The Department of History is one of the UK’s leading History Departments with strong league table performances that include being 5th in the Guardian University Guide in 2020. We offer a broad chronological and geographical range in undergraduate teaching, with modules from Ancient History to contemporary society, and covering Europe, North America, the Middle East, and India. All History students take a core survey course in their first year (HIST 100 ‘From the Ancient to Modern: History and Historians’) and can also opt to take a further History unit in which they select two out of six module choices. In the second year students choose six modules from a wide menu of term-long 15-credit modules, along with two 15-credit ‘methods’ and ‘skills’ modules. In their third year students take a double-weighted year-long special subject and a dissertation plus two further 15-credit modules. Besides the V100 degree in History, the Department offers Combined Honours degrees with European Languages, English Literature, Politics, International Relations, Religious Studies and Philosophy, and all modules are available to Combined Honours students. The Department also offers a rapidly growing MA programme with an MA History that includes various pathways (medieval and early modern; modern; and heritage) plus recently launched MAs in International & Military History and in Digital Humanities that ran for the first time in 2019.

Research in the department covers a broad chronological span, geographical scope, and methodological diversity. The department hosts a number of research centres including: the newly formed Centre for War & Diplomacy, the Digital Humanities Hub, the Regional Heritage Centre, and The Ruskin.

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