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Programme Requirements

Arabic Literature
Graduate Diploma: 120 credits from AR5012 - AR5017, AR5024, AR5222 - AR5236
M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words
M.Phil.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

Central and East European Studies
Graduate Diploma: 120 credits from RU5001 - RU5100, AH5018, AH5019, AH5059, AH4060, AH5061, IR5004, IR5011 MO5301, MO5401, MO5402, MO5501 and MO5503, save that no more than 2 modules may be taken from one subject.
M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words
M.Phil.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

Early Mediaeval Scotland (not available 2001-02)
Graduate Diploma: 120 credits from ME5006, ME5007 and one of ME5002, ME5003, ME5005
M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words
M.Phil.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

Enlightenment Studies
Graduate Diploma: 120 credits; 40 from MO5203 and 80 further credits from MO5204, MO5205, MO5206, SC5044. With the approval of the course convener, any other appropriate 4000 or 5000 level module in the Faculties of Arts or Divinity may be substituted for one of the specified optional modules.
M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words
M.Phil.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

Environmental History and Policy
Graduate Diploma: 120 credits; 40 from core course EH5001, and a further 80 credits chosen from EC5205, EH5002, EH5003, EN5023, GE5051, GE5048, IR5013, ME5414, MO5023, MO5935. At least one of these optional courses must relate primarily to contemporary policy, and thus be selected from EC5205, GG5051 and IR5013.
M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words
M.Phil.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

Historical Research
Graduate Diploma: 120 credits from HI5001, HI5002 and HI5003
M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words
M.Phil.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

Islamic History
Graduate Diploma: 120 credits from AR5001 - AR5003, AR5016, AR5024
M.Litt: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words
M.Phil.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words
Late Roman, Byzantine and Early Mediaeval Studies
Graduate Diploma: 120 credits from ME5004 and two of the following groups:
(a) AN5124, AN5125, AN5126, SC5001, CL5103, CL5305, CL5306, CL5307;
(b) ME5001, ME5006;
(c) CL5303, CL5304, GK5010, LT5101, LT5102 or other approved language modules;
(d) one of AN5018, CL5301, CL5302, ME5003

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words
M.Phil.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a dissertation of not more than 40,000 words

Mediaeval History
Graduate Diploma: 120 credits from ME5002, ME5005, and ME5001 or ME5004, or ME5006 or ME5414

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words
M.Phil.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

Middle East Politics
Graduate Diploma: 120 credits from AR5018 - AR5022, IR5011, MO5315

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words
M.Phil.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

Middle East Studies
Graduate Diploma: 120 credits from AR5001 - AR5236, MO5315

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words
M.Phil.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

Modern American History
Graduate Diploma: 120 credits - 40 from MO5504, 80 from MO5506, MO5508, MO5511, MO5513 and MO5514

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words
M.Phil: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

Modern Historiography
Graduate Diploma: HI5001, MO5303 and one of HI5002, and any Modern History 5000 level module

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words
M.Phil: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

Modern Historical Studies
Graduate Diploma: 120 credits - 40 from HI5001, HI5002 or HI5003, and a further 80 credits from MO5007 - MO5514

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words
M.Phil: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words
People and Nation in the Twentieth Century

Graduate Diploma: MOS400, and 80 credits chosen from EH5003, HI5002, MO5302, MO5303, MO5305, MO5308, MO5313, MO5315, MO5401, MO5402, MO5404, MO5405, MO5406, MO5409 - MO5416, MO5499, MO5501, MO5503, MO5504, MO5506 - MO5514

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words

M.Phil.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

Reformation Studies

Graduate Diploma: 120 credits, 40 from MO4011 and a further 80 credits from MO5002 - MO5006, SC5022, GM5028

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words

M.Phil.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

Scottish History

Graduate Diploma: 120 credits from SC5001 - SC5044, SC5101 - SC5106

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words

M.Phil.: 120 credits as for the Graduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

Modules

AH5018 Russian Modernism: Theory & Practice 1908-1916

Credits: 40.0  Semester: 2
Availability: 2001-02
Programme: Optional module for Central & East European Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: This module will focus on the formation of an innovative avant-garde in Russia in the early decades of the twentieth century, concentrating particularly on the factors which conditioned the emergence of abstraction in painting and sculpture within such movements as Neoprimtivism, Cubo-Futurism, Suprematism and Constructivism. The course will analyse individual works of art and examine relevant contemporary texts in translation, especially artists’ statements. At the same time, works and movements will be examined within the wider framework of the artistic interchange between Western ideas and native Russian sources, current literary and philosophical ideas, and the profound changes transforming Russian society.
Class Hour: 11.00 am - 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm Thursday. One additional class, to be arranged.
Teaching: Three classes.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

ARS5001 Arabic Historical Texts

Credits: 40.0  Semester: Whole Year
Programme(s): Optional module for Islamic History and Middle East Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: The module will introduce students to reading mediaeval Arabic historical sources and the particular problems of comprehension and interpretation involved. It develops the skills of Arabic graduates to a more advanced and specialised level. For graduates in history, it provides an introduction to the specialist source material for Islamic History. Students will read a specified selection of texts in translation and/or Arabic as appropriate.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One seminar/tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

ARS5002 Islamic History & Historiography to the Early Abbasid Period

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AR5003 Harun al-Rashid's Succession Policy
Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2
Prerequisite: A reading knowledge of Arabic to degree standard
Programme(s): Optional module for Islamic History and Middle East Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module is a case study of an important problem in early Abbasid history that has to be solved through detailed source analysis and criticism. It provides students with an opportunity to practise and extend the skills they are acquiring in this area. The module covers the history of the Abbasid succession up to the caliphate of Harun al-Rashid, and the evolution of his own succession arrangements. It examines existing interpretations of his policy and seeks to re-evaluate these on the basis of new source criticism and a reassessment of the political context.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One lecture/seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

AR5012 Modern Arabic Literature: Introduction to the Short Story
Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1
Prerequisite: A reading knowledge of Arabic to degree standard
Programme(s): Optional module for Arabic Literature and Middle East Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module will include discussion in English of the literary/historical background of modern Arabic fiction and an introduction to the modern Arabic short story, with readings in Arabic from stories written between the 1920s and the 1970s.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Three classes per week and one seminar per fortnight.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

AR5013 Modern Arabic Literature : Exile and Identity
Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2
Availability: 2001-02
Prerequisite: A reading knowledge of Arabic to degree standard
Programme(s): Optional module for Arabic Literature and Middle East Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module will study linguistic, literary and cultural aspects of recent Arabic fiction, with readings from stories written mainly in the 1980s and the 1990s by men and women writers from new areas of interest in Arabic literature, eg the Gulf and arabophone North Africa.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Three classes per week and one seminar per fortnight.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

AR5016 The Qur’an
Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2
Programme(s): Optional module for Arabic Literature, Islamic History and Middle East Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The module introduces students to the text of the Qur’an in translation and to the field of modern Qur’anic studies. It addresses the problems of the Qur’an’s historical provenance by considering its content, the traditional biography of the Prophet Muhammad, and the critical discussions of modern scholarship. It examines the Qur’anic definition of Islam and the relationship it asserts between Islam and earlier versions of Middle Eastern monotheism. It also examines the legislative content of the Qur’an, especially social legislation concerning the family and the status of women in society.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar per week and one tutorial per fortnight.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

AR5018 Conflict in The Middle East

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1

Programme(s): Optional module for Middle East Politics and Middle East Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module centralises conflict in the Middle East as a broad area of inquiry and investigates the political, economic and social conditions generating conflict both within and between states in the region. The subjects covered include the emergence and meaning of the “nation-state” in the Middle East; the ideological relationship between Islam and Pan-Arabism; the latter and state nationalism; state-civil society relations, as well as inter-ethnic and gender related conflicts. The module also covers all aspects of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Class Hour: 2.00 pm.
Teaching: One lecture and one seminar per week and one tutorial per fortnight.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

AR5020 International Relations of the Modern Middle East

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2
Availability: 2001-02

Programme(s): Optional module for Middle East Politics and Middle East Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module examines the arena of Middle East international relations by looking at the formation of the Middle East regional system, its special characteristics, and the impact on it of the global system. It also looks at the foreign policy process inside Middle East states through a comparative case study approach, including studies of the Arab oil monarchies (such as Saudi Arabia), the Arab authoritarian republics (Egypt, Syria and Iraq), Israel, Iran and Turkey. Finally the patterns of regional conflict and order which result from state behaviour are examined.

Class Hour: 2.00 pm.
Teaching: One lecture and one seminar per week and one tutorial per fortnight.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

AR5021 Political Economy of the Modern Middle East

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2
Availability: 2002-03
Programme(s): Optional module for Middle East Politics and Middle East Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module includes an examination of major themes of Middle East political economy, combining a broad overview of its distinctive development with a more focused look at major contemporary issues in the area. Constant topics include: the challenge of late developers, the impact of imperialism and continuing dependency; petroleum; statist import-substitute strategies for development; and economic liberalisation. Among the issues, changeable from time to time, could be rentier states, Islamic banking, the economic viability of the West Bank, etc.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One lecture and one seminar per week and one tutorial per fortnight.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

AR5022 Special Topics in Modern Middle East Politics
Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Middle East Politics and Middle East Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module involves individual supervised readings or research on a particular topic of special interest to the student.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

AR5024 Typology, Theme and Narrative in Mediaeval Islamic Historiography
Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2
Programme(s): Optional module for Arabic Literature, Islamic History, and Middle East Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: The module is taught in English using translations of mediaeval Arabic texts. Students with a reading knowledge of Arabic will be expected to study the texts in Arabic as well as in translation. The module begins with an overview of historical background and reference works, and a general introduction to the themes and sources studied in the course. This is followed by case studies in family history and historical legend, a discussion of the treatment of character and motivation in a longer historical narrative, and a comparison of a poem on a historical event and historical accounts of the same event. The texts studied date from the ninth and tenth centuries A.D. and deal with the period from early Islam to the tenth century A.D.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hours and one individual consultation per fortnight.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

AR5222 Mediaeval Arabic Literature : Prose
Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2
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Prerequisite: A reading knowledge of Arabic to degree standard
Programme(s): Optional module for Arabic Literature and Middle East Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module, taught in English and Arabic, is designed to give an overview of key themes in classical Arabic/Islamic culture of relevance to both mediaeval and modern studies. Within this framework, students will read additional primary and secondary texts appropriate to their individual interests. The module starts by discussing the relationship between the formation of Islamic society and the development of Islamic literature, then studies selected stories which show typical ways in which mediaeval writers thought about religion, individuals and society. Topics treated in the selection include women, sex and society, and Muslims views of Islamic history.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hours and one individual consultation per fortnight.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

ARS235 Modern Arabic Literature: Novellas
Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2
Availability: 2002-03
Programme(s): Optional module for Arabic Literature and Middle East Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module will study linguistic, literary and cultural aspects of recent Arabic fiction, with readings from novellas or short novels written since the 1960s, mainly by Syrian, Lebanese, Iraqi and Egyptian writers. Students will be required to translate passages of text and comment on difficulties of literary translation, and to analyse the literary and cultural dimensions of the texts. Students will be expected to do secondary reading in both Arabic and English on their own initiative.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Three classes per week and one tutorial per fortnight.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

ARS236 The Postcolonial Arabic Novel in Translation
Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1
Programme(s): Optional module for Arabic Literature and Middle East Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module will start with an overview of the historical background and a brief survey of the development of postcolonial Arabic fiction. For the rest of the modules students will follow a programme of supervised reading in English of important examples of modern Arabic fiction such as novels by Naguib Mahfouz, Elias Khoury and Hanan al-Shaykh. Students will be expected to undertake secondary reading in English on their own initiative.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One-and-a-half hours per week and one tutorial per fortnight.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

EC5205 Environmental Economics
Credits: 20.0 Semester: 1
Availability: 2001-02
Prerequisite: Available only to Students admitted to M Litt in Environmental History and Policy.
Programme(s): Optional module for Environmental History and Policy Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: This module will examine the economic foundations of global warming, holes in the ozone layer, tropical deforestation, traffic congestion, acid rain, biodiversity, sustainable development, world food supply, international trade and the environment, disaster insurance and the incorporation of environmental values into the national accounts. Microeconomic tools will be used to outline causes, consequences and policy responses to environmental problems.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Fifteen lectures and three seminars per semester.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

EH5001 Past and Present Environments: Methods and Issues
Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year
Programme(s): Compulsory module for Environmental History and Policy Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Optional module for Modern Historiography and Modern Historical Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module introduces the methodology of exploring the historic relationship between people and nature. It investigates attitudes to nature in the past through key texts, methods to undertake research on past environments, and key environmental issues in the last half century.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar, fortnightly.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

EH5002 Methods for Exploring Woodland History
Credits: 20.0 Semester: Whole Year
Programme(s): Optional module for Environmental History and Policy, Modern Historiography and Modern Historical Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module introduces the main issues in Scottish woodland history, and touches on the methods used for considering them - e.g. palynology, cartography, dendrochronology, documentary evidence, printed books and reports, field investigation. Visits will be undertaken to Edinburgh, and to one or more semi-natural woodlands locally.
Class Hour: To be arranged over the two semesters.
Teaching: One seminar or excursion fortnightly.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

EH5003 Environmental History: Nature and the Western World, 1800-2000
Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2
Programme(s): Optional module for Environmental History and Policy, Modern Historiography, Modern Historical Studies and People and Nation in the Twentieth Century Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module studies environmental history over the past two centuries in an international context. It examines attitudes to nature and animals, species history (extinctions and introductions), national parks and nature reserves, the history of environmentalism and nature conservation, the history of countryside recreation and tourism, and the history of current problems such as pollution and pesticide use. It will draw on examples taken from the USA, southern Africa, Australasia and Great Britain.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar, fortnightly tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

GE5048 The Growing Awareness of Landscape
Credits: 20.0 Semester: 1
Availability: 2002-03
Prerequisite: Available only to Students admitted to the M Litt in Environmental History and Policy.
Programme(s): Optional module for Environmental History and Policy Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: This module offers an extended study of the changing awareness of landscape beauty in Europe. It aims to introduce students to the idea that the awareness of landscape as an object of beauty has been growing in Europe since the Renaissance and to the fact that the European definition of ‘the beautiful landscape’ has changed markedly over that period. It explores the idea that, notwithstanding these changes, there may be some fundamental and enduring reasons for landscape preferences. The module also introduces some of the skills involved in collecting and analysing data about landscapes.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: 20 hours of lectures and seminars, a field excursion, a presentation and tutorials.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

GE5051 Environmental Management in Scotland

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 1
Availability: 2002-03
Prerequisite: Available only to Students admitted to the M Litt in Environmental History and Policy.
Programme(s): Optional module for Environmental History and Policy Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: This module focuses on current environmental management issues in Scotland. It provides, firstly, a presentation of the fundamental elements of the various systems of land and resource management (e.g. forestry, agriculture & crofting, wildlife, freshwater resources, conservation), and secondly, examples of the ways in which these systems interact. Throughout, the module aims to engender a holistic understanding of environmental management, in contrast to the sectoral approach traditionally employed by central and local government. The ultimate aim is to leave students with an informed conceptual framework for evaluating the merits of management proposals, with their attendant implications for environmental change and economic development. A particular focus, employing topical case studies and a field visit, will be the conflicts that are increasingly arising as interest groups with contrasting philosophies & value systems compete for the finite resources of Scotland’s wild places.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two 1 hour lectures weekly, and a weekend field excursion.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

HI5001 Historical Method and Historiography

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year
Programme(s): Compulsory module for Historical Research and Modern Historiography Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The module is designed specifically to give a sense of historiographical perspective and to introduce important elements in historical method. It starts with some discussion of the nature of historical thought and then moves towards a consideration of major movements in Western historiography through to the rise of ‘scientific’ history and the major modern schools such as Annales. Innovative approaches through the lenses of the social sciences, or biography, or quantitative techniques, for example, are introduced as a final section.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

HI5002 Historical Sources and Skills I

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year
Programme(s): Compulsory module for Historical Research Postgraduate Taught Programme

Optional module for Modern Historiography, Modern Historical Studies and People and Nation in the Twentieth Century Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The aim of this module is to give students a chance to acquire two technical skills which they must have in order to embark on their chosen path of research, not just for the M.Litt. dissertation but also for possible future Ph.D. work. It relates primarily to other courses in the M.Litt. (Historical Research). There is no set syllabus. Each student chooses two from the available options which currently are (i) Bibliography (ii) Palaeography and Diplomatic (iii) Language Training - Latin and French are currently offered, but the School can secure teaching in any appropriate language currently taught in the University (iv) Archaeology (v) Archive Studies (vi) Quantitative and Computing Skills for historians. The module can therefore vary considerably and may be taught almost entirely within one department (such as Modern History or Mediaeval History) or in a number of different department. Two semesters are essential because of the need for time to cope with a great deal of new and rigorous scholarly work.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Lectures and seminars as appropriate up to three hours per week.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

HIS5003 Historical Sources and Skills II

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year
Programme(s): Compulsory module for Historical Research Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Optional module for Modern Historical Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The syllabus for this module is the same as for HIS5002. Its aim is to allow students to acquire a further two technical skills from the list given under HIS5002.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Lectures and seminars as appropriate up to three hours per week.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

ME5001 Special Topic in Mediaeval History

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year
Programme(s): Optional module for Late Roman, Byzantine and Early Mediaeval Studies and Mediaeval History Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module is a detailed study of a mediaeval topic of the student’s own choice which, as appropriate, will include either participation in any 3000 or 4000 level module or individual tutorials with a designated tutor.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two 1 hour seminars or individual tutorials as required.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

ME5002 Sources and Source Criticism

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year
Programme(s): Compulsory module for Mediaeval History Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module addresses interpretation and criticism of mediaeval sources. A taught core in semester one concentrates upon a selected central body of documentation and its associated problems and introduces appropriate skills training. This is completed in semester two by an extended paper, together with training in seminar presentation and discussion skills.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One-and-a-half hour seminar and individual tutorials as required.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

ME5003 Bibliographical Exercise

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year
History - 5000 Level modules

Programme(s): Optional module for Late Roman, Byzantine and Early Mediaeval Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module is an exercise in the bibliography and historiography of an aspect of the history of the Middle Ages which in appropriate cases can serve as a useful preparation for a research dissertation.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Individual tutorials as required.

Assessment: Bibliographical Exercise = 100%

ME5004 Sources and Contexts in Late Roman, Byzantine and Early Mediaeval Studies

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year

Programme(s): Compulsory module for Late Roman, Byzantine and Early Mediaeval Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Optional module for Mediaeval History Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module provides an introduction to the study of key sources related to key issues in the transition from the Roman Empire to an early mediaeval world fragmented by diverse political, religious and ethnic identities. The first third of the course focuses on the ideology, law and defence of the Christian Roman Empire in the fourth and fifth centuries. The remaining two thirds examine the continuing transformation of Roman culture in Constantinople, and the interaction between Romans and non-Romans in other selected areas of the Mediterranean world during the sixth and early seventh centuries.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One two hour class, individual tutorials as required.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

ME5005 Manuscript Studies

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year

Programme(s): Compulsory module for Mediaeval History Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: An introductory survey of the history of the mediaeval manuscript book and of mediaeval archival practices. Students will learn to transcribe and translate documents from the original language.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Three hours.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

ME5006 Dark-Age Scotland

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1

Programme(s): Optional module for Late Roman, Byzantine and Early Mediaeval Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module studies the development of the tribal units which emerged in North Britain in the post-Roman period, into the early mediaeval kingdom of Scotland. It broadly divides into the following periods: (i) Iron Age and Tribal North Britain from c.400 - 800 AD; (ii) The Viking Age c800 - 1000 AD; (iii) The Kingdom of the Scots in the 11th century. Students will be required to produce five pieces of work, combining essays, source criticisms and a major study of an important historical or archaeological site in north Britain. There will be one oral assessment element in addition.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One 2 hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

ME5414 Ideas on Nature and Animals in the Middle Ages

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2
Programme(s): Optional module for the Environmental History and Policy and Mediaeval History Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module reviews the main Mediaeval ideas of Nature, mankind and animals. What was the origin of the world? Should Human Beings modify the creation of God? Do animals, plants and planets influence people? Why were there famines and floods? The option is an introduction to the strand of Environmental history concerned with the cultural and historical representations that past societies had of their environment. The course involves lectures, classes and seminars. It makes extensive use of sources in translation such as: the Bible, the writings of the Church Fathers, Lapidaries, Bestiaries, saints’ lives, and literature, as well as iconographical sources. An oral presentation (inclusive of 1 poster presentation) and 3 essays will be required.

Class Hour: 10.00 am – 12.00 noon Tuesday.
Teaching: One lecture, one seminar, four tutorials.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5002 Reformation and Religious Change in England, 1480-1603
Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2
Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historiography and Reformation Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: Few areas of English history have provoked such prolonged controversy in recent years as the English Reformation. Whether England’s progress towards eventual emergence as a Protestant state was, as is now argued, slow and halting, is examined here within the context of a sympathetic re-evaluation both of the pre-Reformation Catholic church and the aspirations of those who sought change. The module will examine the reforming measures of Henry VIII and Edward VI, the Marian reaction, and the gradual emergence of a distinctive English Protestant culture under Elizabeth.

Class Hour: 9.00 am - 11.00 am Friday.
Teaching: Two hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5003 The Habsburgs and Germany in the Sixteenth Century
Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1
Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historiography and Reformation Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module concentrates on the relationship between the Holy Roman Emperors and Germany from 1493. Their relationship was highly problematic, because the Habsburgs were not German and had little understanding of German affairs. This relationship will be examined in the light of central issues of the sixteenth century: the Reformation, the growth of territorial states, Imperial reform and the Turkish threat.

Class Hour: 11.00 am - 1.00 pm Monday.
Teaching: Two hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5004 International Calvinism
Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1
Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historiography and Reformation Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module provides a detailed examination of the growth of Calvinism and its relationship with the political and religious struggles of the second half of the sixteenth century. It examines the examples of Geneva, France, the Netherlands, and Scotland, and offers an examination of Calvinism as an effective supernatural phenomenon.

Class Hour: 9.30 am - 12.30 pm Wednesday.
Teaching: Three hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5005 The Catholic Reformation
Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year
MO5006 Society and Religious Change in Sixteenth-Century France

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1

Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historiography and Reformation Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module offers a detailed examination of the development and near disintegration of the new French nation state in the sixteenth century. It examines how France faced the two major challenges of the age: the trend towards more centralised state-building, stimulated in part by the changing nature of warfare in the sixteenth century and the urge on the part of European monarchies to create a new monarchy; and the challenge posed by the divisions of European Christendom resulting from the Protestant Reformation. A central question to be answered is why France succeeded in meeting the first challenge so successfully, as epitomised by the ‘Renaissance’ monarchy of Francis I, but then collapsed so weakly in the face of the growth of Calvinism in the second half of the century.

Class Hour: 9.00 - 11.00 am Friday.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5007 Madness and its Social Milieu in Britain, 1560 - 1820

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1

Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historiography and Modern Historical Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: Madness is a source of fascination and dread in the modern world. The period between the end of the middle ages and the early years of the nineteenth century is seen as particularly important in forming our attitudes: because of changing understandings of and attitudes to insanity; and because of new types of care such as the origins of the asylum movement. In addition, analysing perceptions of mad behaviour allows unique insights to be gained into the social and cultural priorities of the sane. The module will allow students to use original documents to examine British society from an unusual perspective and to gain unique insights into the mental world of early modern people. In addition to the skills of critical reading, and documentary analysis, it will encourage an interdisciplinary and comparative approach, and will introduce students to quantitative research methodologies.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One 2 hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5011 Aspects of Reformation

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year

Programme(s): Compulsory module for Reformation Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Optional module for Modern Historiography and Modern Historical Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module explains selected themes in Reformation Studies and encourages students to develop a sense of the historiography of the period. It is the core course of the Reformation Studies M.Litt. Each theme is treated in these seminars with students being required to make presentations on current historical debates. The themes include: Reformation theology, popular religion, the local reformation and the printed book.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%
MO5012  Skills Training
Credits: 40.0  Semester: Whole Year
Programme(s): Optional module for Reformation Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: This is part of the M.Litt. in Reformation Studies and is intended to offer students training in skills relevant to research in early modern history. The student chooses two components from the range of options offered. These options included: Latin, palaeography, bibliogray, and modern European languages. Each student will be able to choose the options most appropriate for the M.Litt. dissertation and further Ph.D. work.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: As appropriate to the option.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5013  From Manuscript to Printed Book. The art of Communication in Renaissance and Reformation.
Credits: 40.0  Semester: 1
Programme(s): Optional module for Reformation Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: In a wide ranging investigation of the culture of print, this module will chart the evolution of the book from its beginnings in the monastic scriptorium to the mass audience of the early printed book. It will demonstrate how the vast investment and risk that lay behind the invention of printing was only conceivable because of existing high demand for books; and how the manuscript tradition lingered on even as the book emerged as an independent cultural artefact. The module will also consider how the book, initially like the manuscript essentially an elite artefact, developed into an instrument of mass communication. But it will also discuss how the book took its place in a wide range of communication mechanisms – inevitably so in a society when reading was still a restricted, minority skill.
Class Hour: 10.00 am – 12.00 noon Wednesday.
Teaching: One 2 hour seminar and occasional tutorials.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5016  State-building and Social Change in Sixteenth Century Europe
Credits: 40.0  Semester: 1
Programme(s): Optional module for Reformation Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: This module offers an introductory survey of Europe in the Reformation era. Its distinctive feature will be to combine recognizably different approaches to the study of history (social and economic, political and religious, intellectual history and microhistory), within one survey module. In this respect it offers students a valuable opportunity to observe the way in which the treatment of historical events in the sixteenth century has evolved in the last thirty years.
Class Hour: 9.00 – 11.00 am Thursday.
Teaching: Two hour seminar weekly plus occasional tutorials.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5018  Death and the Dead in Late Mediaeval and Early Modern Europe, c.1350-1650
Credits: 40.0  Semester: 1
Programme(s): Optional module for Reformation Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: This module offers a survey of attitudes towards death and dying in the period from the Black Death to the end of the Thirty Years War. It looks at the causes of death, the rituals associated with dying and burial, and how the living thought of the dead. Students will be introduced to a wide range of source material as well as the developing historiography of the subject.
Class Hour: 2.00 – 4.00 pm Monday.
Teaching: Two hour seminar weekly plus occasional tutorials.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%
**MO5021 Tudor Political Thought**

Credits: 40.0  
Semester: 2  

Programme(s): Optional module for Reformation Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module will examine the main texts and contexts of political thought in Tudor England. It will seek to identify political ideas and vocabulary, and to situate debates and language in their historical contexts. Both political ideas and the rhetorical modes by which they were conceived and communicated to an audience, real or imagined, will be considered. The main agenda will include politics, religion, rhetoric, law, and history. Special themes will include theories of monarchy and counsel, empire and sovereignty, civic humanism and mixed polity, Reformation, conciliarism, republicanism and resistance, Parliament, representation, and the politics of history, poetry and drama. This is overwhelmingly a source-based course.

Class Hour: 4.00 – 6.00 pm Tuesday.

Teaching: Two hour seminar weekly plus fortnightly tutorials.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

**MO5023 Disease and Environment, c.1500 - c.2000**

Credits: 40.0  
Semester: 1  

Programme(s): Optional module for Environmental History and Policy Postgraduate Taught Programme

Description: Before they are members of political and religious groupings, humans are biological entities. As such, throughout history humans have had to devise complex strategies to cope with fundamental biological factors. Focusing primarily upon an Anglo-American context, this course examines the manner in which sickness and death have shaped human history – both biologically and culturally – over the past 500 years. Consideration of patients’ and practitioners’ expectations, and of the changing meanings of cure, treatment, and care, encourages students to appreciate changing attitudes to health, hygiene, healing and illness within the social history of medicine. Moreover, through an examination of medical practitioners, hospitals, quarantine, inoculation, imperialism, urbanisation, and industrialisation, students will gain an appreciation of the historical relationships between the environment and disease.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar, fortnightly tutorial.

Assessment: 1 Book review (2000 words); 1 essay (4000 words); 1 essay (2000 words) = 100%

**MO5112 The Medici, Savanarola and Machiavelli, Florence 1434 - 1527**

Credits: 40.0  
Semester: 1  

Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historical Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module focuses on the period of Medici rule from the return of Cosimo until the Sack of Rome. Seminars will concentrate on how power, religion and intellectual activity were expressed in the visual and written cultures of a Renaissance state. Students will examine Medicean art of statecraft, family rivalries, social issues, patronage and opposition within the city.

Class Hour: 2.00 - 4.00 pm Tuesday.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%
MO5202  British Industrialisation, 1700 - 1840
Credits: 40.0  Semester: 2
Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historiography and Modern Historical Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module will examine the influences upon change in Britain and how far society was transformed by economic and social pressures and the growth of the overseas empire. Themes covered include the slave trade, the relationship of foreign trades to domestic growth, the role of warfare, the progress of the modern factory, the contribution of banks and finance, and why Britain was the first country to have an industrial revolution. Attention is given to the expansion of the colonial network in the Caribbean and how this generated wealth for Britain. Maritime rivalry, political and military affairs are discussed in the context of their effect upon economic progress.
Class Hour: 10.00 am - 12.00 noon Tuesday.
Teaching: Two hour seminars and one hour tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

MO5203  Enlightenment Concepts
Credits: 40.0  Semester: Whole Year
Programme: Compulsory core module for Enlightenment Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: This is a core module providing an integrated overview of the concepts characterising the eighteenth-century Enlightenment. Special emphasis will be given to ideas about politics, economics, education, society, philosophy and the non-European world.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Fortnightly seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5204  Literature, Literacy and the Enlightenment in Historical Context
Credits: 40.0  Semester: 2
Programme: Optional module for Enlightenment Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Description: The ideas of the Enlightenment were disseminated through print and writing. One of its central tenets was that mankind could be improved through the medium of education. During the ‘long eighteenth century’ a majority of adult males in western Europe achieved basic literacy; the quality and quantity of publications changed rapidly; ideas influenced education, literacy, and literature, and were in turn influenced by them. Secular ideas spread in an age when much education was provided by clerics and when both elementary and post-elementary education focused on religious texts. This course will explore the extent of literacy, trends in publishing, the nature and extent of schooling and university training, and the ideologies behind education. It examines not only the developments of the classic age of Enlightenment, but also their long-term historical antecedents. Fascinating and important in itself, it provides an essential background for understanding the ideas of the Enlightenment and the way they shaped following centuries.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One 2 hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%
MO5205 Enlightenment and Government

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1

Programme: Optional module for Enlightenment Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module studies the impact of the Enlightenment upon the theory and practice of government in the major European states during the period c.1750-1790. It examines the noted reforms introduced at this time and provides an introduction to the phenomenon described by earlier historians as ‘Enlightened Despotism’. After a preliminary study of the major ideas of the French, German and Italian Enlightenments, the module goes on to provide a detailed examination of the religious, educational, legal, agrarian and economic reforms attempted during these decades. The contemporary impact of these measures is assessed, while the contribution of individual rulers such as Russia’s Catherine the Great and Austria’s Joseph II, of particular ministers such as Portugal’s dictator Pombal, and of state administrations, are all considered.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One 2 hour seminar, with additional tutorials.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

MO5206 European Empires in the Age of Enlightenment

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Programme: Optional module for Enlightenment Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module studies the comparative evolution of European empires in North America and the Indian sub-continent in the period 1702-1783, in the light of the Enlightenment discussion on the nature, value and worth of overseas empire. The imperial traditions studied will be those of the British, Spanish and French monarchies and there will be an important element of analysis of the general theories about the rise and fall of empires which have been developed by scholars in a tradition continuous since the Enlightenment. The course will start by surveying the early eighteenth-century coexistence in India of a dying Mughal imperial tradition and two emergent successor imperialisms, one British and one French. No previous knowledge of Indian history is assumed or required. The course will then move on to consider the rival concepts and structures of empire upheld in eighteenth-century North America by the Spaniards, French and British. Comparisons will be made of the different forms of empire evolved by the same Europeans in the two continents, and the course culminates in a discussion of the nature and influence of Enlightened thinkers’ responses, negative and positive, to this era in the expansion of Europe.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One 2 hour seminar, with additional tutorials.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

MO5301 Imperial Russia 1815-1917

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1

Availability: 2001-02

Programme(s): Optional module for Central & East European Studies, Modern Historiography and Modern Historical Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The decline of Imperial Russia is traced from the defeat of Napoleon, through periods of reaction and reform, the development of opposition movements from the Decemberists to the Bolsheviks, to the collapse of Tsarism in February 1917. In addition to the study of underlying political, economic and social factors, intellectual and ideological developments are examined. Aspects of foreign policy are also considered.

Class Hour: 11.00 am - 1.00 pm Thursday.

Teaching: Tutorial, two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5303 The British Liberal Party, 1859-1935
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**MO5305 The Radical Right in Britain**

Credits: 40.0  
Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historiography, Modern Historical Studies and People and Nation in the Twentieth Century Postgraduate Taught Programmes.  
Description: The Radical Right in England never enjoyed the reality of power; in consequence, unlike its counterparts in Europe with similar ideologies, it never compromised its intellectual bases. This course traces the development of the ideology from Victorian theories of race and critiques of industrial capitalism to the sophisticated economic and racist fascism of Oswald Mosley and the BUF. The moral imperatives which drove the Right to justify extermination, enslavement and violence are also analysed as a central element of the radical right mentality.  
Class Hour: To be arranged.  
Teaching: Two hour seminar, fortnightly tutorial.  
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

**MO5308 Approaches to Historical Theory**

Credits: 40.0  
Programme(s): Compulsory module for Modern Historiography Postgraduate Taught Programme. Optional module for Modern Historical Studies and People and Nation in the Twentieth Century Postgraduate Taught Programmes.  
Description: This introductory module asks questions about the degree to which, and the ways in which, history may be considered a theoretical subject. The module will be organised around the problems posed by the nature and limits of historical knowledge; the shaping of the past by historians; the validity of historical explanations; and competing styles of method deployed by historians over the past two centuries. No philosophical background is required.  
Class Hour: To be arranged.  
Teaching: Two hour seminar, fortnightly tutorial.  
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

**MO5309 The Evolution of British Democracy, 1832-1918**

Credits: 40.0  
Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historiography and Modern Historical Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.  
Description: Between 1832 and 1918 the participation of the British public in the political processes and institutions of the country underwent a major transformation. This module focuses on the nature and significance of the extension of political activity from a small élite to a mass democracy. Central questions will relate to the place of the franchise in political behaviour and its implications for the status of excluded groups.  
Class Hour: To be arranged.  
Teaching: Two hour seminar, fortnightly tutorial.  
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

**MO5310 Ideas and Ideologies in Victorian Britain**
**MO5311 Britain and the Scramble for Africa, 1865-1904**

Credits: 40.0  
Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historiography and Modern Historical Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: Between the mid-1860s and 1900 Britain increased its African empire thirtyfold, to encompass nearly a third of the continent and half its population. This module examines a number of major themes including: domestic politics and the empire; ‘jingoism’ and the popular culture of imperialism; the influence of businessmen and financiers; technology and imperialism; the role of explorers and missionaries; and the impact upon indigenous populations, such as the Asante and Zulu. Specific focus is placed on southern Africa, the careers of men like Cecil Rhodes and Alfred Milner, and the events leading to the Anglo-Boer War of 1899-1902.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar, fortnightly tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

**MO5312 Society in Late Victorian Britain**

Credits: 40.0  
Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historiography and Modern Historical Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module surveys a number of major themes in British social history between the 1870s and the early 1900s. Following a general consideration of what constitutes ‘social history’, topics discussed include: demographic change, gender relations and the structure of the family; living standards, diet and health; urbanization and housing conditions; the relative decline of rural Britain; childhood and old age; employment and unemployment; wealth distribution and the class structure; popular culture, concepts of empire and ‘Britishness’; changing leisure pursuits, crime and religion.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar, fortnightly tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

**MO5313 Economy and Society in France and Italy, 1870-1980**

Credits: 40.0  
Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historiography, Modern Historical Studies and People and Nation in the Twentieth Century Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The module examines the major economic, political and social factors which have shaped the historical development of two of the founding countries of the European Community. By adopting a comparative framework it is hoped that the student will gain some understanding of the relationship of economic and social change to political behaviour, both between countries, and within them. France and Italy provide an excellent starting point for comparative historical investigation as they were both late industrialising countries, experienced dualism in their economic structures, and have a history of political radicalism. The course explores these historical aspects in four chronological periods: i) 1870-1914; ii) 1918-1939; iii) 1945-1963; iv) 1963-1980.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar, fortnightly tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%
MO5400 Themes in Twentieth Century Identity

Credits: 40.0  
Semester: 1  
Programme(s): Optional module for Middle East Politics, Modern Historiography, Modern Historical Studies and People and Nation in the Twentieth Century Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The module covers the political history of modern Egypt from the French invasion of 1798 to the death of Gamal Abdul Nasser in 1970. This period saw Egypt’s emergence as a modern nation-state as the regional power of the Ottoman Empire gave way to the forces of local particularism, to ideas of political reform and nationalism, and to European imperialism. It includes the early history of liberal constitutional government in Egypt, and of militant illiberalism in both its secular and religious guises. It ends with the installation of Nasser’s military dictatorship, his early triumph over Great Britain and France in the Suez crisis, and the disaster of defeat by Israel in 1967.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar, fortnightly tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5401 The Bolshevik Revolution: Russia 1917-1921

Credits: 40.0  
Semester: 2  
Programme(s): Optional module for Central & East European Studies, Modern Historiography, Modern Historical Studies and People and Nation in the Twentieth Century Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: A study of the Russian Revolution, focused on Lenin and the Bolsheviks and the way in which they seized power, survived hostile challenges, and consolidated the regime by 1921.

Class Hour: 3.00 - 5.00 pm Monday.
Teaching: Fortnightly tutorial, two hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%
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MO5405 The Origins of the Second World War
Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1
Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historiography, Modern Historical Studies and People and Nation in the Twentieth Century Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: The causes of the war are traced through the shortcomings of the Versailles settlement of 1919; the development of dictatorship in Mussolini’s Italy, Hitler’s Germany and Stalin’s USSR; and the inadequacy of the British and French responses to the challenge culminating in the Munich Agreement. Ideological, political, economic and cultural factors are analysed alongside those of foreign policy development. The documents cover the crisis years of 1938 and 1939.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Fortnightly tutorial, two hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5409 The Development of Modern Scotland 1932-1982
Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1
Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historiography, Modern Historical Studies and People and Nation in the Twentieth Century Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: The course will cover the development of modern Scotland in the British and European context. A broad interpretation will be given for changes in economic, social and political life, using material on culture and Scottish distinctiveness, on nationalism and politics, Socialism and religion, as well as covering explanations raised by historians and sociologists. Detailed attention will be given to fluctuations in the economy, including the depression of the thirties, the wartime and postwar boom and the industrial collapse of 1979-82. Other areas for study will include the influence of Government upon the economy, developments in housing and health, decline in the heavy industries and the rise of political parties and local authorities.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Fortnightly tutorial, two hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5410 The Development of National Socialism and the Third Reich
Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1
Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historiography and Modern Historical Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module examines the organisational and social structure of Nazism between 1919 and 1933, gaining a detailed and critical understanding of the conditions for its success before moving on to examine the nature and practice of its rule from 1933-45. Emphasis is placed on a social-historical approach: Nazism as a popular movement; the Party organisation and structure; relations between Hitler’s regime and German society. Students will have the opportunity to work with primary documents.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar, fortnightly tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5411 Edwardian England
### MO5412 Britain in the Era of the Great War
- **Credits:** 40.0  
- **Semester:** 2
- **Programme(s):** Optional module for Modern Historiography and Modern Historical Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
- **Description:** This module will deal with the effects of the Great War upon British politics and society. Topics will include the preparation for war, militarism, political and military leadership, the war in the trenches, war poetry, the effect of the war upon women and the working class, the legacy of the war etc. Military campaigns will not be studied in great detail.
- **Class Hour:** To be arranged.
- **Teaching:** Two hour seminar, fortnightly tutorial.
- **Assessment:** Continuous Assessment = 100%

### MO5413 British Society between the Wars, 1919-1939
- **Credits:** 40.0  
- **Semester:** 2
- **Programme(s):** Optional module for Modern Historiography and Modern Historical Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
- **Description:** This survey of British social history between the two world wars examines the range of issues, including: demographic change and the structure of the family; health and living standards, employment and unemployment, wealth distribution and the class structure, housing conditions, changing leisure pursuits, crime and religion. It also considers the experience of specific groups in society, particularly women, the young and the elderly. In general, it attempts some reconciliation of conflicting images of this era, on the one hand, as one of mass unemployment and poverty and, on the other, of increasing affluence and buoyant consumerism.
- **Class Hour:** To be arranged.
- **Teaching:** Two hour seminar, fortnightly tutorial.
- **Assessment:** Continuous Assessment = 100%

### MO5414 Women, War and Peace
- **Credits:** 40.0  
- **Semester:** 1
- **Programme(s):** Optional module for Modern Historiography, Modern Historical Studies and People and Nation in the Twentieth Century Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
- **Description:** This module will examine the experiences of women in industrialised war, the effects of war upon gender issues, and women’s contribution to peace movements. It will focus mainly upon wars since 1870 but will not be restricted to geographical area. The aim is to understand how women are affected by war, the contributions they have made and how war experiences and peace campaigns have shaped gender identity. The structure is mainly thematic, with many of the seminars taking the form of case studies.
- **Class Hour:** To be arranged.
- **Teaching:** Two hour seminar, fortnightly tutorial.
- **Assessment:** Continuous Assessment = 100%
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MO5416 The Nazi Occupation of Europe and the Holocaust
Credits: 40.0  Semester: 1
Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historiography and Modern Historical Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module offers students the opportunity to examine, from an social historical perspective, the origins and structure of the planned racial re-ordering of Europe under Nazi control during the Second World War which led to the systematic murder of almost half of European Jewry. Emphasis will be placed as far as possible on the experience of the Holocaust and will conclude with a discussion of its legacy for contemporary European society.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar, fortnightly tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5499 Modernity and Crisis: Urban Germany, 1890-1939
Credits: 40.0  Semester: 2
Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historiography, Modern Historical Studies and People and Nation in the Twentieth Century Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: This module offers a cultural exploration of the social and political developments of early twentieth-century Germany in its urban setting. During the period from the late nineteenth century to the later 1930s, Germany’s cities (and above all Berlin) became synonymous with ‘modernity’, where cultural and sexual experimentation and innovation appeared to dissolve old standards and structures regulating society and politics, precipitating a climate of uncertainty and crisis. Meanwhile ‘modernity’ also came to represent a flight into the future, as newer democratic life forms were sought after: improvement of social conditions; quest for equality between the sexes; pursuit of spiritual enlightenment and physical health. These developments were often supported by local republican authorities, provoking sharp political criticism from traditionalist and nationalist quarters. Between 1930-33, what has come to be seen as a ‘Weimar cultural modernist experience’ collapsed in the face of this reaction. The emerging Nazi-controlled society led to an overturning of the social and cultural life achievements of ‘Weimar modernity’.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar, fortnightly tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5501 The Cold War
MO5503 Central and Eastern Europe since 1945

Credits: 40.0  Semester: 2
Availability: 2001-02
Programme(s): Optional module for Central & East European Studies, Modern Historiography, Modern Historical Studies and People and Nation in the Twentieth Century Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The wartime Alliance which defeated Nazi Germany in 1945 failed to survive beyond that event. The subsequent Cold War, characterised by the East-West divide, the arms race and ensuing international crises in Europe and elsewhere, is analysed in terms of the underlying strategic, ideological and economic factors. The main focus is the evolving super-power relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Fortnightly tutorial, two hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5504 Approaches to American Political Culture

Credits: 40.0  Semester: Whole Year
Programme(s): Compulsory module for Modern American History Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This core course for the M.Litt. in Modern American History and Politics is taught fortnightly over two semesters, and will introduce students to basic research techniques, providing them also with a background to the post-1932 period, together with a more detailed knowledge of some of the central issues in recent American history and politics. Students are also recommended to use the early part of the course to focus their research topics for later in the year.

Class Hour: 2.00 - 4.00 pm Thursday.
Teaching: Tutorial, two hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

MO5506 America and Vietnam
Programme(s): Optional module for Modern American History, Modern Historiography and Modern Historical Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: America’s involvement in Vietnam will be examined in the widest possible sense. Topics will include the reasons for the intervention, the nature of the war, the effect on American Cold War foreign policy and the reasons for the American defeat. The module will also study the effects of the war on the culture of the 1960s and the enduring legacy of the Vietnam experience.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Fortnightly tutorial, two hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5508 The Modern American Presidency

Programme(s): Optional module for Modern American History, Modern Historiography and Modern Historical Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module focuses upon the development of the American presidency since the New Deal. Specifically, it examines the more historically significant modern presidencies: Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, and Ronald Reagan. Attention will be focused not only upon the foreign and domestic policies of these leaders, but also the ways in which they generally shaped the institution of the presidency. Students will be expected to develop a good sense of the historiography of the modern presidency. They will also present position papers in class as a starting point for discussion.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Tutorial, two hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

MO5509 War and Welfare: Britain, 1939 - 1951

Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historiography and People and Nation in the Twentieth Century Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module will study how the experience of war led to a Labour victory in 1945 and the establishment of a welfare state. Roughly half the module will cover the war, the other half the Labour government of 1945 - 1951. Military campaigns will not be examined in detail, but some strategic questions will be discussed. Imperial and foreign policy issues (particularly after 1945) will also be examined.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar, and fortnightly tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5511 Gender in Twentieth-Century America

Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historiography and Modern Historical Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module analyses the evolution of gender roles in the United States during the twentieth century. It focuses on the way that major events such as the New Deal, World War Two and the Cold War changed the lives of men and women in the home, in politics and in the workplace. Attention is also devoted to the interaction of gender roles with class, ethnicity and race. Although the focus is primarily on the experiences of women, the module also explores the way that changes in women’s lives affected men.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar, fortnightly tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5512 Black and White in Colour: South Africa in the Age of Segregation and Apartheid, 1867-1994
Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historiography, Modern Historical Studies and People and Nation in the Twentieth Century Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The primary focus of the module is on the interaction between different social and ethnic groups. Themes examined include the conflict between the British Empire and the Boers, the rise and decline of Afrikaner nationalism, and the strategies adopted by Africans, Indians and 'Coloured' people. Attention is given to the impact of rapid urbanisation and industrialisation of South Africa and to the signal events of the country's history - such as the Boer War, Rand Revolt, Sharpeville Massacre and Soweto Uprising. Historiographical debates and also examined.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar, and fortnightly tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

**MO5513 Heavenly Decade: The 1960s**

Credits: 40.0  Semester: 2

Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historiography and People and Nation in the Twentieth Century Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module will concern itself with the ‘Sixties experience’ as a worldwide phenomenon. The culture of ‘sex, drugs and rock and roll’ affected youth around the world. Social conventions were torn down in the frenzied obsession with rebellion and the ‘counterculture’. But there was also a majority who neither tuned in, turned on, nor dropped out - youths who deplored the drug culture, held sex sacred, and preferred the Beatles to the Rolling Stones. The module will examine the links between counter-cultural movements in Berkeley, Berlin, Paris, Mexico City and elsewhere. Due primarily to the availability of sources the module will have an American bias, but there will be sufficient exploration of youth movements in other countries to provide an illuminating cross-cultural perspective. The module will also explore whether the heavenly decade was mainly myth, important more in retrospect than at the time.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar, and fortnightly tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

**MO5514 Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement in America**

Credits: 40.0  Semester: 1

Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historiography and People and Nation in the Twentieth Century Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module will explore in detail the central protests and demonstrations of the American Civil Rights Movement. It will focus on the life of Martin Luther King Jr., and examine the nature of his leadership, the role of the church, the degree of his radicalism. Substantial use will be made of oral sources and the strengths and weaknesses of oral history will be examined.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar, and fortnightly tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

**MO5905 Politics, Literature and the Reformation: Sir Thomas More**

Credits: 40.0  Semester: Whole Year
Programme(s): Optional module for Reformation Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module will investigate the life, writings and career of Sir Thomas More. Particular attention will be paid to More’s role as a European humanist, King’s councillor and politician and leading participant in the anti-Lutheran campaign of the early Reformation. The sources for his career and biography (including the early ‘Lives’ of Roper, Harpsfield and Stapleton, and More’s own letters) will be subjected to particular scrutiny: many of the so-called ‘primary sources’ were rhetorically contrived or manipulated shortly after his death, or even in his later lifetime, by those who believed that his execution by Henry VIII would bring him and the cause for which he died an inextinguishable fame and reputation. This is overwhelmingly a source-based course.

Class Hour: 10.00 am - 12.00 noon Wednesday.

Teaching: Two hour seminar weekly plus occasional tutorials.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

MO5935 Charles Darwin and the Politics of Progress in the Natural World

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year

Programme(s): Optional Module for Environmental History and Policy Postgraduate Taught Programme

Description: The nineteenth century was the self-proclaimed age of progress. Consequently, it was an age obsessed with time, an age obsessed with origins. And just as human experience – human perfectibility – had become historicised, so too had nature. Natural history had become the history of nature. Drawing upon the rich primary and secondary sources generated by the ‘Darwin industry’, this course examines progressive developmentalism and evolutionary theories in the nineteenth century. Specifically, it considers the religious, political and social implications of a belief in a constantly changing world, governed by natural laws.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour fortnightly seminar.

Assessment: 4 x 1,000 word position papers and 1 essay (4,000 words) = 100%

SC5001 Roman and Native in North Britain

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1

Programme(s): Optional module for Scottish History Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: The sources used in this module will be literary, documentary, epigraphic, numismatic, iconographic and archaeological. The course will include study of the geographical setting, the society and economy of late Iron Age North Britain, and the systems of occupation and control by the Roman army of the first and second centuries AD. Consideration will be given to the Severan campaigns of AD208-211, the governorship of Agricola, and late first century campaigning in the north. The frontiers of the Roman world will be examined, as will the evolution of the frontiers in Britain from AD86-c.122, with particular emphasis on the Hadrianic and Antonine frontiers (AD c.140-c.165). Some time will be devoted to consideration of the cultural interfaces of Roman and native on the frontier.

Class Hour: 2.00 pm Tuesday.

Teaching: Two hour seminar, one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

SC5002 Archaeological Evidence and the Historian

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2
**SC5021 Survival and Stability: the Foundations of the Stewart Dynasty 1371-1460**

Credits: 40.0  
Semester: 1  
Programme(s): Optional module for Scottish History and Scottish Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This course examines the nature of late mediaeval Scottish kingship by way of an analysis of the reigns of the first four Stewart kings. The dramatic changes in the style of royal government - ranging from a shaky beginning in 1371 to the spectacular success of James II by 1455 - are studied in detail, and an effort is made to understand why the Scots found such changes acceptable. The module is based on study of original sources.

Class Hour: 11.00 am Tuesday.

Teaching: One 2 hour seminar, one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%
Programme(s): Optional module for Scottish History Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: Between 1250 and 1340 the peoples of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland experienced a period of massive upheaval as rival rulers sought to redraw the political map of the British Isles. The wars of conquest launched by Edward I against the principality of Wales and the kingdom of Scots, the war of resistance waged by the Scots against the Plantagenet kings and the war of aggression waged by Robert Bruce in Ireland and northern England formed a series of interlinked conflicts which violently altered relations between the peoples of the British Isles. Using contemporary records, chronicles and verse, the course and character of this warfare will be examined, both as a product of ambitious rulers and as the first clash of national communities within these islands.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One 2 hour seminar.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

SC5031 Kingdoms in Conflict: The Origins and Course of the British War of the Three Kingdoms

Credits: 40.0
Semester: 1

Programme(s): Optional module for Scottish History Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: The module is intended to offer an integrated approach to early seventeenth-century British History, while also highlighting the distinctive developments in the particular national histories of Scotland, England and Ireland. Students will examine the nature of the 1603 regal union, and the origins, course and consequences of the mid-century revolutions and wars throughout Britain.

Class Hour: 11.00 am Thursday.
Teaching: One 2 hour seminar, one tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

SC5032 From Province to Partner: Scotland 1660-1707

Credits: 40.0
Semester: 2

Programme(s): Optional module for Scottish History Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: The module will provide a close analysis of Scottish politics, religion and society in the half century prior to parliamentary union. It will address the question of the inevitability of political union and evaluate the vitality of Scotland’s own institutions and culture in the face of what is often perceived to be creeping Anglicisation. Topics will include the Restoration, the Covenanters, the monarchy, the British revolution, the highland problem, Scottish culture, the economy, social structures, government, and the making of the union.

Class Hour: 11.00 am - 1.00 pm Thursday.
Teaching: One 2 hour seminar, one tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

SC5043 Scottish Social Problems 1800-1990

Credits: 40.0
Semester: 1

Programme(s): Optional module for Scottish History and Scottish Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The aim of the module is to examine the reasons behind the deep-seated social problems in Scotland in spite of the growth in wealth and prosperity since 1800, and how society, the state and local authorities have responded to this. Topics analysed include housing, poverty, health and sectarianism, as well as others dealing with the peculiar problems faced by minority and ethnic groups.

Class Hour: 11.00 am Tuesday.
Teaching: One 2 hour seminar, one tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

SC5044 Constructing Identities: Scottish Historians and the Past, 1707-1832

Credits: 40.0
Semester: 2
Programme(s): Optional module for Scottish History Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module explores the wider issues raised by the energetic re-writing of Scottish history between the Act of Union and the death of Sir Walter Scott. It will draw attention to the search for a new national identity through the better understanding of the past; the role of historical scholarship in making possible the broader cultural achievements of the eighteenth century; and the peculiar pre-occupations of Enlightenment historians, their purposes, their methods and their influence, in an age in which the Scots were among Europe’s most popular and most innovative practitioners.

Class Hour: 3.00 pm Tuesday.

Teaching: One 2 hour seminar, one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

SC5101 James III: The Legend and the King

Credits: 80.0

Programme(s): Optional module for Scottish History Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module involves a close examination of the politics of the reign of James III, and seeks in particular to evaluate and reconcile two very different types of source material - chronicle narratives and official records of government and other bodies.

Class Hour: 9.30 am Wednesday.

Teaching: One 3 hour seminar, one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

SC5102 History and National Identity in Pre-Union Britain 1100-1603

Credits: 80.0

Programme(s): Optional module for Scottish History Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module examines the nature and development of forms of collective consciousnes and identity in late mediaeval and early modern Britain. Taking a sense of the past as a key element of collective identity, it explores the evolution of historical mythologies of nationhood in mediaeval Scotland and England and the impact upon them of new modes of thought generated by the Renaissance and Reformation.

Class Hour: 9.30 am Wednesday.

Teaching: One 3 hour seminar, one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

SC5103 Work and Politics in Modern Scotland 1830-1939

Credits: 80.0

Programme(s): Optional module for Scottish History Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: The module provides a coherent account of the growth of the Scottish labour movement from 1832 and the ways that economic and social change have conditioned its development. Among the specific themes to be covered are the impact of technological and economic change on inherited work patterns and routines; the changing distribution of power and authority in the work place; the values and social attitudes of workers and the growth of trade unionism. As the module recognises the role of social agencies in shaping political and workplace attitudes and values the impact of religion, gender, nationality and temperance will also be examined. Finally, the module will analyse the reasons for the demise of popular liberalism and the growth of a more specific form of class politics.

Class Hour: 9.30 am Wednesday.

Teaching: 3 hour seminar, one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

SC5104 The Reign of James VI

Credits: 80.0

Programme(s): Optional module for Scottish History Postgraduate Taught Programme.
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Programme(s): Optional module for Scottish History Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module examines the degree of continuity and change in Scottish politics, religion and society during the period 1567 - 1625, when the Protestant Reformation, the European debate over the nature of the nation state, and the regal union with England all made their impact on a highly traditional community.

Class Hour: 9.30 am Wednesday.

Teaching: One 3 hour seminar, one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

SC5105 The Bruce Cause: The Making of Late Mediaeval Scotland

Credits: 80.0 Semester: Whole Year

Programme(s): Optional module for Scottish History Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: From the fourteenth century onwards Robert Bruce has been identified as the champion of the Scottish People against English domination. The Bruce cause, the survival and defence of Robert’s dynasty as kings of Scots, has been equated with the National cause, the liberties and independence of the realm and community of Scotland. However, this association of dynasty and nation was neither automatic nor immediate. It was only with the state-sponsored composition of Barbour’s epic poem -The Bruce- in the 1370s that Bruce’s historical reputation and political legacy were secured. This module examines this reputation and legacy by examining in depth the rise and survival of the Bruce dynasty between 1306 and 1371. Themes to be considered will be the presentation of rights and duties of both king and people in contemporary sources, the emergence of a nobility dominated by men bound to the Bruce cause, and the character of relations with England.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One 3 hour meeting.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

SC5106 A Hotbed of Genius: Culture and Society in the Scottish Enlightenment

Credits: 80.0 Semester: Whole Year

Programme(s): Optional module for Scottish History Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module explores the Scottish Enlightenment, an extraordinary phase of cultural and intellectual achievement associated with names like David Hume, Adam Smith, William Robertson, Allan Ramsay, Joseph Black and Sir Walter Scott. The class will work with eighteenth-century published works and other original sources in seeking to interpret the philosophical, historical, scientific and literary activities of the period.

Class Hour: 9.30 am Wednesday.

Teaching: One 3 hour meeting.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%