

History BA (Hons)

UCAS Code: V100 | Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2025/2026

Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

The study of History helps you to understand how individuals, communities and societies have lived in the past and how those past experiences have helped to shape the present world. Our History degree gives you the opportunity to study a wide-range of historical periods and topics with elements in British, Irish, European and International History from the late medieval age to the twentieth century.

By studying with us, you will engage with a wide variety of historical evidence throughout the whole of your degree programme. You will benefit from being taught by a team of recognised scholars and experts in their fields who are dedicated and experienced teachers and researchers and regular publishers of their research.

Throughout your degree, you will be able to take advantage of the rich library, archival, museum and heritage resources available in Liverpool and further afield. Working with the resources of the many museums in Liverpool forms an important part of your learning experiences. There are a range of fieldwork activities every year in the local area and beyond.

Entry Requirements

This course follows the standard University entry requirements. Please see the website for further information.

Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2025/2026 are £9,535 for full-time undergraduate courses.

As well as tuition fees, you also need to consider the cost of core textbooks and the cost of transport to fieldwork locations, which is approximately £60-£100 each year.

You will also need to consider the cost of your accommodation each year whilst you study at university.

Visit our accommodation webpages for further details about our Halls of Residence:

www.hope.ac.uk/halls

Applicants will need access to a computer if course delivery is switched to online. The University has a laptop lending service if remote study is necessary.



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History BA (Hons) Curriculum

Year One

Introduction to History

In your first year, you will begin to develop an understanding of the foundations of history. You will study 20th Century Europe, examining the First World War and its consequences; the rise of Fascism; the Spanish Civil War; Second World War; the Cold War; Europe in the 1960s-80s, Post-war migration and hostile environments; and the revival of nationalism during 1990s.

You will also study England c. 1530-1600, focusing on Henry VIII and the Reformation; Elizabethan England, Ireland and overseas expansion and Women's history in the period.

You will also have the opportunity to develop your essay-writing skills, as well as engaging with sources such as texts, images, artefacts and architecture. You will also go on a number of fieldtrips in Liverpool and further afield.

If you study History as a single honours programme, you will study a number of important topics, including methodological approaches to History and a series of historical case studies related to staff research and scholarly specialisms including a study of The Troubles, The Habsburg Empire, the Labour movement and international socialism, and the British Empire. This course also includes museum visits and other field trips.

Year Two

Your second year deepens your knowledge of key themes in History. You study Nationalism and Imperialism from the late eighteenth to the twentieth centuries exploring the origins of modern nationalism in the French revolutionary era, revolutionary developments in Europe and overseas colonies, and anti-colonial activism in the twentieth century. The second half of the course focuses on the relationship between Britain and Ireland from the Cromwellian era to the Troubles, exploring Irish nationalism, revolution and civil war, and the nature of politics and society in modern Ireland.

Single honours students will also explore the development of witch beliefs and witch hunting in early modern England and North America, ranging across the period from c.1540 to 1720. You will study the medieval background and the spread of witchcraft beliefs in Europe, before focusing on English and North American experiences.

Focusing primarily on the UK and USA, this course studies the different ways in which gender roles changed and were challenged from the late nineteenth to the end of the twentieth century. Both first wave and second wave feminism are explored, as well as changes and continuity in masculinity.

Year Three

In your final year, you will work closely with our research staff and study in-depth a number of topics choosing two seminars from the following:

- Ideology and reaction: Fascism, Nazism and the Holocaust 1919-45
- The Taste of War: the role of food in human conflict.
- The British Empire: Colonial Encounter, 1775-1947
- The Spanish Civil War and the Crisis of Democracy, 1936-1939

Single honours students will explore the shaping of identities and ideologies through the impact of English colonial activity in Ireland. You will study religious change, plantations, resistance and warfare.

Research Element

You will do either a 10,000-word dissertation in conjunction with your other subject, or a 5,000 words special study. You will receive guidance and individual support from an assigned tutor in the creation and completion of this work.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Teaching on this degree is structured into lectures, seminars and tutorials. You also have the opportunity to have a one-to-one meeting with your tutor each week.

If you are studying a Single Honours degree, in your first year there are approximately 12 teaching hours each week, which reduces to approximately 10 teaching hours in your second and third years. If you are studying a Combined Honours degree, in your first year there are approximately 6 teaching hours each week, which reduces to approximately 5 teaching hours in your second and third years. On top of teaching hours, you are also expected to spend 40 hours studying independently each week, as well as group study to prepare for any group assessments you may have.

ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

Assessments are varied and consist of formal exams focusing on lecture topics, and a range of written coursework assignments. In your final year, you will complete a special study or dissertation.

For each assessment, you receive constructive written feedback that not only explains the strengths and weaknesses of the particular piece of work but which also makes clear what must be improved in future work. Feedback is provided verbally to the whole year group where possible, to emphasise points of general relevance, and you also have opportunities to discuss your feedback with your tutor.



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