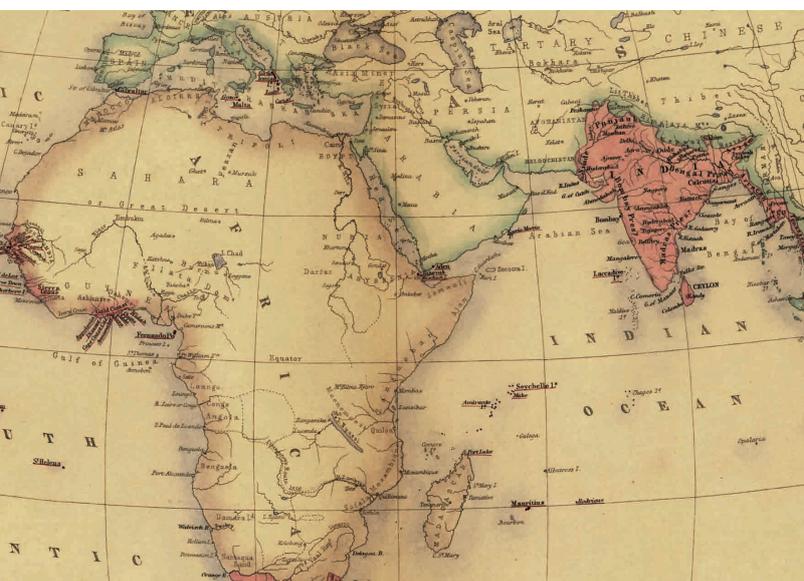




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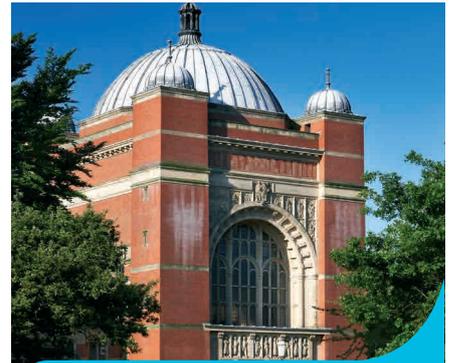
HISTORY



History programmes at Birmingham

WHY STUDY OUR PROGRAMMES AT BIRMINGHAM?

- *Times Higher Education* ranked the Department 1st in the country for its performance in the latest Research Excellence Framework exercise.
- The Department is one of the largest and most diverse in Britain. Whatever your interests – whether global, cultural, social, diplomatic, political, economic, military or religious history – academic staff in the Department are teaching and researching your kind of history. Moreover, historians in other departments in the University expand the range of modules on offer.
- Our strengths lie in our small group teaching methods and the historical diversity we can offer. You will have the opportunity to study for a degree that is unique to you, allowing you to pursue your own interests as the course progresses.
- Our high-quality teaching is driven by the diverse research interests of our staff and access to a wide variety of resources. Our range of programmes offers expertise in the ancient, medieval and modern periods, in global history, particularly that of Asia, Africa and North America.
- The University Library is one of the largest academic libraries in the country and boasts an outstanding research collection, incorporating an astonishing 2.7 million books and scholarly periodicals, and more than 16,000 electronic resources.
- The city of Birmingham enjoys a diverse economic and social heritage, as well as a vital role in contemporary British, European and International affairs.



'Studying here helped me in my career in many ways. I did an internship immediately after graduating at Unilever HQ in London. I then took a gap year – mainly working as a chalet host in France and Switzerland but also travelling to South East Asia, Europe and America. Studying at the University of Birmingham really helped to shape my CV to show what employers want.'

CARL, 2012 graduate



STUDY ABROAD

You can apply to study abroad for a year in an approved university around the world. If you achieve a grade of 2:1 or above in your first year then you will be invited to apply for a Year Abroad in your second year. If your application is successful, you will go abroad in your third year and return to us for your final year. Find out more at:

www.birmingham.ac.uk/yearabroad

OUR PROGRAMMES

BA History

If you want to study History from both the medieval and the modern periods with a global reach and experience a range of historical approaches, then this could be the programme for you.

Your studies will be concentrated within the School of History and Cultures and your expertise as a historian will develop quickly. You are most likely to have a strong background in History, and this could mean that you already have a confident sense of where your interests lie, or that you are ready to broaden your historical horizons. If you want to develop your interests in 20th-century Europe, or medieval societies you can: you could also choose to mix your interests, perhaps exploring the Vikings in one module, the Reformation in another, whilst also pursuing research on the War on Terror, frontier politics in medieval China or an option on South Africa in the 20th century. Whatever you choose, you can expect challenging debate, experience in handling and analysing real historical sources, and the opportunity to reflect critically on what it means to be a historian.

To study BA History, you will need to achieve an A in A level History.

'I've had a great first year at Birmingham and have loved the opportunity to study areas of history which I've not looked into previously. It's been fantastic to work with members of staff on historical periods that they, themselves, are experts in and so passionate about.

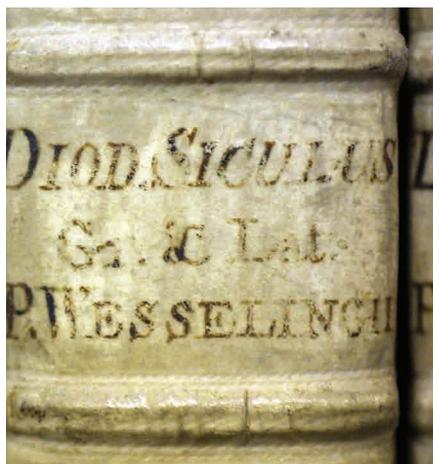
NICKIE, History, first year



There is a wide range of modules available in the History programme. Year 1 comprises a mixture of compulsory and optional elements which introduce you to a wide range of time periods and regions, some of which will be familiar, some new, right from 500CE to the present. In subsequent years the Options, Advanced Options and Special Subjects offer extensive choice in the depth and breadth of history that you can study. A dissertation is written in the final year, which includes individual supervision with a member of staff.

BA Ancient and Medieval History

The Ancient and Medieval History degree explores the history and culture of the ancient and medieval worlds from c.3000BC to c.1500AD, and examines how society changed in all its aspects – political, economic, material, religious – over this time span. It deals with ancient Greece, Rome, and the whole of the Middle Ages (including Byzantium and Eurasia), and we have the expertise to teach all of it. We introduce you to this period from scratch since few undergraduates know much about it before they start. This is normal, but if you choose this programme you will find that learning about it comes fast. You will graduate with a good sense of the history of the whole period, and with very detailed knowledge of some aspects of it.



'The Ancient and Medieval History degree programme more than lived up to expectations. The support provided by both academic and administrative staff across the Department of History ensured a smooth transition from A-Levels to University-level work.'

JAMES, Ancient and Medieval History, first year



There is a wide range of modules available in the Ancient and Medieval History degree programme. First year modules provide a solid foundation for second and third year study. Second and third year modules include Options, Special Subjects and a dissertation.

Joint Honours

In addition to our Single Honours programmes, there is also the opportunity to study History as part of a Joint Honours programme.

In your first year, study is split equally between the two disciplines. In subsequent years our Joint Honours programmes offer a flexible approach which allows you to tailor your course to suit your developing strengths and interests. In the second year you might stay with the equal weighting, or you might select to take more modules in one of your disciplines, effectively changing to a major/minor weighting. In the final year you have the option to maintain your second-year weighting, switch your major discipline to your other discipline or revert to an equal weighting between your two subjects.

Careers and employability

Our unique degree programmes are designed to provide academic excellence and personal development; a balance that's highly sought after by employers. As a History or an Ancient and Medieval History student, you will have an excellent opportunity to develop a wide range of skills that are attractive to employers, including a deep understanding of the past, highly developed skills in analysis, research, reasoning, time-management and oral and written communication. Students in the Department are also able to work independently as well as part of a team, with confidence in their skills and abilities.

These are key skills that will enable you to pursue either further study in History or an Ancient and Medieval History-related discipline or to move into employment in a wide range of other careers. Popular graduate destinations include: law, teaching, financial services, management and public services. In addition to these, other careers in libraries, museums and archives draw more directly on the historical training you will receive.

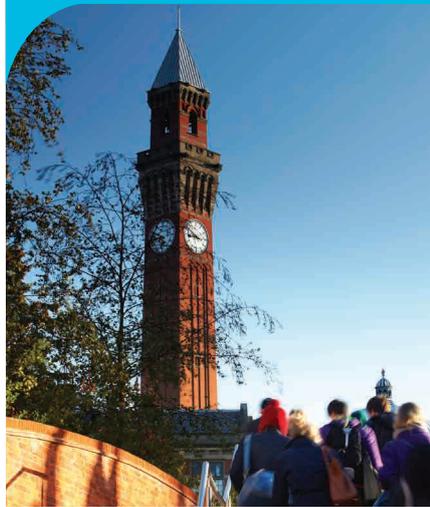
Typical offer

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
BA Ancient and Medieval History	V116	ABB
BA Anthropology and History	LV61	ABB
BA Archaeology and Ancient History and History	VV14	ABB
BA English and History	QV3C	AAB
BA History	V100	AAB
BA History and History of Art	VV13	ABB
BA History and Philosophy	VV15	AAB
BA History and Political Science	LV21	AAB
BA History and Theology	VV16	ABB
BA Modern Languages and History	R9V1	AAB

To study BA Joint Honours with History programmes, you will need to achieve an A in A level History.

'Since finishing my Global Challenge internship and graduating from the University of Birmingham, I undertook some internships in the PR and charity sectors. I then moved onto the Civil Service Fast Stream where I undertook a number of central government department postings. Six months ago I moved to become a management consultant with PwC and am currently working on projects within the Government and Health sectors.'

STEPHEN, 2014 graduate



NEXT STEPS

How to apply

Apply through UCAS.

Offer-holder Visit Days

Following the application process, offer holders will be invited to an Offer-holder Visit Day and are strongly encouraged to take this opportunity to visit the Department and meet staff and students with whom they would be studying.



LEARN MORE

Email:

study-history-ug@contacts.bham.ac.uk

Full details on all courses with year-by-year breakdown can be found at:
www.birmingham.ac.uk/history-ug

@artsatbham



This leaflet was written several months in advance of the start of the academic year. It is intended to provide prospective students with a general picture of the programmes and courses offered by the School. Please note that not all programmes or all courses are offered every year. Also, because our research is constantly exploring new areas and directions of study some courses may be discontinued and new ones offered in their place.

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