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  Regulations for students who qualified on or before 31 December 2011 are held on a separate document, available from Academic Services.

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MA–Hist 1.5  Approval has been given for this qualification to be withdrawn. The final date on which it will be awarded is 31 December 2024.

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 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 3.2  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 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 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 5.2 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 5.3 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 6 DISSERTATION

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

MA–Hist 6.1.1 The topic of your dissertation must be relevant to the subject matter of the taught module and approved by your tutor.

MA–Hist 6.1.2 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 6.2 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.