



Course Summary: March 29, 2026

History BA Honours

- UCAS code: **V100**
- Full time
- 3 years

This History degree allows you to explore and analyse historical societies across a range of periods and regions.

You are currently viewing course information for entry year: **2026**

Next start date:

- September 2026

Tuition fees (Year 1)

- Home: **£9,790**
- International: **£24,500**

Entry requirements and offers

- A-Level: **AAB**

- IB: **34 points**

UCAS Institution name and code:

- NEWC / N21

Undergraduate Open Day

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Saturday, June 27 (9:00-16:00)

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Course overview

This three-year History BA Honours degree focuses on developing your skills and abilities to critically analyse historical topics. You'll graduate as a confident and independent learner, ready for your future.

You'll learn to evaluate competing interpretations of history, and how to formulate, support and defend your own arguments and opinions.

You'll explore themes such as:

- revolution
- slavery
- radicalism
- medical history
- religion
- public engagement with the past

through a wide range of modules. These focus on a variety of time periods, geographies and cultures.

You'll study in a vibrant learning community, with scholars at the forefront of their fields. You'll also improve your research skills, completing a range of research projects during your degree.

You can follow your interests with opportunities to take modules from other subject areas such as archaeology, classics, politics, philosophy or a modern language at every stage of your degree.

Your course and study experience - disclaimers and terms and conditions

Please rest assured we make all reasonable efforts to provide you with the programmes, services and facilities described. However, it may be necessary to make changes due to significant disruption, for example in response to Covid-19.

View our [Academic experience page](#), which gives information about your Newcastle University study experience for the academic year 2025-26.

See our [terms and conditions and student complaints information](#), which gives details of circumstances that may lead to changes to programmes, modules or University services.

Quality and ranking

Professional accreditation and recognition

All professional accreditations are reviewed regularly by their professional body.

Modules and learning

Modules

The information below is intended to provide an example of what you will study.

Most degrees are divided into stages. Each stage lasts for one academic year, and you'll complete modules totalling 120 credits by the end of each stage.

Our teaching is informed by research. Course content may change periodically to reflect developments in the discipline, the requirements of external bodies and partners, and student feedback.

Optional module availability

Student demand for optional modules may affect availability.

Full details of the modules on offer will be published through the [Programme Regulations and Specifications](#) ahead of each academic year. This usually happens in May.

To find out more please [see our terms and conditions](#)

The compulsory modules will help you transition from school to university. Skills training is embedded throughout, enabling you to 'learn by doing' as you study. You'll examine primary sources and delve into the specialisms of your lecturers. You'll probe into the evolution of historical thinking over time.

In addition, you'll have the choice of optional modules ranging widely across time and geographies. You'll be able to select the topics that fascinate you most. You also have the option to choose innovative cross-disciplinary modules or modules from other disciplines such as languages.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Evidence and Argument	20
Historical Sources and Methods	20
What is History For?	20

You will select at least 1 module and may select up to 3 modules from the following (included in the optional module list):

Modules	Credits
History Lab I	20
History Lab II	20
Introduction to Public History	20
Optional Modules	Credits
Introduction to Archaeology	20
Prehistoric Britain	20
The Archaeology of Britain from the Romans to the 20th Century	20

The Roman World from Romulus to Trajan	20
Global Middle Ages	20
Stuff: living in a material world	20
Global Ancient Histories	20
History Lab I	20
History Lab II	20
Introduction to Public History	20

The compulsory modules will prepare you for independent research. You'll build on the skills and knowledge you developed in Stage 1 and you'll begin preparation for your dissertation in Stage 3.

Seminar discussions will help test and refine your ideas and increase your confidence.

You'll have the choice of a very wide range of optional modules. These modules focus on a time period or geographic range or take a comparative look at a common theme or specific event from a different angle.

Your modules span a range of periods to ensure that you have a good breath of historical understanding.

You'll also have the option to choose modules from outside of History.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Crafting History: Developing a Research Proposal	20

Optional Modules	Credits
From Lascaux to Knossos: Prehistoric Europe	20
Archaeologies of the Roman Empire: The Roman World from Augustus to Justinian	20
Colonial Worlds: History and Archaeology	20
Hellenistic Empires from Alexander to Cleopatra	20
The Roman World from Hadrian to Heraclius	20
Greek and Roman Religions	20
Slavery in Greco-Roman Antiquity	20
Sacred words and dirty deeds: Thriving in Late Antiquity	20
The Mediterranean: a connected past	20
Africa: History of a Continent	20
Social Histories of Alcohol: Britain and Ireland, 1700 - Present	20
Oral History of Modern Britain	20
1968: A Global Moment?	20
Culture and Communication in Medieval Eurasia	20
Famines in History	20
Researching History	20
The Aftermath of War in Europe and Asia, 1945-56	20
Revolutions of the Mind: European Thought, 1550-1750	20

Destroying Nature: Disasters, Diseases and Environmental Injustice	20
Diversities of Sexuality and Gender in History	20
Career Development for second year students	20

You'll put your independent learning skills into practice as you undertake your dissertation. You'll build on your knowledge and skills so far, with the guidance and support of your supervisor.

You'll take 'Reading History' where you'll critically reflect on the discipline and your own ideas through close study of an influential work. Our module on 'Public History' is recommended to broaden your horizons by considering the uses and abuses of history in public life.

Optional modules will deepen your knowledge through intensive small group seminar discussion of primary sources.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Reading History	20
Writing History	40
Optional Modules	Credits
Neolithic & Early Bronze Age Britain in its European Context	20
Fundamentals of Digital Humanities: Computer literacy, data analysis and GIS	20
Public History In Practice	20
The Irish Revolution, 1879-1923	20

Reconstruction and the New South, 1865-1900	20
British Foreign Policy since Suez	20
Birth Control in the 19th and 20th Centuries	20
Civil Rights in America, 1948-1975	20
Gender and the British Empire: Violence towards Men and Women in the Making of Modern South Asia	20
The Rise and Fall of the Berlin Wall, 1961-1990	20
The Rising Generation: Youth, Age and Protest in Cold War Britain	20
Buddhism and Society in Medieval Japan	20
May 1968: All Power to the Imagination	20
British Colonialism in Sudan: Violence, Gender and Race, 1899-1956	20
Fictional Histories: from medieval to modern	20
Exhausted! The problem of sleep (and not sleeping) from 1500 to the present day	20
Insiders and Outsiders: Migrants, Refugees, and the Making of Modern Europe	20
Beyond Brexit: The UK and European Integration since 1945	20
Riot, Reform and Revolution: Britain c.1760-1832	20

Read All About It! The News Revolution in Georgian Britain, 1714-1800	20
Career Development for final year students	20
Envious Show: Wealth, Power and Ambition in Narratives of the Country House, 1550-2000	20

Teaching and assessment

Teaching methods

Most of your course will be delivered through lectures, seminars and workshops.

Seminars form a more important part of your education in later stages, and help build our learning community, where you'll debate with peers and refine your ideas.

Assessment methods

You'll be assessed through a combination of:

- Coursework
- Dissertation or research project
- Essays
- Examinations – practical or online
- Portfolio submission
- Presentations
- Projects

Skills and experience

Business skills

You'll be able to boost your employability and develop enterprising behaviours, attributes and skills through two major career development modules.

Research skills

Independent research training is embedded throughout our History degree. This gives you the chance to develop your research skills – learning how to critically assess evidence and evaluate different interpretations – from your first year of study to your final-year dissertation.

Opportunities

Study Abroad

Experience life in another country by choosing to study abroad as part of your degree. You'll be encouraged to embrace fun and challenging experiences, make connections with new communities and graduate as a globally aware professional, ready for your future.

You can choose to spend a year studying at a partner institution overseas.

If you choose to study abroad, it will extend your degree by a year.

[Find out more about work placements.](#)

Work placement

Get career ready with a work placement and leave as a confident professional in your field. You can apply to spend 9 to 12 months working in any organisation in the world, and receive University support from our dedicated team to secure your dream placement. Work placements take place between stages 2 and 3.

You'll gain first-hand experience of working in the sector, putting your learning into practice and developing your professional expertise.

If you choose to take a work placement, it will extend your degree by a year, and your degree title will show you have achieved the placement year. A work placement is not available if you're spending a year studying abroad. Placements are subject to availability.

[Find out more about work placements](#)

Facilities and environment

Facilities

You'll be based in the School of History, Classics and Archaeology, in the historic Armstrong Building at our city-centre campus.

You'll have access to a range of on-campus facilities, including:

- the Philip Robinson University Library, which houses over 800,000 books and provides access to ca. 1.8m e-books
- Special Collections & Archives – a rich collection of archival material, historical medical texts and rare books
- The Great North Museum: Hancock, our on-campus museum which holds an extensive collection of Greek, Roman, and Etruscan artefacts

[Find out more about the School of History, Classics and Archaeology](#)

Support

You'll have the support of an academic member of staff as an academic adviser throughout your degree to help with academic and personal issues.

Peer mentors will help you in your first year. They are fellow students who can help you settle in and answer any questions you have when starting university.

Your future

Our graduates go on to a diverse range of careers including:

- Education
- Journalism
- Government and policy work
- Finance and legal services
- Charity and heritage sectors

[Read more about graduate career paths](#)

Follow in their footsteps

- Name: Zoe
- Nationality: British
- Graduated: 2018
- Now working as: Junior Political Reporter

"Writing and research skills are fundamental for any journalist, and specialising in contemporary political history armed me with knowledge that is directly applicable for my work as a political reporter"

Find out what Zoe liked the most about studying History at Newcastle University and how this degree helped her in her career.

[Read about Zoe's journey](#)

Careers support

Our Careers Service is one of the largest and best in the country, and we have strong links with employers. We provide an extensive range of opportunities to all students through our ncl+ initiative.

Visit our [Careers Service website](#)

Recognition of professional qualifications outside of the UK

If you're studying an **accredited degree** and thinking about working in Europe after you graduate, the best place to find current information is the [UK Government's guidance on recognition of UK professional qualifications in EU member states](#). This official resource explains whether your profession is regulated in another country, what steps you need to take, and which organisation you should contact.

Find out more...

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www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate
- Watch videos about student life in Newcastle by visiting our YouTube channel at **www.youtube.com/@newcastleuni**
- Watch a virtual tour of our campus at
<https://youtu.be/vJUfHcqB7l8?si=8lUrf7kTxXbgdfr1>
- Book for an Open Day to come and see us in person
www.ncl.ac.uk/openday
- Contact us online at **www.ncl.ac.uk/enquiries** or phone +44 (0)191 208 3333

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