings [HI1002]

State, society and the individual in the non-western world [HI1003]

British social and economic history 1945-97 [HI1008]

The camera never lies: film, photography and history in the twentieth century [HI1010]

#### **Gateway courses (30 credits each)**

The birth of western Christendom AD 300-1215 [HI1004]

Republics, kings and people: the foundations of modern political culture [HI1006]

The rich tapestry of life: A social and cultural history of Europe c.1500 – 1780 [HI1007]

Conflict and identity in modern Europe, c.1770-2000 [HI1009]

Rome to Renaissance: An Introduction to the Middle Ages [HI1011]

#### Stage 2 (Level 5)

**Three Group A courses and one Group B course chosen from:**

#### **Group A courses (30 credits each)**

From nation state to multiple monarchy: British history, 1485-1649 [HI2008]

British history 1770-1990 [HI2009]

Modern times: international economic history c.1901-1990 [HI2011]

Twentieth century world history [HI2012]

US history since 1877 [HI2013]

#### **Group B courses (30 credit each)**

The Crusades and the eastern Mediterranean 1095-1291 [HI3012]

Experience, culture and identity: women's lives in England 1688-c.1850 [HI3013]

Ethnicity, identity and citizenship in modern British life [HI3014]

Modern political ideas [HI3015]

### Stage 3 (Level 6)

The options available at Stage 3 depend on whether you registered in or before 2015, or in 2016 and after. After the examinations in 2018, all students will be required to complete Stage 3 with the same structure as those students registering from 2016.

**If you registered in 2015 or before** you take 120 credits at Stage 3 according to these rules:

**Up to two Group B courses (each worth 30 credits) (minimum of 0, maximum of 2)**

The Crusades and the eastern Mediterranean 1095-1291 (Examination) [HI3012]

Experience, culture and identity: women's lives in England 1688-c.1850 (Examination) [HI3013]

Ethnicity, identity and citizenship in modern British life (Examination) [HI3014]

Modern political ideas (Examination) [HI3015]

**Up to one Group C course (each worth 60 credits) (minimum of 0, maximum of 1) where if you take a Group C course you cannot take a Group D course.**

Blasphemy, irreligion and the English Enlightenment 1650-1720 (Dissertation and Examination) [HI3016-02]

Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement in the USA (Dissertation and Examination) [HI3018-02]

Politics and society in Palestine from c.1900 to 1948 (Dissertation and Examination) [HI3019-20]

The clash of powers and cultures: Sino-American relations during the Cold War (Dissertation and Examination) [HI3020-02]

**Up to one Group D course (each worth 30 credits) (minimum of 0, maximum of 1) where if you take a Group D course you cannot take a Group C course and you must also take the corresponding subject Group E course.**

Blasphemy, irreligion and the English Enlightenment 1650-1720 (Dissertation) [HI3016-03]

Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement in the USA (Dissertation) [HI3018-03]

Politics and society in Palestine from c.1900 to 1948 (Dissertation) [HI3019-03]

The clash of powers and cultures: Sino-American relations during the Cold War (Dissertation) [HI3020-03]

**Up to three Group E courses (each worth 30 credits) (minimum of 0, maximum of 3)**

Blasphemy, irreligion and the English Enlightenment 1650-1720 (Examination) [HI3016-04]

Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement in the USA (Examination) [HI3018-04]

Politics and society in Palestine from c.1900 to 1948 (Examination) [HI3019-04]

The clash of powers and cultures: Sino-American relations during the Cold War (Examination) [HI3020-04]

**If you registered in 2016 or after** you take 120 credits at Stage 3 according to these rules

**Up to two Group B courses (each worth 30 credits) (minimum of 0, maximum of 2)**

The Crusades and the eastern Mediterranean 1095-1291 (Examination) [HI3012]

Experience, culture and identity: women's lives in England 1688-c.1850 (Examination) [HI3013]

Ethnicity, identity and citizenship in modern British life (Examination) [HI3014]

Modern political ideas (Examination) [HI3015]

**Up to one Group D course (each worth 30 credits) (minimum of 0, maximum of 1) where if you take a Group D course you must also take the corresponding subject Group E course.**

Blasphemy, irreligion and the English Enlightenment 1650-1720 (Dissertation) [HI3016-03]

Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement in the USA (Dissertation) [HI3018-03]

Politics and society in Palestine from c.1900 to 1948 (Dissertation) [HI3019-03]

The clash of powers and cultures: Sino-American relations during the Cold War (Dissertation) [HI3020-03]

**Between one and three Group E courses (minimum of 1, maximum of 3)**

Blasphemy, irreligion and the English Enlightenment 1650-1720 (Examination) [HI3016-04]

Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement in the USA (Examination) [HI3018-04]

Politics and society in Palestine from c.1900 to 1948 (Examination) [HI3019-04]

The clash of powers and cultures: Sino-American relations during the Cold War (Examination) [HI3020-04]

## Appendix B – Course descriptions

### Stage 1 courses (Level 4)

#### Foundation half courses

##### **History and meanings [HI1002] (15 credits)**

This course looks at how the understanding of historical time has developed in different societies, and how the interpretation and writing of history has evolved over the centuries.

Assessment: one two-hour unseen written examination

##### **State, society and the individual in the non-western world [HI1003] (15 credits)**

This course looks at changes and continuities in the social framework and fundamental concepts of the non-western world during the 19th and 20th centuries. It focuses particularly on five main areas: the modernisation of the state; the re-ordering of society; the role of religion; the nature of the family and the role of women; the development of individualism.

Assessment: one two-hour unseen written examination

##### **British social and economic history 1945-97 [HI1008] (15 credits)**

This half-unit will consider aspects of British Social and Economic History 1945-97, and the focus will be on the basics necessary to help students understand the nature and workings of economies at the national level, and formation of economic and social policy by governments. This will be done through consideration of some of the recurring themes in modern economic and social history - growth, labour supply, overseas trade and national accounting. The course will also introduce students to aspects of social science and quantitative methods they may not have come across before, which are particularly relevant to twentieth century history. A range of different authors and approaches within the field of economic and social history will be used to achieve this, to broaden students' understanding of the interaction between economic and social policy and the well-being of the nation.

Assessment: one two-hour unseen written examination

##### **The camera never lies: film, photography and history in the twentieth century [HI1010] (15 credits)**

The course draws on a rich source of online material and videos to consider the use of photographs as a source for the writing of history in the twentieth century. It will also investigate how images and photographs have been interpreted by historians.

A problem during the twentieth century has been the issue of image manipulation, in the context of contemporary use, and the problems this creates for the historian. The most obvious example of this relates to Joseph Stalin in the 1930s and 1940s. However, the rise of digital photography has generated its own problems. As well as still images, we will review the place of the historically-themed film and documentaries in what the public considers as history. The course will look at the strengths and limitations of film as a way of conveying a historical message; and how films contemporary to historical events can be used for historical research and the teaching of history.

Assessment: one two-hour unseen written examination

## Gateway full courses

### **The birth of western Christendom AD 300-1215 [HI1004] (30 credits)**

This course looks at the inter-relation of church, society and government in a key period of the evolution of Europe. The main themes are: the formation of the Christian Roman Empire; the place of the Church in the new era of the early-medieval successor states; the role of Christianity in the transmission of culture; the empire of Charlemagne; the challenge to Christian Europe from the Vikings; the nature of kingly authority; and the revival of learning and literacy in the Twelfth-Century Renaissance.

Assessment: one three-hour unseen written examination

Exclusion: *The birth of western Christendom AD 300-1215 [HI1004]* and *Rome to Renaissance: An Introduction to the Middle Ages [HI1011]* are exclusions which means that you can register one or the other of them, or neither of them, but not both.

Withdrawal: this course is on notice of withdrawal. You can register for it for the last time in 2018-19 and it will be examined for the final time, be it a first attempt or a resit, in May 2019.

### **Rome to Renaissance: An Introduction to the Middle Ages [HI1011] (30 credits)**

This course provides an introduction to the middle ages. Topics to be studied include: late antiquity and the end of the Roman Empire; the Barbarians, early medieval papacy; the Arab conquest of Spain; Charlemagne and the Carolingian Empire; monasticism, missionaries and Christianity in early medieval Europe; the Vikings; Alfred the Great; feudalism and the evolution of Kingship; 1066 and the Norman conquest; medieval architecture and literature; the reformed papacy and the investiture controversy; the crusades; spiritual and material renewal in the long twelfth century; Jews and dissenters; King John and Magna Carta; the Hundred Years War; the Black Death; the Reconquista; and the late medieval papacy from Avignon to the Reformation.

Assessment: one three-hour unseen written examination

Exclusion: *Rome to Renaissance: An Introduction to the Middle Ages [HI1011]* and *The birth of western Christendom AD 300-1215 [HI1004]* are exclusions which means that you can register one or the other of them, or neither of them, but not both.

### **Republics, kings and people: the foundations of modern political culture [HI1006] (30 credits)**

This course investigates the origins of our ideas about human rights and duties, revolution and democracy, consent and liberty, etc. A number of key writings are studied: ranging from Plato and Aristotle in the ancient world to Machiavelli, More, Hobbes, Locke and the Enlightenment in the transition from the early modern to the modern world. Analysis of the development of fundamental ideas about politics and society through these examples sharpens the mind and throws light upon the present in the perspective of the past.

Assessment: one three-hour unseen written examination

### **The rich tapestry of life: A social and cultural history of Europe. C1500 – 1780 [HI1007] (30 credits)**

This course aims to direct students to some of the most exciting writing in the recent social history of early modern Europe; to introduce students, week by week, to analytic concepts (space, gender, status, identity, etc.); and to familiarise students with primary source material. Topics covered will include masculinity, femininity, sexuality, violence, poverty, life and death, body and mind. The unit does not purport to provide a complete coverage of social history in the period, nor indeed of European history between 1500 and 1800, and it draws on material from both Continental Europe and England

Assessment: one three-hour unseen written examination

### **Conflict and identity in modern Europe, c.1770-2000 [HI1009] (30 credits)**

This course highlights a range of major themes in (predominantly) European history from the French Revolution to the fall of the Berlin Wall. In studying specific events and developments students will also be introduced to more general concepts like revolution, constitutionalism, liberalism, nationalism, industrialisation, socialism, communism, fascism, parliamentary democracy and welfare state. Exposure to different historical methods and conflicting interpretations will help students to hone their own analytical skills.

Assessment: one three-hour unseen written examination

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## **Stage 2 courses (Level 5)**

### **Group A full courses**

#### **From nation state to multiple monarchy: British history, 1485-1649 [HI2008] (30 credits)**

This course aims to provide a survey, largely political and religious, of the history of England from the accession of Henry VII to the execution of Charles I. Focusing mostly on England in the 15th and 16th centuries, it broadens to include Scotland after the Union of the Crowns in 1603. Wales and Ireland are also discussed where relevant to the main narrative. The principal themes considered are the political changes wrought by the successive dynasties of Tudors and Stuarts, and the opposition they aroused; the chronology and pattern of religious developments with the coming of the Reformation; the accession of James VI of Scotland to the English throne and its consequences; the impact of demographic, agrarian and commercial developments; the origins, outbreak and course of the 'British civil wars', concluding with the execution of the king and the abolition of the House of Lords.

Assessment: one three-hour unseen written examination

#### **British history 1770-1990 [HI2009] (30 credits)**

Is Britain a class-ridden society? Why does Britain still have its royal family? Is Britain culturally closer to Europe or to America? Could Britain's decline after 1945 have been averted? This unit is essential for anyone wishing to understand the political, social and cultural make-up of modern Britain. It offers a broad survey of modern British history, from the reign of King George III through to the fall of Mrs Thatcher in 1990, through the prism of five underlying themes: politics, society, culture, gender and national identities. In doing so it seeks to guide students through the formative events of modern British history, and introduce them to the main historical controversies and debates. Among topics covered are British reactions to the French Revolution, Victoria and the re-invention of the British monarchy, the rise (and fall?) of the Labour party, the Irish question, Appeasement in the 1930s, the impact of two world wars on twentieth-century Britain, and the legacy of the 'Swinging Sixties'. Take this unit to learn why the future Napoleon III served as a British police constable in 1848, to discover which Victorian Premier roamed the streets at night to carry out 'rescue-work' with prostitutes, to understand who or what a 'flapper' was, and to find out why feminist activists lobbed flour-bombs at Bob Hope in 1970. Or simply take this unit to be better able to understand the complexities of the society in which we live today.

Assessment: one three-hour unseen written examination

#### **Modern times: international economic history c.1901-1990 [HI2011] (30 credits)**

This course covers the economic developments affecting the UK and the wider world in the twentieth century. The first term is devoted to the UK; topics covered include the Edwardian period and the First World War; the long post-1945 boom; the problems of the 1970s and 1980s; and the Major and Blair years. The second term covers the same period, but extends the discussion to cover the wider developments in the world economy, with particular reference to the ending of free

trade and the rise of economic protection in the 1930s, and the factors making for the reconstruction and revival of the world economy since 1945, culminating in the recent performance and problems affecting the world economy since the 1980s.

Assessment: one three-hour unseen written examination

### **Twentieth century world history [HI2012] (30 credits)**

This course can be considered in two parts. The first part looks at the major political developments that took place in different parts of Asia during the twentieth century, focusing on China, Japan, Southeast Asia and South Asia. It explores the impact of imperialism, nationalism, decolonisation, and independence in order to understand the resurgence of Asian nations by the end of the 1990s. The second part looks at the history of the non-western twentieth-century world from the vantage point of developments in the Middle East, Africa and Latin America. From empire-building to decolonization and revolution in the Middle East, to intersections between politics and race in Southern Africa, to radical movements and US intervention in Latin America, much of what it explores complements the first part of the course by making sense of political developments in other continents where the long term trends were both similar but, in some ways, noticeably different.

Assessment: one three-hour unseen written examination

### **US history since 1877 [HI2013] (30 credits)**

This course offers an overview of US history since 1877. It examines the social, cultural, economic and political contours of that history, incorporating topics such as westward expansion, industrialisation and urbanization, the progressive era, the First World War, the Great Depression and the New Deal, the Second World War, the Cold War, domestic developments in the 1960s and 1970s, and the rise of the New Right in the 1980s. It concludes with a contemporary examination of US foreign and domestic policy. Particular attention is given to the shaping experiences of race, ethnicity, gender and class in the American experience.

Assessment: one three-hour unseen written examination

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## **Stages 2 and 3 courses (Level 6)**

### **Group B full courses**

#### **The Crusades and the eastern Mediterranean 1095-1291 [HI3012] (30 credits)**

The triumph of the First Crusade (1099) resulted in the establishment of a Latin Christian community in the Levant for almost two hundred years. This unit is primarily concerned to examine how the settlers maintained their hold on a region which was spiritually, economically and politically important to the Byzantine empire and the Muslim world as well. The reaction of these groups to the crusades and the development of their relationship with the settlers is an integral part of the subject. The 'jihad' became the channel for Muslim opposition and the Latins discovered that their own resources were insufficient to meet this threat and they appealed for help to Western Europe. The response and the consequences of this reaction for settlers' tenure of the Holy Land will be analysed. The Frankish way of life will be studied; its institutions, the economic position of the Christian settlements; the role of women, and whether the Latin states represent an early form of western colonialism will be discussed. The preaching and preparation of crusading expeditions, the evolution of the crusading idea, crusading warfare and criticism of crusading will also be studied. The unit will utilize a variety of primary material from European, Byzantine, Muslim and Syriac sources in translation.

Assessment: one three-hour unseen written examination

#### **Experience, culture and identity: women's lives in England 1688-c.1850 [HI3013] (30 credits)**

This course examines the mental and material world of English women in a period of rapid social, economic and cultural transformation. It exploits the wealth of secondary literature which has appeared on the subject in recent years, and evaluates the dominant interpretations of continuity and change in women's history. Attention focuses on the diversity of roles women played, the changing scope of female experience, and the different languages available to articulate that experience. Topics covered include: Love and Marriage, Sexuality, Masculinity, Divorce, Motherhood, Work, Consumerism, Material Culture, Print, Polite Culture, Feminism, Politics and Religion. Students will be encouraged to engage critically with the categories, modes of explanation and chronology of recent women's history.

Assessment: one three-hour unseen written examination

### **Ethnicity, identity and citizenship in modern British life [HI3014] (30 credits)**

This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the history and functioning of multi-ethnic Britain. It covers the history of immigration and settlement of minorities and explores contemporary issues which concern Black and Asian groups. Students will re-examine their own identity to understand immigrant experience and ethnic conflict. The ways in which racism and ethnicity have affected Britain and the effectiveness of public policy are covered. Ethnic groups' reaction to British society is considered.

Assessment: one three-hour unseen written examination

### **Modern political ideas [HI3015] (30 credits)**

The course examines the main currents of political thought in Modern European and World History from Rousseau to the present, e.g. *The Eighteenth Century and the French Revolution*; Commercial society and its enemies (Hume, Smith, Rousseau); the French Revolution (Paine, Wollstonecraft); reactions to the revolution (Hegel); *The Nineteenth Century*, Early socialism (Owen, Fourier, Saint Simon); Tocqueville and the American model; Marx and communism; Mill and liberalism; Nietzsche and modernity; Bakunin and anarchism; *The Twentieth Century* - Anti-imperialist theorists (Fanon, Gandhi); Orwell and dystopia; green political theory.

Assessment: one three-hour unseen written examination

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## **Stage 3 courses (Level 6)**

### **Blasphemy, irreligion and the English Enlightenment 1620-1720 (Dissertation and examination) [HI3016-02]\* (60 credits)**

### **Blasphemy, irreligion and the English Enlightenment 1620-1720 (Dissertation) [HI3016-03] (30 credits)**

### **Blasphemy, irreligion and the English Enlightenment 1620-1720 (Examination) [HI3016-04] (30 credits)**

This course examines the intellectual and political consequences of the radical ferment (both popular and philosophical) of ideas spawned in the English Revolution of the 1650s. The unit texts include clandestine manuscripts, like the subversive 'Treatise of Three Imposters' which argued that Moses, Mahomet and Christ were all religious frauds, and printed works by critics like James Harrington, Thomas Hobbes and Charles Blount. The primary objective will be to study the anticlerical, heterodox and openly irreligious components of the Republican attack upon Christianity. The second line of enquiry will explore how the attack on Christianity of the 1650s developed into a systematic rejection of all revealed religion in the later 17th century. Attention focuses upon arguments that set out to destroy the authority of the priesthood and to reject the authenticity of the Bible, as well as their accounts of 'other religions' like Islam and Judaism which were used to criticise Christianity.

Assessment: depending on the option chosen, assessment will either be i) one three-hour unseen written examination, or ii) one dissertation of up to 10,000 words, or iii) one three-hour unseen written examination and one dissertation of up to 10,000 words.

\*Note that the Group C double courses, which are assessed by a combination of a dissertation and an examination, are being withdrawn. Only students with an effective date of registration of 30 November 2015 or before may register for them. They will be examined in this format for the last time in 2018.

### **Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement in the USA (Dissertation and examination HI3018-02)\* [HI3018-02] (60 credits)**

#### **Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement in the USA (Dissertation) [HI3018-03] (30 credits)**

#### **Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement in the USA (Examination) [HI3018-04] (30 credits)**

“Martin didn’t make the movement, the movement made Martin”, noted veteran civil rights activist Ella Baker. Baker’s perceptive comment goes to the very heart of contemporary historiographical debates. On the one hand, scholars have increasingly viewed the mass black movement for civil rights in the United States between the 1940s and 1970s as a grassroots phenomenon that was rooted in local communities and based upon local leadership and local needs. On the other hand, scholars still emphasize the vital national leadership role played by Martin Luther King, in the black struggle, particularly from the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott to King’s assassination at Memphis, Tennessee, in 1968. This unit looks at both strands of this scholarship and seeks to assess the dynamics of the movement at both local and national levels, and examine the tensions that often existed between them, by using a wide range of written, spoken and visual sources.

Assessment: depending on the option chosen, assessment will either be i) one three-hour unseen written examination, or ii) one dissertation of up to 10,000 words, or iii) one three-hour unseen written examination and one dissertation of up to 10,000 words.

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### **Politics and society in Palestine from c1900 to 1948 (Dissertation and examination) [HI3019-02]\* (60 credits)**

#### **Politics and society in Palestine from c1900 to 1948 (Dissertation) [HI3019-03] (30 credits)**

#### **Politics and society in Palestine from c1900 to 1948 (Examination) [HI3019-04] (30 credits)**

This course looks at the interaction of politics and society in Palestine from the late Ottoman period until the establishment of the state of Israel. What was the impact of the politics of the West upon society in Palestine in the late Ottoman period? How did different social and religious groups react? What were the different interpretations of Zionism? What can we learn from the documents about them? Another theme we examine from study of the texts is the struggle of the British to control the situation and build a state in Palestine. How did the Arabs respond? We look at the forms of modern organisation and ideology they used and the problems of Arab identity and nationalism at both the local and regional level. Texts written by both Arab and Jewish women are examined to compare their role in political and social developments. The changes generated by the World Wars are a further theme, and include the debate on the impact of terrorism, as well as the effect of the growing involvement of America.

Assessment: depending on the option chosen, assess will either be i) one three-hour unseen written examination, ii) one dissertation of up to 10,000 words, or iii) one three-hour unseen written examination and one dissertation of up to 10,000 words.

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**The clash of powers and cultures: Sino-American relations during the Cold War (Dissertation and examination) [HI3020-02]\* (60 credits)**

**The clash of powers and cultures: Sino-American relations during the Cold War (Dissertation) [HI3020-03] (30 credits)**

**The clash of powers and cultures: Sino-American relations during the Cold War (Examination) [HI3020-04] (30 credits)**

This course examines the ups and downs in Sino-American relations during the Cold War. It looks at how and why Communist China and the United States were transformed from hostile enemies in the 1950s and early 1960s into tacit allies by the late 1970s. Events to be covered include their direct and indirect confrontations over Korea, Taiwan, and Vietnam; the role of the Soviet Union in their changing relationship; and their divergent policies towards such issues as Third World revolutions, nuclear weapons, and international trade. At a thematic level, the course will consider how ideology, personalities, domestic considerations, cultural stereotypes, and alliance politics influenced their respective policies and the dynamics of their interactions. Students are expected to approach the subject not only from the American perspective but also from the Chinese one, by exploring both Western and Chinese (translated into English) primary sources, such as diplomatic documents, memoirs, public speeches, newspapers, and political cartoons. By placing Sino-American relations in the wider domestic and international contexts, this course will enhance our understanding of how the two great powers – and two different cultures – shaped, and were shaped by, the global Cold War.

Assessment: depending on the option chosen, assess will either be i) one three-hour unseen written examination, ii) one dissertation of up to 10,000 words, or iii) one three-hour unseen written examination and one dissertation of up to 10,000 words.

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## Appendix C - Assessment criteria

### 85%+ High First Class

- Demonstrates deep understanding and near comprehensive knowledge of the subject, and shows significant originality in interpretation or analysis of the question.
- Has a coherent structure, demonstrating excellent critical synthesis of secondary materials, and may show significant innovation in its organisational form.
- Shows overwhelming evidence of in-depth reading, with clear indications of substantial independent reading beyond limits of reading lists and exceptionally intensive, detailed and critical reading of recommended texts.
- Is excellently presented, with referencing and bibliography of standard of publishable journal article in subject area.
- Has an incisive and fluent style, with no or very minor errors of spelling, punctuation or grammar.
- Where appropriate, a high first class essay will demonstrate high levels of ability in the analysis of quantitative or qualitative information.
- A high first coursework essay will usually be worthy of retention for future reference in research or teaching.

### 70–84% First Class

- Demonstrates deep understanding and detailed knowledge of the subject, and may show some originality in interpretation or analysis of the question.
- Has a coherent structure, demonstrating excellent critical synthesis of secondary materials, and may show some innovation in its organisational form.
- Shows significant evidence of in-depth reading, with clear indications of either independent reading beyond limits of reading lists or intensive, detailed and critical reading of prescribed readings.
- Is excellently presented, with referencing and bibliography close to standard of publishable journal article in subject area.
- Has an incisive and fluent style, with no significant errors of spelling, punctuation or grammar.
- Where appropriate, a first class essay will demonstrate high levels of ability in the analysis of quantitative or qualitative information.

### 60–69% Upper Second Class

- Demonstrates a clear understanding and wide-ranging knowledge of the subject, with a direct focus on question.
- Has a coherent structure, demonstrating good critical synthesis of secondary materials.
- Shows clear evidence of in-depth reading, with substantial coverage of recommended texts.
- Is well presented, with detailed referencing in an acceptable style and a properly formatted bibliography.
- Has a fluent style, with few errors of spelling, punctuation or grammar.

- Where appropriate, an upper second class essay will demonstrate generally effective and appropriate analysis of quantitative or qualitative information.

### **50–59% Lower Second Class**

- Demonstrates a basic understanding and knowledge of the subject, with a focus on question.
- Has an adequate structure, usually drawing heavily on lectures or other direct teaching.
- Shows evidence of limited further reading, with some coverage of recommended texts.
- Is adequately presented, with some referencing of sources and a short bibliography.
- Has a straightforward style, and may include some errors of spelling, punctuation or grammar.
- Where appropriate, a lower second class essay will demonstrate familiarity with appropriate analysis of quantitative or qualitative information; there may, however, be some significant errors in the process of analysis.

### **43–49% Third Class**

- Demonstrates some general understanding and knowledge of the subject, but will also show some weaknesses in detailed understanding or in its range of knowledge. There may be evidence of a lack of clear focus on the wording of the question.
- Has a simple structure, usually drawing exclusively on lectures or other direct teaching.
- Shows no or very limited evidence of further reading.
- Has a significant weakness in presentation, with little or no referencing of sources, and an inadequate or absent bibliography.
- Has a simple style, with significant errors of spelling, punctuation or grammar.
- Where appropriate, a third class essay will demonstrate some very general familiarity with appropriate analysis of quantitative or qualitative information; there will, however, be significant errors in the process of analysis.

### **40–43% Low Third Class**

- Demonstrates limited general understanding of the subject, but will demonstrate significant weaknesses in detailed understanding. The coverage of the essay is likely to be sketchy, with some significant errors in factual details. There may be evidence of a lack of clear focus on the wording of the question.
- Has a sketchy structure, usually drawing exclusively on lectures or other direct teaching, but with significant weaknesses.
- Shows no evidence of further reading.
- Is poorly presented, with little or no referencing of sources, and an inadequate or absent bibliography.
- Has a sketchy style, and with significant errors of spelling, punctuation or grammar.
- Where appropriate, a marginal pass will demonstrate a bare familiarity with appropriate analysis of quantitative or qualitative information; there will, however, be substantial errors in the process of analysis.

### 31–39% Marginal Fail

- Demonstrates no understanding of the subject, and fails to address the question in any meaningful way. Information supplied is largely erroneous or has little or no relevance to the question.
- Has an inadequate structure, with no sense of a logical argument.
- Shows no evidence of further reading.
- Is poorly presented, with no referencing of sources and an inadequate or absent bibliography.
- Has an inadequate style, with significant errors of spelling, punctuation or grammar.
- Where appropriate, a marginal failure will show significant error and confusion over the appropriate analysis of quantitative or qualitative information; where some analytical work is attempted, it is likely to be incomplete and erroneous.
- An essay which fulfils most criteria for second class work or better, but which totally misunderstands the question, or seems to be answering a distinctly different

### 1–30% Clear Fail

- Demonstrates no understanding of the subject, and fails to address the question in any meaningful way. Information supplied is erroneous or has no relevance to the question.
- Has an incomplete, fragmentary or chaotic structure, with no sense of a logical argument.
- Shows no evidence of further reading.
- Is poorly presented, with no referencing of sources, and an inadequate or absent bibliography.
- Has an inadequate style, with substantial errors of spelling, punctuation or grammar.
- Where appropriate, a clear failure will show complete inability to analyse quantitative or qualitative information.

### 0%

- This mark is usually reserved for essays that do not make any serious attempt to answer the question.
- It may also be used for exam offences such as unsanctioned late submission or plagiarism, in line with departmental and College procedures.