



## Postgraduate courses in Environmental History

This degree programme permits students to explore human interaction with the non-human natural world within the context of a conceptually advanced study of history. This programme permits students the opportunity to draw upon the expertise of members of the Institute for Environmental History and the Department of Modern History at the University of St Andrews. In addition, postgraduate modules in the Environmental History programme are interdisciplinary and interdepartmental, involving the Schools of History, Geography and Geosciences, and Economics. Consequently, students are given the opportunity to explore multiple dimensions of this intellectually urgent field of study, while firmly rooting this knowledge in a progressively better knowledge and understanding of core issues within historiography and methodology.

The course is open to students with an undergraduate degree in history, or to those who can demonstrate an appropriate level of historical training; no prior experience in environmental sciences is assumed or required.

Modular taught courses are provided for the following postgraduate diploma/degrees in Environmental History:

- The **Graduate Diploma** is a two-semester (nine-month), wholly taught course comprising 120 credits of chosen modules.
- The **MLitt** is a one-year course consisting of 120 credits of chosen modules, and a 15,000 word supervised dissertation. The dissertation is undertaken after successful completion of the Graduate Diploma, between May and 31 August.
- The **MPhil** is a two-year programme involving taught courses in the first year (i.e., successful completion of the Graduate Diploma), and then a 40,000 word supervised dissertation over the following year.

## Sample course structure:

In the course of two semesters, students complete sufficient modules to total 120 credits. Within the School of History, this usually entails three 40-credit modules.

- 1) All students undertake the compulsory core module, History in the Making: Theories, Approaches and Practices (MO5601). This module is taught weekly, and runs throughout both semesters.
- 2) For their first option, students select from the following:
  - Disease and the Environment, c.1500-2000 (MO5023)
  - Environmental History: Nature and the Western World, 1800 - 2000 (EH5003)
- 3) For their final option(s), students select from the remaining options above (2), or from the following:
  - Directed Reading in Modern History (MO5602) This module gives students the opportunity to undertake a specially tailored syllabus in six one-to-one tutorials under the guidance of an expert supervisor
  - Charles Darwin & the Politics of Progress in the Natural World (MO5935)
  - Environmental Management in Scotland (Geography GE5051, 20 credits) Please note, this module is only available in alternate years. check in advance.
  - Global and Local Issues of the Environment (Economics EC5505, 20 credits)

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