MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY

These regulations should not be read in isolation. It is important that you read them in conjunction with the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

MA–Hist 1 DEGREE NAME

MA–Hist 1.1 The University offers the Master of Arts in History, referred to as the MA in History. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters MA (Hist) (Open) after their names.

MA–Hist 1.2 If you qualify on or before 31 December 2011, the degree will be awarded with distinction if you obtain a distinction grade in a minimum of 90 credits, including your dissertation.

MA–Hist 1.3 If you qualify after 31 December 2011, and you are awarded a distinction grade in the compulsory 60-credit dissertation and a merit or a distinction grade in the compulsory 120-credit taught module you will be eligible to be awarded the degree with distinction.

MA–Hist 1.4 If you qualify after 31 December 2011, and you are awarded a distinction grade in the compulsory 120-credit taught module or in the compulsory 60-credit dissertation or a merit grade in the compulsory 60-credit dissertation, you will be eligible to be awarded the degree with merit.

MA–Hist 2 REGISTRATION

MA–Hist 2.1 To register as a student, you must adhere to registration regulations in the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses) and show evidence of suitable preparation for postgraduate study. The minimum entrance requirement is an honours degree conferred by a UK university or other recognised degree-awarding body. The subject content of your first degree must be acceptable to the Faculty Teaching Committee.

MA–Hist 2.2 To be awarded the degree, you must declare it as an intended qualification and ensure that your credit is linked to it.

MA–Hist 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

MA–Hist 3.1 If you qualify for the degree on or before 31 December 2011, you must obtain a minimum of 180 credits through the successful completion of modules specified in the degree profile (unless regulation MA–Hist 3.2 applies). Of these 180 credits, no more than 60 may come from postgraduate foundation modules. At least 30 of the 180 credits must come from each of:

(a) a postgraduate foundation module in history
(b) a subject module in history or recognised by the history line (unless regulation MA–Hist 3.2 applies)
(c) a dissertation in history.

MA–Hist 3.2 The Senate may permit you to qualify for the degree if you have 180 credits, of which not less than 120 are from successfully completed MA in History modules and not more than 60 are transferred credit.

MA–Hist 3.3 If you qualify for the degree after 31 December 2011, you must obtain a minimum of 180 credits through the successful completion of modules specified in the degree profile, of which:

(a) 120 credits are from the compulsory taught module
(b) 60 credits are from the compulsory dissertation module.
MA–Hist 3.4 The credit for this qualification must include from Open University modules a minimum amount of credit that meets the University’s unique study regulations, that minimum amount is 60 credits.

MA–Hist 4 CREDIT TRANSFER

MA–Hist 4.1 If you qualify for the degree on or before 31 December 2011, the credit transfer scheme for the MA in History is governed by the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

MA–Hist 4.1.1 Any award of transferred credit must take the form of module exemption and/or general credit exemption. No award of credit transfer is permitted in place of any postgraduate foundation module or the dissertation.

MA–Hist 4.1.2 The maximum award of transferred credit allowed towards the MA is 60 credits: one third of the credit requirement of the degree.

MA–Hist 4.2 If you qualify for the degree after 31 December 2011, no credit transfer is permitted against any of the modules in the degree profile.

MA–Hist 5 PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE

MA–Hist 5.1 In order to actively continue your studies, you must satisfy the assignment and examination requirements and make satisfactory progress as specified for the qualification. If you fail to satisfy the assignment and examination requirements for the qualification for which you are registered or fail to make satisfactory progress, you will cease to be registered for the MA in History and will have no more right to continue your studies than a new applicant.

MA–Hist 5.2 The credit required from modules or any permitted credit transfer for the MA in History must be obtained during a period not exceeding 10 years. Modules do not need to be studied consecutively.

MA–Hist 5.3 If you qualify for the MA in History on or before 31 December 2011, you must take a postgraduate foundation module in your first year of study either as your only module, or together with one or more subject modules to a maximum of 120 credits. You must pass a postgraduate foundation module, or be registered for an examination resit, before you take any subject module in any successive year.

MA–Hist 5.4 If you qualify for the MA in History after 31 December 2011, you must take the taught module in your first year of study. You must pass this postgraduate module, or be registered for an examination resit or examinable component re-submission before you take the dissertation in any successive year.

MA–Hist 5.5 The dissertation must form the final credit for your degree. You may not take any other modules, or examination resits, or examinable component resubmissions, together with the dissertation.

MA–Hist 5.6 Credit from particular modules may cease to be countable towards the MA in History at a specified point in time after their final presentation.

MA–Hist 6 DISSERTATION

MA–Hist 6.1 If you qualify for the degree on or before 31 December 2011, you must submit a dissertation conforming to the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

MA–Hist 6.1.1 The topic for your dissertation must be appropriate to the subject of your postgraduate foundation module or at least one of your subject modules, in or recognised by the subject line.
MA–Hist 6.1.2  The dissertation must be:
(a) 8,000–10,000 words, including footnotes and excluding a bibliography, for the 30-credit dissertation
(b) 16,000–18,000 words, including footnotes and excluding a bibliography, for the 60-credit dissertation
(c) 20,000–25,000 words, including footnotes and excluding a bibliography, for the 90-credit dissertation.

You may be required to attend a *viva voce* (oral) examination on your dissertation.

MA–Hist 6.2  If you qualify for the degree after 31 December 2011, you must submit a dissertation conforming to Schedule B to *The Qualification Regulations*.

MA–Hist 6.2.1  The topic of your dissertation must be relevant to the subject matter of the taught module and approved by your tutor.

MA–Hist 6.2.2  The dissertation must be between 12,000 and 15,000 words, including footnotes and excluding a bibliography.

You may be required to attend a *viva voce* (oral) examination on your dissertation.

MA–Hist 6.3  The dissertation will be submitted to examiners appointed by the Senate. It may be found to be:
(a) acceptable
(b) pending – pass result may be awarded on satisfactory completion of amendments within three months (only one submission of such amendments permitted)
(c) pending – pass result may be awarded following the collection of further satisfactory evidence from a *viva voce* (oral) examination (only one attempt permitted)
(d) unacceptable but with permission for you to re-submit (only one re-submission permitted)
(e) unacceptable with permission for you to re-register for the dissertation on a different topic.