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## HISTORY

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At Manchester, we are proud of our long tradition of developing the way that history is taught, such as pioneering the study of economic history and introducing the third-year research-based thesis, approaches which have since been copied by universities around the world. Our innovative approach and high standards continue today.

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## HISTORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER



In the 2015 National Student Survey 100% of BA Modern History with Economics students, 100% of BA History and American Studies, and 96% of BA History students said that they were satisfied with the quality of their course.



At any one time, there are about 750 undergraduates taking History, enjoying a learning experience of the highest quality.



Ranked in the top ten UK History departments in the QS World University Rankings 2016, we have a global reputation, with over 30 full-time academic staff delivering a broad range of courses spanning a wide breadth of chronological periods and geographical areas.

## WHY MANCHESTER?



A breadth of specialisms and diverse course content – course units currently include Refugees in Modern World History and Gender and Sexuality in Modern Africa.



Cutting-edge course content and innovative use of e-learning and online resources to support learning.



Opportunity to get involved in a breadth of extracurricular activities – from playing a role in the Manchester Histories Festival to contributing to our society-run student magazine the Manchester Historian.



The city of Manchester offers unique opportunities to explore archive material – from The Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Archive to the holdings of Chetham's Library, the oldest public library in the English-speaking world.



Gain exclusive access to the internationally significant holdings of University-owned cultural institutions, including The John Rylands Library – home to key collections such as the Women's Suffrage Movement Archive, important papers of prominent scientists and academics, and collections in military, diplomatic, and colonial history.

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# HISTORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

Our courses cover almost all of human history, including British, European, American, Asian and African history, and range from the classical era (Greece and Rome), through the medieval and modern periods, to the late 20th century. We offer a wide variety of approaches to history, from political and economic history, to gender, social, cultural, and colonial history.

Manchester itself is a living history book, from Peterloo to the anti-slavery movement, from Roman forts to medieval monuments. As a student in this historically rich city, you'll have the opportunity to draw on the abundant library, archive and museum holdings of the local area, including Chetham's Library, The Museum of Science and Industry, The People's History Museum and the Working-Class Movement Library. You'll also have access to one of only five National Research Libraries, including the special collections of The John Rylands Library, as well as the exclusive holdings of Manchester Museum.

Our cutting-edge course content is directly informed by our world-leading research. The 2014 Research Excellence Framework (a UK-wide benchmark for research excellence) ranked History at Manchester 4th in the UK for the quality of our research outputs. 82% of our overall research activity was recognised as 'world leading' (4\*) or 'internationally excellent' (3\*). This world-leading research will directly inform your studies.

As a student here you'll experience an exciting learning environment, with teaching from committed and passionate experts who embrace dynamic and forward-thinking strategies to enhance learning. This is evidenced by our consistently high satisfaction ratings in the National Student Survey.



### How you'll learn

Our courses take maximum advantage of our well-established areas of research expertise, including everything from modern British and European cultural history, to economic and social history, from the later Middle Ages to the 20th century. We encourage you to study a diverse range of types of history and to develop your own original and imaginative approaches to historical study. We aim to foster a vibrant culture of learning and research. Our varied approaches to teaching and assessment include lectures, seminars, field trips, small group tutorials and web-based seminars.

Joint Honours students take a portfolio of our course units alongside their other subject, benefiting from the full breadth of expertise and choice in both departments.

#### How you'll be assessed

Assessment is by marked coursework and examinations, as well as written and oral presentations. Assessment procedures in different courses vary, but our basic objective is to achieve a good balance between formal examinations, continuous assessment and project work.



## STUDY ABROAD

Study abroad is an excellent opportunity for you to see the world, experience new cultures and study at one of our partner institutions overseas. Most of our undergraduate courses allow you to spend time – usually a semester – at one of our partner institutions outside the UK. Study abroad periods are available either in Year 2 of a three-year course, or in Year 3 of a four-year course.

#### Find out more:

www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/studyabroad

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I wanted to focus a lot of my work on South East Asian history and this was one of the main reasons I chose The University of Manchester. The lecturers who specialise in South East Asia are world-renowned for their research and I was excited to get the chance to learn from them. In addition, during my undergraduate degree I got the opportunity to study abroad at East China Normal University, Shanghai. This was a great opportunity for me to expand my knowledge and my venture was fully supported by my lecturers. I absolutely loved my time within the History department at the University. I would do it all again if I could.

Jennie Birdsall, BA (Hons) History alumna





For full entry requirements search our course listings: www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate

How to apply:

www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applications

Please note that the course units listed in this brochure only represent a sample of the full breadth of available units for each course. For course listings, including course unit detail in full, visit our course finder: www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate

#### We also offer:

- History and American Studies BA\*
- Ancient History and History BA\*\*
- Archaeology and History BA\*\*\*
- Art History and History BA
- English Literature and History BA

Please search our course finder for more information: www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate

Also see English Literature, American Studies and Creative Writing\*, Classics and Ancient History\*\* and Archaeology\*\*\* undergraduate brochures for details.

Please note that course units are reviewed on an annual basis and as such may vary slightly to those advertised. Please visit the course listing for up-to-date information.

## **FLEXIBLE HONOURS**

Flexible Honours may allow you to study an additional arts, languages or cultures subject. Find out more:

www.manchester.ac.uk/ flexiblehonours

### **History BA**

UCAS code V100 (3 years)

This course offers enormous choice. Select units from a wide range, including Ancient, Medieval, Modern and Economic and Social History, as well as the History of Science, Technology and Medicine. You can either specialise in particular areas or follow a range of interests. The final year offers a choice of specialised study topics.

**Year 1:** Designed to assist you with the intellectual and academic transition to university study, your first year will introduce you to key conceptual and methodological issues in relation to studying History. All students take History in Practice, in which you'll learn important skills in research and writing to equip you for historical study at university level.

#### Sample course units include:

- From Republic to Empire: Introduction to Roman History, Society & Culture 218-31BC
- From Reconstruction to Reagan: American History, 1877-1988
- From Middle Kingdom to Economic Superpower: The Making of Modern China, 1800-2000

**Year 2:** Units become increasingly specialist as the course offers increased choice and flexibility. You will write a History 'long essay', which is an extended piece of coursework supervised on a one-to-one basis on a topic of your choice.

#### Sample course units include:

- From Jamestown to James Brown: African-American History and Culture
- Winds of Change: Politics, Society and Culture in Britain, 1899 -1990
- A History of Europe in 100 Objects: Material Culture and Daily Life, 1450-1800

**Year 3:** Specialise in the periods and subjects that you have found most interesting. You'll write a History dissertation, which is an extended piece of coursework based on independent primary research and supervised on a one-to-one basis on a topic of your choice.

#### Sample course units include:

- Refugees in Modern World History, 1914 to the Present
- Heroes and Holy Men: The Irish Sea World in the Viking Age, c. 780-1100
- John F. Kennedy and U.S. Foreign Policy in the 1960s

#### **Entry requirements**

A-level: AAA-AAB, to include Grade A in History.

**IB:** 37 points overall (core points accepted), including 6 or 7 in three Higher Level subjects, one of which must be History.



### History and Sociology BA

UCAS code VL13 (3 years)

You will study past and present societies from both a historical and a sociological perspective, comparing and contrasting these two important ways of studying human society. You'll achieve a thorough induction into studying the past alongside the approaches and theoretical frameworks relating to the study of society.

**Year 1:** Course units focus on introducing you to key conceptual and methodological issues in relation to History and Sociology. You'll take History in Practice, in which you'll learn important skills in research and writing to equip you for historical study.

#### Sample course units include:

- Researching Culture and Society
- From Middle Kingdom to Economic Superpower:
   The Making of Modern China, 1800-2000
- Sociology of Personal Life

**Year 2:** Units become increasingly specialist. You'll choose between a History or a Sociology 'long essay', which is an extended piece of coursework supervised on a one-to-one basis on a topic of your choice.

#### Sample course units include:

- A History of Europe in 100 Objects: Material Culture and Daily Life, 1450-1800
- Qualitative Research Design & Methods
- Winds of Change: Politics, Society and Culture in Britain, 1899 1990

**Year 3:** You'll choose between a History or a Sociology dissertation, which is an extended piece of coursework based on independent research and supervised on a one-to-one basis on a topic of your choice. Specialise in the periods and subjects which you have found most interesting.

#### Sample course units include:

- Defining the Deviant: Crime and British Society, 1888-2000
- The Sociology of Family Life and Intimacy
- Witches, Witch-hunting and Magic in Late Medieval and Early Modern Continental Europe, c.1350-1700

#### **Entry requirements**

**A-level:** Grades ABB to include Grade A in History or Sociology. **IB:** 34 points overall (core points accepted), including Grades 5 or 6 in three Higher Level subjects, one of which must be either History or Sociology.



## Modern History with Economics BA

UCAS code V136 (3 years)

Modern History with Economics offers a flexible course structure built around the study of modern history, economic history, economics and political economy. A key feature of the course is the opportunity you'll have to develop and apply transferable skills drawn from studying related academic disciplines in history and the social sciences.

**Year 1:** You'll be introduced to the main issues in modern history and economic history through course units exploring the history of globalisation and Britain's economic development. You'll also undertake core courses which will introduce you to the basic principles of modern economic theory.

#### Sample course units include:

- Origins of British Industrialisation: British Economic and Social History, 1700-1914
- Fundamentals of Finance
- Business Economics

**Year 2:** In your second year you'll acquire a deeper understanding of specific areas of historical studies and their methodologies, as well as having the opportunity to explore techniques and debates connected with modern economic theory and/or political economy.

#### Sample course units include:

- Chinese Business
- Economics for Public Policy
- Crisis and Prosperity in Europe, 1913-1973

**Year 3:** In your final year you'll have the opportunity to undertake specialist courses in economics, modern history and/or economic history, as well as undertaking an independent research project.

#### Sample course units include:

- Advanced Macroeconomics
- Financial Economics
- From National Crisis to National Government: British Politics, Economy and Society, 1914-1939

#### **Entry requirements**

**A-level:** Grades ABB to include History, plus either Economics or Maths (the Grade A must be in one of these three subjects).

**IB:** 34 points overall (core points accepted), including grades 6.5.5 in three Higher Level subjects, which must include History, plus either Economics or Maths (the Grade 6 must be in one of these three subjects).



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The rigorous analysis of arguments required in history is really helpful in undertaking the evaluation of policy proposals of various sorts. The ability to write coherently is also a kev part of the work I do and the work I had to do in my degree required this. Even in the current climate the best people continue to progress because they are able to add something to their organisation and being able to think beyond the numbers, which studying something like Modern History with Economics gives, is central to this.

George Graham, Deputy County Treasurer, BA (Hons) Modern History and Economics alumnus

### Politics and Modern History BA

UCAS code VL12 (3 years)

Studying Politics and Modern History together will give you a unique insight into how societies work in both past and present. It combines two complementary ways of looking at the world and gives you the tools to understand the workings and history of political systems, international relations, conflict and cooperation in Britain, Europe and beyond.

**Year 1:** You'll be introduced to key conceptual and theoretical issues in relation to Politics and History. You will take History in Practice, in which you'll learn important skills in research and writing to equip you for historical study.

#### Sample course units include:

- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Introduction to International Politics
- From Middle Kingdom to Economic Superpower:
   The Making of Modern China, 1800-2000

**Year 2:** Course units become increasingly specialist. You'll choose between a History or a Politics 'long essay', which is an extended piece of coursework supervised on a one-to-one basis on a topic of your choice.

#### Sample course units include:

- Ideals of Social Justice
- Crisis and Prosperity in Europe, 1913-1973
- The Making of the Modern Mind: European Thought from the Enlightenment to the First World War

**Year 3:** Choose between a History or a Politics dissertation, which is an extended piece of coursework based on independent research and supervised on a one-to-one basis on a topic of your choice. Specialise in the periods and subjects that you have found most interesting.

#### Sample course units include:

- Refugees in Modern World History, 1914 to the Present
- Terrorism and Political Violence in Europe
- American Politics: Why Do They Do That?

#### **Entry requirements**

**A-level:** Grades AAB-ABB. This should include Grade A in History, Government or Politics

**IB:** 35-34 points overall (core points accepted), including 6,6,5-6,5,5 in three Higher Level subjects, including 6 in History, Government or Politics.

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University is not just about getting a degree. It's a place for young, gifted people to come together, share ideas, challenge one another and help each other out. Being one of the biggest universities in Europe, what Manchester can offer above and beyond your qualification is immeasurable.

Graham Hughes, Film Director, BA (Hons) Politics and Modern History alumnus

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### History and a Modern Language BA

#### **UCAS** codes:

- History and French VR11
- History and Spanish VR14
- History and German VR12
- History and Russian RV71
- History and Italian RV31
- History and Portuguese RV51
- History and Arabic VT33

#### (4 years)

In your first two years we introduce you to a wide range of historical, literary, linguistic and cultural subjects and periods. You then spend your third year abroad, immersing yourself in the language and culture of a country appropriate to the language you have chosen. Finally, in your fourth year you take a menu of course units that reflect the development of your interests over your time at university.

For course unit detail in full, visit our course finder: www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate

**Year 1:** There is an even balance between History and your language. Choose from courses in medieval, modern and economic and social history, and in the language and culture you are studying.

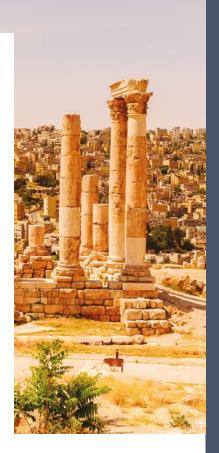
**Year 2:** Choose to maintain an equal weighting between the two subjects or devote more time to either History or your modern language. You will write an individual 6,000-word 'long essay' with one-on-one supervision, as well as choosing from a range of optional courses.

**Year 3:** You'll spend your third year abroad. The year may be spent in a school as a language teaching assistant, studying at a university, or in paid employment.

**Year 4:** In your final year you will choose specialist course units in both History and your language. You will also write a dissertation based on your own personal research.

#### **Entry requirements**

For full entry requirements for each language combination, please search our course listings: www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate





## FEES AND FUNDING

Please search our course listings for up-to-date tuition fee information for UK, EU and international students: www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate

#### Bursaries and scholarships

Approximately a third of our students will receive cash bursaries which can be used to support living costs whilst studying. UK students are not required to submit an application for any of the University's means-tested awards. We will automatically identify eligible students on the basis of the household income data provided by the Student Loans Company.

The History Department has a significant number of endowments from alumni who wanted to contribute towards the ongoing success of their department. We are able to fund initiatives to enhance student learning and well-being including travel funds for dissertation research, student social events and field trips. We are proud to have launched the Elsie Farrar Undergraduate Studentships in 2013/4, which provides ten £1,000 per annum studentships (in addition to University bursary support), aimed at students from lower income backgrounds.

The Manchester Bursary is available to any UK student who is registered on an eligible undergraduate degree course at The University of Manchester and who has had a full financial assessment carried out by Student Finance. This bursary is additional to the government package of maintenance grants and is based on students' household income

The University's **Undergraduate Access Scholarships** are generously funded by our alumni community and donors. These scholarships are in addition to any other bursaries students may receive from the University. Students must have successfully completed the Manchester Access Programme and started an undergraduate course at the University. Students who have experienced time in local authority care may also be eligible for these awards.

UK students can apply for **Disabled Students' Allowance** to cover study-related disability support. Our Disability Advisory and Support Service (DASS) can help you to apply and can also discuss any alternative sources of funding for your disability-related needs.

www.manchester.ac.uk/dass

We want to encourage students to take up the opportunity to spend a year abroad. For UK students taking up such opportunities we will offer a cash bursary.

Full details of our scholarships and bursaries can be found at:

www.manchester.ac.uk/scholarships



## CAREERS AND EMPLOYABLITY

History is a popular and versatile subject, which is highly regarded by employers. Our records show that 89% of History graduates were in employment or further study within 6 months of graduation and 65% of these graduates were in employed in managerial/professional job within 6 months of graduation. (source: UNISTATS)

Our degree courses provide expert training in: analysis; critical reasoning; perception; judgement; critique, and interpretation. Our extensive blend of assessment methods is specifically designed to develop important transferable skills including: communication; presentation; argument and debate; teamwork; research; and time management. You'll also have the opportunity to take professionally oriented course units, helping you to prepare your CV and find the right future career path.

Our graduates enjoy success in a wide range of careers, which reflects the high regard in which employers hold a History degree from Manchester. Graduate destinations include: teaching and academia; heritage and museums; the civil service; policy and think tanks; media and journalism; marketing and public relations; law; and accountancy. Many of our graduates have pursued successful careers within companies such as the BBC; KPMG; Deloitte; Marks and Spencer; Aviva; Accenture; and Barclays.

Our award-winning careers service provides a wealth of tools, advice, development opportunities, and industry links specific to your subject. You'll have access to dedicated support throughout your studies and up to two years after graduation.

The History department's dedicated Career's Officer is committed to developing and enhancing student employability both through the curriculum and through other opportunities such as volunteering and career workshops. The Officer liaises closely with the University's award-winning career service to provide guidance and support that is tailor-made for students on all History programmes, and appropriate to each student's current level of study.

Find out more: www.manchester.ac.uk/careers

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The University of Manchester is well respected and so holds a lot of weight when applying for jobs. Studying History provided me with strong analytical skills and the ability to communicate effectively. The people are great, the nightlife is great and it's a very stimulating and fun place to go to University.

Amy Sippitt, Writer/Researcher, BA (Hons) Politics and Modern History alumna



## **FACILITIES AND RESOURCES**

Our friendly campus offers everything you need to get the most from both your studies and your leisure time including:

#### The University of Manchester Library

The University of Manchester Library is one of only five National Research Libraries. With more than four million printed books and manuscripts, over 29,000 unique electronic journals and 414,000 electronic books, as well as several hundred databases, this is one of the best-resourced academic libraries in the country.

#### **The Alan Gilbert Learning Commons**

Our new £24 million Alan Gilbert Learning Commons offers students a stimulating 24/7 environment for study, combining inspiring decor with flexible spaces and the latest in learning technology.

#### **Culture on Campus**

The University is also home to internationally renowned cultural assets such as:

- -The award-winning Whitworth Art Gallery, reopened in 2015 following a £15 million redevelopment
- The John Rylands Library, home to one of the world's finest collections of medieval illuminated manuscripts and rare books
- Manchester Museum, which houses important prehistoric, classical and ethnographic collections

Find out more about our unique study resources: **www.manchester.ac.uk/university** 

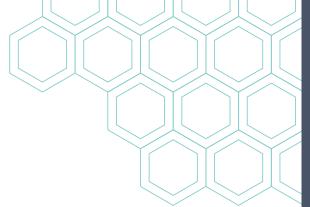


History at Manchester provided me with constant support. Alongside the huge range of topics to study and the extracurricular activities the department offers, History at Manchester offers a real sense of community between undergraduates, postgraduates, and lecturers, and has provided me with constant support and guidance through my studies and life in Manchester.

Zoe Strzelecki, History alumna and former editor of 'Manchester Historian'

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## LEARNING SUPPORT



We'll provide individual learning support to help you take control of your learning and develop your confidence.

#### Peer support scheme

Our peer support scheme is one of the largest in Europe. Peer mentors are higher-year students on the same degree programme as you, who will help you find your feet when you arrive here and adjust to student life. As they'll have already been a student at Manchester for at least a year, they should be able to help you with anything you might be worried or unsure about.

#### **PASS (Peer Assisted Study Sessions)**

Led by volunteer students, PASS sessions will often be based around a specific area of study. You'll have the opportunity to consolidate and build on your existing knowledge through discussion with other students in an informal and supportive environment, where you can compare notes, analyse, ask questions and talk through ideas in an informal, friendly environment.



#### Academic advisers

Study with us and you'll be assigned an academic adviser who is there to give advice about any academic issues throughout the duration of your course. Your adviser will be able to help you with the transition from school / college to university – and can help you get to grips with studying and learning more independently. They'll also be able to help you develop your skills in academic writing or research, or any other skills that are specific to your degree programme.

Find out more about the personal and academic support available to you throughout your studies: www.manchester.ac.uk/study/experience/student-life/university/student-support/

#### **Disability support**

If you have additional needs arising from a medical condition, physical or sensory disability, specific learning disability such as dyslexia, or a mental health difficulty that affects your study, we can provide support. Contact or visit our Disability Advisory and Support Office before you apply, to discuss your needs and support available. www.manchester.ac.uk/dass

## FIND OUT MORE ONLINE

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Discover your new home: www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation

#### **ADMISSIONS AND APPLICATIONS**

Everything you need to apply: www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/howtoapply

#### ALAN GILBERT LEARNING COMMONS

Our hi-tech 24/7 independent learning space: www.manchester.ac.uk/library/learningcommons

#### **CAREERS**

Take control of your career: www.manchester.ac.uk/careers

#### **DISABILITY SUPPORT**

Talk to us about any support you need: www.manchester.ac.uk/dso

#### **FUNDING AND FINANCE**

Fees, loans, scholarships and more: www.manchester.ac.uk/studentfinance

#### **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Prepare for life at Manchester, UK: www.manchester.ac.uk/international

#### **IT SERVICES**

Online learning, computer access, IT support: www.manchester.ac.uk/itservices

#### **I IBRARY**

One of the UK's largest and best-resourced: www.manchester.ac.uk/library

#### MAPS

Campus, city and accommodation: www.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/travel/maps

#### **PROSPECTUS**

Download or order a copy: www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/prospectus

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Connect with us online: www.manchester.ac.uk/connect/social-media

#### **SPORT**

Get active with clubs, classes, leagues and facilities: www.manchester.ac.uk/sport

#### **SUPPORT**

Help with academic, personal, financial and administrative issues: my.manchester.ac.uk/guest

#### STUDENTS' UNION

The UK's largest student hub: manchesterstudentsunion.com

#### **VIDEOS**

Our University on YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/universitymanchester

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#### THE SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

The School of Arts, Languages and Cultures is the largest grouping of arts, languages and humanities scholars and students in the UK. Study with us and you'll benefit from multidisciplinary learning opportunities and world-renowned cultural resources as well as the creative fabric of Manchester itself.

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#### Disclaimer

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This brochure is prepared well in advance of the academic year to which it relates. Consequently, details of courses may vary with staff changes. The University therefore reserves the right to make such alterations to courses as are found to be necessary. If the University makes an offer of a place, it is essential that you are aware of the current terms on which the offer is based. If you are in any doubt, please feel free to ask for confirmation of the precise position for the year in question, before you accept the offer.

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