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Department of History

Undergraduate Handbook

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Disclaimer

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Welcome from Professor Terence Dooley, Head of Department

Knowledge and understanding of History are intrinsic to our shared citizenship; to be without such knowledge is to be permanently burdened with a lack of perspective, empathy and wisdom.' Michael D Higgins, President of Ireland.

Dear Undergraduate Students,

As Head of the Department of History at Maynooth University, and on behalf of all my colleagues, it is my great pleasure to extend a very warm welcome to each and every one of you. Some of you are just beginning your university journey, and this may seem a little daunting at first, but I want to assure you that my colleagues and I will do all we can to help you settle in quickly so that every stage of your academic journey will be a rewarding and enjoyable one.

All of you constitute a very important part of what is arguably the most vibrant history department in the country, staffed by dynamic and highly supportive academics and administrators who not only provide superb teaching and research supervision but who are fully committed to supporting you in every way we can. Colleagues have pioneered and continue to lead research in a wide variety of areas that cover the history of Ireland, Europe, North America, Asia, and the world in general. They have set research agendas in Ireland and internationally on a whole range of diverse topics across a very broad chronological span. Perhaps no other university offers such a range of modules at undergraduate level. I strongly recommend you read this handbook and acquaint yourself with everything that is in it. It will help you understand the choices available to you and the structures of the history degree. It will provide you with much vital information on the practices, regulations, and standards of the department.

It is an immensely exciting time to be a history student because never has the field of history looked so exciting, varied, and cosmopolitan in what it has to offer to students today, so please make the most of every day you spend with us. While the staff of the Department of History are willing to help you in any way we can, much of the responsibility devolves upon you and your willingness to work hard to achieve your goals and ambitions. In that respect, full attendance at lectures is encouraged; excellent attendance is invariably rewarded with much better grades.

I strongly urge you to engage with the election of peers to represent you on the Departmental Student-Staff Committee, which deals with issues that concern and connect us all as a department. I also would very much encourage you to meet with your lecturers during their consultation hours and to bring to them your individual concerns, or simply discuss your work and ambitions.

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful year and please feel free to come and see me if at any time you wish to discuss your present or your future.

Terence Dooley,
Professor of History & Head of Department & Director of the Centre for the Study of Historic Irish Houses and Estates, September 2023

THE PURPOSE OF THE HANDBOOK

This handbook is intended to offer basic guidance to undergraduate students on the Department of History and the organisation of undergraduate work within it. It brings together, in summary form, the various provisions and arrangements affecting undergraduate students in the Department of History. It is relevant to all students taking modules in history, including students on the BA Local Studies programme except insofar as they are governed by regulations specific to that programme. It is very important that you carefully read the handbook in its entirety and retain it for reference throughout the year.

This Handbook is available online at www.maynoothuniversity.ie/history/documentation. It should be read in conjunction with the University course finder for 2023-2024, the University timetable and Moodle, all available at: www.maynoothuniversity.ie/current-students.

Students need also to familiarise themselves with Maynooth University Registry which is responsible for

Student Records and Registration: www.maynoothuniversity.ie/records

Examinations and timetabling: www.maynoothuniversity.ie/exams

Other University offices of importance to undergraduates are the following:

Programme Advisory Office

The Programme Advisory Office is available to assist and advise undergraduate students with programme choices and programme options. The Programme Advisory team can assist first-year students with questions about subject combinations, changing subjects and progression options for second year. Continuing students may also avail of the service if they are unsure about programme options, for example questions about the flexible degree pathways, or whether or not to choose to take an Elective.

Email: programme.choices@mu.ie Tel: 01 474 7428

Website: www.maynoothuniversity.ie/programme-advisory-office

Location: Room 1.17, ground floor Rowan House

Experiential Learning Office and SPUR

Experiential learning modules, such as Professional Development and Employability (involving employer-led sessions) are managed by the Experiential Learning Office. It also has responsibility for the MU Summer Programme for Undergraduate Research (SPUR). This is a paid six-week summer research placement where you will be 'learning by doing and reflecting', and have the opportunity to connect classroom content with real-world experience. The Department of History has participated in SPUR-type schemes since they started and hopes to do so again in Summer 2023.

Email: Aisling.Flynn@mu.ie Tel: 01 474 7760

Website: www.maynoothuniversity.ie/experiential-learning-office

Location: Room 1.18, ground floor, Rowan House.

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY



The Department of History at Maynooth University is one of Ireland's leading centres for the study of history. Our academics and administrators are dedicated to providing you with high-quality teaching and close supervision of your academic progress. We are committed to ensuring that your experience at Maynooth University is stimulating, rewarding and enjoyable. Our research interests cover a wide variety of periods and themes.

To find out more about individual members of the academic staff and their research interests please visit: www.maynoothuniversity.ie/history/our-people.

KEY TERM DATES, 2023-2024

Please see www.maynoothuniversity.ie/registrar/key-term-dates

First Semester lectures:

Monday, 25 September to Friday, 22 December 2023

Study week: 30 October–3 November 2023 (inclusive)

Deadline for elective module projects: Monday, 8 January 2024

Second Semester lectures: Tuesday, 6 February to Friday, 10 May 2024

Study week: 25-28 March 2024 (inclusive)

No class: 29 March 2024; 1-5 April 2024 (inclusive)

Deadline for elective module projects: Monday, 13 May 2024

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Your health and safety is our number one priority. The University is committed to complying with all relevant health and safety legislation and has legal obligations to implement its health and safety policies. Your commitment and co-operation is essential for the implementation of this policy. Each student is required:

- to take reasonable care of his / her safety and that of any person who may be affected by their activities;
- to cooperate with the University;
- to report defects;
- not to interfere with anything provided to secure the safety, health and welfare of persons on the premises.

In the event of a fire alarm sounding while you are in class, or on any business in the Department of History located in Rhetoric House, please evacuate the building and proceed to one of the prescribed assembly points. For Rhetoric House they are located in the car park to the front of Logic House and in the Riverstown courtyard. Under no circumstances should you attempt to return to the building until the all clear is announced.

The university's health and safety statement may be consulted at

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/university-policies/health-safety>.

STAYING CONNECTED – STUDENT-STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Ensuring an excellent student experience is one of the key aims of the Department of History. A major part of that experience relates to how we communicate with you. There are a number of channels to ensure effective communications between staff and students:

- Academic queries can be directed to lecturers and tutors, especially during consultation hours or, if necessary, to the Undergraduate Studies Coordinator.
- Other queries pertaining to departmental life can be addressed to your elected representatives to the Student-Staff Committee;
- International Students matters (including BA International): please contact our International Coordinator
- Access/Mature Students (MAP): please contact our MAP Officer.

The Department's website

The Department's website (www.maynoothuniversity.ie/history) is designed to provide you with as much information as possible about the Department, its staff and the courses on offer.

Email

The Department of History communicates with students using their **Maynooth University** email addresses. Your email will most likely be used for urgent communication, or to provide instructions or information related to teaching. It is vital that you check your email regularly and respond in a timely manner where necessary.

Access to staff

You are strongly encouraged to consult with lecturers on academic matters concerning your studies in the University and your general progress as a student. All full-time lecturers have specific consultation times set aside to meet students, and these times are posted on their office doors and on the departmental website (see www.maynoothuniversity.ie/history/contact-us). During these hours, lecturers can be contacted in person, by telephone or by Teams. If all of the consultation times posted by a lecturer you wish to see clash with your classes, please ask for an appointment to see the lecturer at another mutually convenient time.

Individual lecturers and tutors will indicate the extent to which they can deal with enquiries by email. Email communication is not a substitute for face-to-face student-staff consultation, especially when it comes to the discussion of academic matters.

Moodle

All lecturers use Moodle, the University's virtual learning environment, to provide online support for their courses. Moodle is available at: www.maynoothuniversity.ie/current-students

Social Media

The Department of History has a presence on social media. You should consult the Department's Facebook and Twitter accounts to find out about seminars, workshops, conferences, jobs, prizes and recent achievements of faculty and students. The accounts to follow are:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/maynoothhistory

X (formerly Twitter): @MaynoothHist <https://twitter.com/MaynoothHist>

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMME

All students must refer to Course Finder (under Current Students) before they register for their subjects and modules.

FIRST YEAR (MH101 ENTRY): COURSE STRUCTURE AND MODULES, 2023-24

Students registering for the first time are directed to the University guides on the curriculum: www.maynoothuniversity.ie/records/student-registration

Students who are repeating first year, in full or in part, need to take advice from Maynooth University Student Records and Registration about the modules they need to take to progress; they are welcome to call to the departmental office for further clarification. Similarly, students who are returning after a break in their studies need to contact Maynooth University Student Records and Registration to ensure that they are aware of curriculum and other changes.

I YEAR COMPULSORY MODULES (15 credits)

First semester [Lectures begin 25 September]

Core module [7.5cr]: HY121 Introduction to medieval history: Vikings and Normans (Dr Potterton) (2 lectures per week + compulsory weekly tutorial)

Second semester

Core module [7.5cr]: HY122 Making the modern world: themes in history (Dr Newman, Coordinator) (2 lectures per week + compulsory weekly tutorial)

If you initially select the standard 15-credit option outlined above, and subsequently decide that you particularly like History, you may be permitted to register for an additional 7.5 credits of History, with written permission only, at the beginning of the second semester.

FURTHER OPTIONAL MODULES WITHIN HISTORY (15 credits)

First semester [Lectures begin 26 September]

HY131 The practice of history [7.5cr]
(Dr FitzGerald, Prof Djokić, Prof Meneses) (3 lectures per week)

Second semester

HY132 Documents in history [7.5cr]
(Prof Dooley, Dr McLoughlin, Dr Reilly) (3 lectures per week)

OPTIONS AVAILABLE IN HISTORY AFTER FIRST YEAR

All students who take 15 or more credits of History in First Year and who pass History may proceed to one of the following degree structures: Double Major, Major with Minor, or Minor History. In addition, students who take 15 or more credits of History in First Year and who achieve an average subject mark of at least 50% in History may proceed to Single Major History.

Single Major

If you opt for Single Major, you will specialise in History as your only subject.

Double Major

You take two subjects (History and one other) to degree level, with equal study of each.

Major with Minor

The History Major takes roughly two-thirds of your study time, and you take a second subject as a Minor. (40 History Credits)

Minor

The History Minor involves about one third of your study time, and you take a second subject as a Major. (20 History Credits)

REGISTERING FOR SPECIAL TOPICS AND ELECTIVE MODULES IN HISTORY

Second- and Third-Year students are required to select from a number of History special topics and History elective modules, which are outlined below. Places are limited to ensure an even distribution of numbers; as a consequence, not all students will get their first choice.

The University arranges for students to register for modules online in early September. Module descriptors and degree structures may be viewed in advance of registration on the University's Course Finder at www.maynoothuniversity.ie/current-students.

For an overview of the Department's optional and special topic modules, including their respective modes of assessment, see flyers at the department's website, www.maynoothuniversity.ie/history/documentation.

Please note the following:

First-Year students may change a subject choice up to the end of the fourth week of the first semester.

Second- and final-year students may change their module choices online, subject to availability of places, in the first three weeks of semester 1, and the first two weeks of semester 2.

Full-time students may withdraw from a module up to six weeks after the start of first semester, and register for a replacement module in second semester (with permission of the Head of Department) provided that their credits remain above 25 and that there are extra appropriate credits available in the second semester. After this date withdrawal is not allowed.

See <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/records/qualification-subject-or-module-amendments> for further information on the above and registration in general.

UNIVERSITY ELECTIVE STREAMS

In Second Year your elective modules may be entirely in History or you may choose to take a University Elective stream (10 credits) in which you will gain exposure to a discipline outside your chosen subject(s). This will require choosing two 5-credit modules in lieu of a 5-credit optional module in each of your subjects. Thus, **in the case of History**, you may replace one 5-credit elective module (only) in *either* semester 1 *or* semester 2. The other 5 credits will be from your second subject.

BA DOUBLE MAJOR DEGREE: COURSE STRUCTURE AND MODULES ON OFFER, 2023-2024

Students pursuing the Double Major BA degree programme require 15 History credits per semester. In addition to a core compulsory module (5cr) in each semester, Double Major Second-Year students take one of three special topics (5cr) and one History elective (5cr) in each semester.

SECOND YEAR DOUBLE MAJOR

Semester I

Compulsory core module [5cr]: HY205 Ireland in the eighteenth century (Dr Wright)
(one lecture and one compulsory tutorial per week)

Select one of the following three special topics [5cr]:

- HY218 Ireland in the modern world: nineteenth century (Dr Redmond)
- HY240 American History special topic (A) [pre-1865] (Dr Conor Tobin)
- HY293 Europe 1911-1945 (Prof Meneses)

Select one of the following elective modules [5cr]. Please note that some of these modules are offered by Departments other than History.

- HY233 Picturing the Renaissance (Dr FitzGerald)
- HY272 Modern British elective [slavery & anti-slavery] (Dr Wright)
- HY281 Modern Europe elective (Dr Carstocea)
- HY292 Ireland in prehistory (Dr Potterton)
- HY299 Poverty & welfare in pre-famine Ireland, 1800-1845 (Dr McLoughlin)
- HY2004 History of Ulster 1886-1972 (Prof Higgins)
- HY2009 Searching for peace during the Cold War (Prof Djokić)
- GC217 Power and the People in Imperial Rome
- SG253 History of Ireland from St Patrick to the Battle of Clontarf

SECOND YEAR DOUBLE MAJOR

Semester II

Compulsory core module: HY212 Europe in the early modern world [5cr] (Prof Lyons) (One lecture and one compulsory tutorial per week)

Select **one** of the following three special topics [5cr]:

- HY219 Ireland in the modern world: twentieth century (Dr Redmond)
- HY241 American history special topic B [post-1865] (Dr Mancini)
- HY294 Europe post 1945 (Dr Carstocea)

Select one of the following elective modules [5cr] Please note that some of these modules are offered by Departments other than History.

- HY224 Settlement and society in Ireland in the Middle Ages (Dr Potterton)
- HY230 History of health and medicine (A) (Dr McLoughlin)
- HY249 The history of suicide: a global outlook (Dr Lederer)

HY283 Early modern Europe – culture (Prof Lyons)
HY2001 Introduction to military history and war studies (Dr Speller)
HY2003 Multiculturalism in Britain and Ireland, 1900-present (Dr Jack Crangle)
HY2006 The GAA and Nationalism (Dr Reilly)
HY2007 A history of sport in modern Ireland (Prof Higgins)
GC224 Understanding Thucydides: the flowering of Greek historiography
SG254 Law, society and learned classes in Early Ireland

THIRD YEAR DOUBLE MAJOR

Students pursuing the Double Major BA programme require 15 History credits per semester. In addition to a core compulsory module (5cr) in each semester, Double Major Third Year students take one of three special topics (5cr) and one History elective in each semester (5cr).

Semester I

Compulsory core module: HY318 History and story (I) [5cr] (Dr Reilly)
(one lecture and one compulsory tutorial per week)

Select one of the following three special topics [5cr]:

HY304 Early modern Ireland (Prof Lyons)
HY320 Emigration and 19th and 20th century Irish society (Dr McLoughlin)
HY3023 Medieval and early modern Balkans (800-1800) (Prof Djokić)

Select one of the following elective modules [5cr]. Please note that some of these modules are offered by Departments other than History.

HY314 Hitler's Europe, 1939-1945 (A) (Prof Meneses)
HY352 Decline and rise of the Irish country house, 1845 to present (Prof Dooley)
HY353 The Holy Roman Empire, 1495-1648 (Dr Lederer)
HY387 Towns in medieval Ireland (Dr Potterton)
HY3007 Eastern and Central Europe under Communism (Dr Newman)
HY3017 African lives in Britain and Ireland, c. 1550-2018 (Dr Wright)
HY3021 Thatcher's Britain (Prof Higgins)
GC313 Fire from heaven: The rise of Macedonia and Alexander the Great

THIRD YEAR DOUBLE MAJOR

Semester II

Compulsory core module: HY319 History and story (II) [5cr] (Dr Mancini)
(One lecture and one compulsory tutorial per week)

Select one of the following three special topics [5cr]:

- HY384 The Great War, 1914-18 (Dr Murphy)
- HY3011 The Troubles: Conflict in Northern Ireland (Prof Higgins)
- HY3018 Sport and politics in modern Ireland (Dr Reilly)

Select one of the following elective modules [5cr]. Please note that one of these modules is offered by a Department other than History.

- HY305 Environment and culture in American history (Dr Mancini)
- HY315 Hitler's Europe, 1939-1945 (B) (Prof Meneses)
- HY354 The Holy Roman Empire, 1648-1806 (Dr Lederer)
- HY390 Social history of health in 19th and 20th century Ireland (Dr McLoughlin)
- HY393 Irish migrants in the early modern world (Prof Lyons)
- HY395 The Irish in Britain: twentieth century (Dr Redmond)
- HY3025 Europe in the age of revolution and nation, 1789-1878 (Prof Djokić)
- HY3013 Irish political history – twentieth century (Dr Jack Kavanagh)
- GC316 A world full of gods: religious life in the Roman Empire
- SG354 The Viking World II: Ireland

THIRD YEAR DOUBLE MAJOR – dissertation option (Year-long module)

HY301 History dissertation [10 credits, year-long]

If you would like to gain the experience of producing a long research-driven essay over the course of the whole academic year, and if you achieved a minimum of 650 in Year 2 History (i.e. average of 65% in Year 2), then you have the option of registering for HY301. In the first semester, a series of tutorials and practical sessions will prepare you for the task of writing a thesis. Once you have identified the subject of your dissertation, you will be assigned a supervisor, tasked with advising and helping you to complete the work by the end of the academic year.

Eligible students who chose HY301 must also select one of the three special topics in each semester. The dissertation module replaces the elective options in each semester.

BA SINGLE MAJOR DEGREE: COURSE STRUCTURE AND MODULES ON OFFER, 2023-2024

Students pursuing the Single Major BA degree programme require 30 credits per semester in Second and Third Years.

SECOND YEAR SINGLE MAJOR, SEMESTER 1

Compulsory modules

- HY205 Ireland in the eighteenth century (Dr Wright)
(One lecture and one compulsory tutorial per week)
- HY201 Documents in history (Prof Dooley, Dr Reilly)

Select one of the following special topics [5cr]

- HY218 Ireland in the modern world: nineteenth century (Dr Redmond)
- HY240 American History special topic (A) [pre-1865] (Dr Conor Tobin)
- HY293 Europe 1911-1945 (Prof Meneses)

Select three of the following History elective modules [5cr each]

- HY233 Picturing the Renaissance (Dr FitzGerald)
- HY272 Modern British elective [slavery & anti-slavery] (Dr Wright)
- HY281 Modern Europe elective (Dr Carstocea)
- HY292 Ireland in prehistory (Dr Potterton)
- HY299 Poverty & welfare in pre-famine Ireland, 1800-1845 (Dr McLoughlin)
- HY2004 History of Ulster 1886-1972 (Prof Higgins)
- HY2009 Searching for peace during the Cold War (Prof Djokić)
- GC217 Power and the People in Imperial Rome
- SG253 History of Ireland from St Patrick to the Battle of Clontarf

SECOND YEAR SINGLE MAJOR, SEMESTER II

Compulsory modules

- HY212 Europe in the early modern world [5cr] (Prof Lyons)
(One lecture and one compulsory tutorial per week)
- HY230 History of health and medicine (A) (Dr McLoughlin)
- GC224 Understanding Thucydides: the flowering of Greek historiography

Select one of the following three special topics [5cr]:

- HY219 Ireland in the modern world: twentieth century (Dr Redmond)
- HY241 American history special topic B [post-1865] (Dr Mancini)
- HY294 Europe post 1945 (Dr Carstocea)

Select two of the following History elective modules [5cr each]

- HY224 Settlement and society in Ireland in the Middle Ages (Dr Potterton)
- HY249 The history of suicide: a global outlook (Dr Lederer)
- HY283 Early modern Europe – culture (Prof Lyons)
- HY2001 Introduction to military history and war studies (Dr Speller)
- HY2003 Multiculturalism in Britain and Ireland, 1900-present (Dr Jack Crangle)
- HY2006 The GAA and Nationalism (Dr Reilly)
- HY2007 A history of sport in modern Ireland (Prof Higgins)
- GC224 Understanding Thucydides: the flowering of Greek historiography
- SG254 Law, society and learned classes in Early Ireland

THIRD YEAR SINGLE MAJOR, SEMESTER 1

Compulsory modules

HY318 History and story (I) [5cr] (Dr Roddy)

(One lecture and one compulsory tutorial per week)

HY301 History dissertation [10 credits] **over two semesters**

Select one of the following two special topics [5cr]

HY304 Early modern Ireland (Prof Lyons)

HY320 Emigration and 19th and 20th century Irish society (Dr McLoughlin)

HY3023 Medieval and early modern Balkans (800-1800) (Prof Djokić)

Select three of the following History elective modules [5cr each]

HY314 Hitler's Europe, 1939-1945 (A) (Prof Meneses)

HY352 Decline and rise of the Irish country house, 1845 to present (Prof Dooley)

HY353 The Holy Roman Empire, 1495-1648 (Dr Lederer)

HY387 Towns in medieval Ireland (Dr Potterton)

HY3007 Eastern and Central Europe under Communism (Dr Newman)

HY3017 African lives in Britain and Ireland, c. 1550-2018 (Dr Wright)

HY3021 Thatcher's Britain (Prof Higgins)

GC313 Fire from heaven: The rise of Macedonia and Alexander the Great

THIRD YEAR SINGLE MAJOR, SEMESTER 2

Compulsory modules

HY319 History and story (II) [5cr] (Dr Mancini)

(One lecture and one compulsory tutorial per week)

HY396 Historiography Level 3 [Social History] (Dr Roddy)

HY301 History dissertation [10 credits] *continued*

Select one of the following three special topics [5cr]

HY384 The Great War, 1914-18 (Dr Murphy)

HY3011 The Troubles: Conflict in Northern Ireland (Prof Higgins)

HY3018 Sport and politics in modern Ireland (Dr Reilly)

Select two modules from the following History elective modules [5cr each]

HY305 Environment and culture in American history (Dr Mancini)

HY315 Hitler's Europe, 1939-1945 (B) (Prof Meneses)

HY354 The Holy Roman Empire, 1648-1806 (Dr Lederer)

HY390 Social history of health in 19th and 20th century Ireland (Dr McLoughlin)

HY393 Irish migrants in the early modern world (Prof Lyons)

HY395 The Irish in Britain: twentieth century (Dr Redmond)

HY3025 Europe in the age of revolution and nation, 1789-1878 (Prof Djokić)

HY3013 Irish political history – twentieth century (Dr Jack Kavanagh)

GC316 A world full of gods: religious life in the Roman Empire

SG354 The Viking World II: Ireland

BA MAJOR WITH MINOR DEGREE: COURSE STRUCTURE AND MODULES ON OFFER, 2023-2024

Students pursuing the BA Major with Minor degree programme require 20 credits per semester in Second and Third Years.

Second Year

Semester I

Standard 15 credits for Double Honours *plus*

HY201 Documents in History, Level 2 **Compulsory** (Prof Dooley, Dr Reilly)

Semester II

Standard 15 credits for Double Honours *plus an extra elective module*

(Students are strongly encouraged to register for GC224 if their timetable permits it.)

Third Year

Semester I

Standard 15 credits per semester for Double Honours *plus an extra elective module*

Semester II

Standard 15 credits per semester for Double Honours *plus*

HY396 Historiography Level 3 [Social History] (Prof Higgins)

THIRD YEAR MAJOR WITH MINOR– dissertation option (Year-long module)

HY301 History dissertation [10 credits, year-long] **See page 9.**

THE BA INTERNATIONAL – STUDY ABROAD

Studying abroad provides you with a unique opportunity to experience living and working in another country. The Department of History encourages you to participate in the BA International. Under the programme you have the opportunity to spend your third year in a university in another country and then return to Maynooth University to take your final year. During the year abroad you take modules in both of your BA subjects; these modules have to be approved by the relevant Departments. Any student who would like to make enquiries is invited to consult the International Co-ordinator. The study abroad experience is a great addition to your C.V.

LECTURE TIMETABLE FOR CORE MODULES 2023-2024

For the most accurate and up-to-date information on the lecture timetable and the location of lecture and tutorial venues, see <https://apps.maynoothuniversity.ie/timetable/> or check the relevant module descriptor at www.maynoothuniversity.ie/current-students.

FIRST YEAR

Standard History students (15 credits) take the following compulsory modules:

First Semester

HY121 Introduction to medieval history: Vikings and Normans

Monday 1pm, Wednesday 4pm+compulsory weekly tutorial

Second Semester

HY122 Making the modern world:

Monday 1pm, Wednesday 4pm+ compulsory weekly tutorial

Double History students (30 credits) must also take the following modules:

First Semester

* HY131 The practice of history

Tuesday 12pm, Thursday 1pm

Friday 2pm

Second Semester

* HY132 Documents in history

Tuesday 12pm, Thursday 1pm

Friday 2pm

SECOND YEAR

First semester core module

HY205 Ireland in the eighteenth century

Tuesday 11am + compulsory weekly tutorial

Second semester core module

HY212 Europe in the early modern world

Tuesday 11am + compulsory weekly tutorial

THIRD YEAR

First semester core module

HY318 History and story (I)

Tuesday 10am + compulsory weekly tutorial

Second semester core module

HY319 History and story (II)

Tuesday 10am + compulsory weekly tutorial

TEACHING AND LEARNING

TUTORIALS

Instructions on how to sign up for tutorials will be issued on Moodle in the first week of semester one. If you have questions, ask your lecturer. You must sign up promptly and ensure that you select an hour that does not clash with a class in your other subject(s). Tutors do not decide the membership of their tutorial groups. All arrangements concerning membership of the tutorial groups are the responsibility of the departmental office and you should therefore address any queries or difficulties you might have to the office and not to a tutor. You are not allowed to make up for absences in a tutorial by attending another group's meeting.

Under the guidance of your tutor, you will have the opportunity to discuss the content of the core modules and to develop the intellectual and technical skills that are required of a historian. These include identifying and interpreting a variety of sources, writing in a clear and concise manner, and referencing and citing primary and secondary sources.

Generally, readings will be set every week for your tutorial; the details are uploaded on the Moodle page for that module. If you experience any difficulty in obtaining the set readings you ought to consult your tutor, allowing them a reasonable time to reply. If the matter is urgent, contact your lecturer or bring it up after the tutorial.

The tutor will lead the discussion on the tutorial topics but your contribution is both expected and very much welcomed. The more you put into your tutorials by way of preparation and participation in discussion, the more you will benefit. The smaller, friendly group setting enables students to become more effective and confident communicators in writing and orally, through discussion, debate, reviews, essays and presentations.

In First Year, sixty-five per cent of the marks for both HY121 and HY122 are allocated to tutorial assignments and participation (continuous assessment).

In Second Year, fifty per cent of the marks in respect of core modules are allocated to tutorial assignments and participation.

In Third Year, both compulsory core modules are assessed **entirely** by tutorial assignments and participation.

All assignments (First-, Second- and Third-Year tutorial essays and assignments) are required to be submitted electronically via Moodle. Individual lecturers may issue additional instructions regarding any requirements to submit hard copies of assignments (e.g., in class or in the essay box at the foot of the stairs in Rhetoric House) in accordance with the deadlines stipulated.

ATTENDANCE AT TUTORIALS AND LECTURES

Under University regulations you are expected to attend all your courses satisfactorily. Please note that work, in the sense of paid employment, is never acceptable as an excuse for missing your lectures or tutorials.

Unsatisfactory attendance can adversely affect the status of Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) payments: ‘SUSI will request and must receive confirmation of continuous attendance at various points during the academic year.’ (See <https://susi.ie/payments/>, Grant Award Payments, item 3.). Therefore, a student receiving a grant has an additional obligation to attend lectures.

Most importantly, major studies clearly demonstrate that there is a direct correlation between marks and attendance at lectures. Poor attendance at tutorials and lectures will almost certainly make it more difficult for you to pass, because of their vital nature in the learning process.

You alone are responsible for securing the subject matter and administrative information which lecturers disseminate during lectures. Lecturers are not required to post information on Moodle. Many modules also require practical exercises (presentations and/or in-class tests, etc.) or base a portion of marks on in-class participation. Such performance-based in-class exercises cannot be repeated as part of autumn resits. In these cases, therefore, attendance is essential.

If you must miss a class, you are expected to explain this in advance or immediately afterwards to the lecturer/tutor. If these absences are of a medical nature, please provide the Department with a medical certificate from a health care provider or from the Student Health Centre. All medical certificates submitted by students are kept in a strictly confidential file and are referred to at examination time.

It may happen that due to exceptional circumstances, you are obliged to leave a lecture or tutorial before it concludes. If so, please let the tutor or lecturer know in advance. Unannounced departures can be distracting and disruptive to staff and your fellow students and may result in you being marked absent.

For modules where attendance is recorded, and for each semester’s tutorials, you must have attended at least fifty per cent of scheduled lectures and minimum 6 of the scheduled tutorials to meet the module condition(s). This condition applies even if classes were missed owing to reasons beyond your control. Failure to meet these module conditions will mean that the module result is capped at a maximum of 35%. See relevant module descriptors on Course Finder.

CLASS PRESENTATIONS

As a university graduate you can expect to have to deliver presentations to audiences of different types throughout your professional life. You will most likely have many opportunities to speak in public during your working life, and indeed some of these cannot be avoided if you are seeking to advance in your chosen career.

In the Department of History we recognise that effective oral communication is an important life skill, which we nurture in our students. During your undergraduate years with this Department you will have several opportunities to deliver presentations, for example to your tutorial group or to your elective module group. Tutors and lecturers will guide you in the development of your oral communication and presentation skills.

The template that tutors and lecturers use in their assessment of in-class presentations will vary depending on the module in question, the length and complexity of the presentation itself, and whether or not the proposed mark goes towards the final module grade and the weight it carries.

You should always speak with your tutors or lecturers about the assessment template that they use in advance of any presentation that you deliver. The assessment template in Appendix I is a sample and is offered only as a guide for students in their preparation.

GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

The intellectual and privacy rights of staff and students assume the mutual respect and consideration essential to a good learning environment. The following guidelines seek to protect the intellectual and privacy rights of staff and students and to take account of the relevant legislation concerning data protection and copyright issues.

Students are not permitted to make any audio or video recordings of tutorials, lectures or other teaching sessions, including those which are uploaded to Moodle. A student who wishes to record a live lecture must ask the permission of the member of staff delivering the lecture, prior to any recording. The member of staff concerned has the right to decline permission.

Students with specific learning needs, which may require the recording of lectures, must be registered with the Access Office and must have informed the lecturer in question of their intention to record, in good time prior to the recording. Any recordings made are strictly for personal use only. It is not permitted to make recordings available to other individuals through any means (websites, podcasts, social media etc.). Similarly, lecture materials, including hand-outs, PowerPoint slides and other aids, are the intellectual property of the lecturer. They are shared solely to benefit individual learning.

If permission to record is granted by the lecturer, the availing student must be aware that the lecturer retains the right to request that the recording machinery be switched off at any point if it is considered inappropriate that the recording continue. For example, when other students are presenting or engaged in class discussion.

Laptops may only be used in class to take notes. Neither social networking nor net surfing are permitted during class on any electronic devices. Mobile phones should be turned off or put in silent mode.

CODE OF CONDUCT/DISCIPLINE

Under the University's Code of Discipline, every student is expected and required to respect the rights of fellow students and the authority of the University academic and other staff in the performance of their duties. All are expected and required, and at all times, to observe the criminal laws of the State as well as to conduct themselves in a manner conducive to the academic environment of the University. Activities such as using a mobile phone during class, recording lecturing staff without permission, or sharing inappropriate comments about fellow students or lecturers on social media may be in breach of this code of discipline. The University's Code of Discipline is available online at:

www.maynoothuniversity.ie/university-policies/rules-regulations-students

ESSAY WRITING

PRESENTATION OF ASSIGNMENTS

1. **Essays and other written assignments should be submitted via Moodle.** Every written assignment should contain the Department's official cover page, which can be downloaded from <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/history/documentation>
2. Double- or one-and-a-half-line spacing must be used, with a sufficient margin (not less than 2cm) top and bottom and at each side.
4. The pages must be numbered.
5. All essays and history elective projects must include a bibliography of the books and articles consulted, in alphabetical order of authors, arranged by surname. Where appropriate, the standard division between primary sources (manuscript and printed) and secondary sources should be made.

Assignments that do not follow these instructions may not be accepted as fulfilling requirements.

Retained Copies

The Department of History requires each student to retain an exact copy of each piece of work submitted to a tutor, lecturer or supervisor. Back-up copies of files must be kept until the examination process is concluded.

REFERENCING AND BIBLIOGRAPHIES

(a) Referencing

Referencing is the practice of acknowledging or citing the source of quotations, information, ideas, theories and illustrations used in any piece of academic writing. Carefully and correctly referencing one's written work is a core skill of the historian and, as such, students of history must learn the basic rules and conventions at an early stage. Mastering the skill of referencing will allow you to focus on content, style and the construction of a convincing argument or thesis. Fundamentally, proper referencing in the writing of history enables the author to acknowledge the source of the information being used and to support the arguments and theories being presented. It allows readers to check the original source material and to come to their own conclusions about your work.

As a student of history, it is essential that you learn when references are required and use them appropriately. In addition to weakening an argument, the absence of proper references in any piece of scholarly writing exposes the author to allegations of plagiarism – a serious matter (see below). Drawing from another's work but leaving the reader to presume it is your own – what might be termed 'borderline plagiarism' – is mean and dishonest, and not in the spirit of scholarly research. If you quote (i.e., reproduce an author's exact words or use numerical information) from a book, journal article, or other source, you should always provide a reference. Where you directly 'lift' the text of another author and use it as your own (without quotations marks), even if you footnote the source, you are guilty of plagiarism. Quotations

can be useful illustrations of a key point or give the flavour of a document, but keep them short and do not overuse them. Your written work must be presented in your own words.

In essence, references should be used to give credit for all information taken from another source (i.e., a book, book chapter, journal article, electronic source or original document), whether quoted directly, summarised, paraphrased or presented in a different format. There is no need to give a footnote or endnote reference for undisputed information, e.g., Daniel O’Connell was born in 1775; the First World War began in 1914. But for a particular interpretation (say) of O’Connell’s career, it is helpful to give a reference. For example, in your reading you may notice that O’Connell’s campaign for repeal of the Act of Union has led to some debate among historians. Fergus O’Ferrall is one historian who has suggested that O’Connell never thought he would actually obtain repeal; it was merely a tactical issue. If you wish to make this point, it will help the reader if you give a reference to the source: Fergus O’Ferrall, *Daniel O’Connell* (Dublin, 1981), p. 74.

When it comes to the practicalities of academic referencing, consistency is essential. Within the discipline of history, different publishers, journals and University Departments adhere to different standards and conventions. In Ireland, historians have tended to stick to the ‘rules for contributors’ as set out by *Irish Historical Studies (I.H.S.)*.¹ Within the Department of History at Maynooth University, it is expected that all written work submitted will conform to *I.H.S.* rules, unless agreed/stipulated otherwise in advance. The full set of rules can be found freely online at the following website: <https://www.cambridge.org/core/services/aop-file-manager/file/57597b33fdacd191593ca09e/IHS-rules-for-contributors.pdf>. There is a link to this website from the Department’s web page. The most basic requirements are outlined below.

Books: first citations should give the author’s full name, title of the book in *italics*, city/town and date of publication (these details will usually be given on the title page or on the back of the title page) in brackets and the page/pages being referred to. For example:

Michel Foucault, *Madness and civilisation: a history of insanity in the age of reason* (London, 1995), p. 1. Or, if a number of pages are being referred to, pp 1-10.

Subsequent citations should give the author’s surname, a shortened title of the book in *italics* and the page/pages being referred to. For example:

Foucault, *Madness and civilisation*, pp 1-10.

Chapters in a book: first citations should give the author’s full name, title of chapter in single inverted commas, editor’s full name followed by (ed.) or, if there is more than one editor (eds), title of the book in *italics*, page extents of the chapter and page/pages being referred to. For example:

Neal Garnham, ‘The criminal law, 1692-1760: England and Ireland compared’ in S. J. Connolly (ed.), *Kingdoms united? Great Britain and Ireland since 1500* (Dublin, 1999), pp 215-24 at p. 215.

Subsequent citations should give the author’s surname, a shortened title of the chapter in single inverted commas and the page/pages being referred to. For example:

¹ ‘Irish Historical Studies: rules for contributors’ in *Irish Historical Studies*, xxxiii, no. 131 (May 2003), pp 351–68.

Garnham, 'The criminal law', p. 215.

Journal articles: first citations should give the author's name, title of the article in single inverted commas, journal title *italicised*, volume number, year, page extents of the article and page/pages being referred to. For example:

Emmet Larkin, 'The devotional revolution in Ireland, 1850-75' in *American Historical Review*, lxxvii (1972), pp 625-52 at p. 625.

Subsequent citations should give the author's surname, a shortened title of the article in single inverted commas and the page/pages being referred to. For example:

Larkin, 'Devotional revolution', p. 625.

Film or DVD/video: first citations should give the video or film title *italicised*, series title (in parentheses, *italicised*), name/names of director/filmmaker OR personal producer OR corporate/institutional producer. Key actors or other key performers. Version, release or other distinguishing information, if appropriate. Format (e.g., film, video, DVD), that is, the format that you watched, NOT necessarily the format of the original work). Studio name OR production company OR distributor. Original production/release date (separated from the studio/production company/distributor by a comma). For example:

Following Fidel (Portrait of the Caribbean, 6). Dir. Roger Mills. Videocassette. Prod. BBC Television. Dist. Ambrose Video, 1992.

Subsequent citations should give a shortened title of the video or film in italics. For example:

Following Fidel (video).

Electronic sources: all material accessed via the internet must be fully referenced. For books or articles that you have consulted in electronic format, first follow the usual bibliographic conventions: author, title, place and date of publication and page/pages referred to, then (as you viewed it online) give the name of the site, the URL and the date on which you visited that site. For example:

Jacob Riis, *How the other half lives* (New York, 1890), p. 1, online at Project Gutenberg, onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/webbin/gutbook/lookup?num=45502 (24 Aug. 2018).

Many internet resources have an online existence only. In such cases, you follow the same pattern in so far as the source allows: author, title, date created (if given), followed by the details of the website. For example:

Julie Brooks, 'The office of the chief secretary of Ireland', National Archives of Ireland, www.csorp.nationalarchives.ie/ (24 Aug. 2018).

Sometimes it is the website itself that is the reference and there is nothing else you can do but give the name of the website and the URL. For example:

Irish History Online, catalogues.ria.ie/Presto/home/home.aspx (24 Aug. 2018).

Note that you need to supply the name (in prose) of the institution or website as well as the URL to ensure that in the event of the web address changing, there is still some possibility of

locating the material, if it is still present on the web at all. Providing the URL alone is not sufficient.

(b) Bibliographies

At the end of your essay or assignment you should list in alphabetical order all the books, articles or other sources (including electronic sources) that you consulted. Bibliography entries should include all the information given in the footnotes in a first citation, the only difference being that in a bibliography, the author's surname should be listed first. For example:

Foucault, Michel, *Madness and civilisation: a history of insanity in the age of reason* (London, 1995).

Garnham, Neal, 'The criminal law, 1692–1760: England and Ireland compared' in S. J. Connolly (ed.), *Kingdoms united? Great Britain and Ireland since 1500* (Dublin, 1999), pp 215-24.

Larkin, Emmet, 'The devotional revolution in Ireland, 1850-75' in *American Historical Review*, lxxvii (1972), pp 625-52.

STYLISTIC CONVENTIONS

As with footnotes, the conventions to be followed for all written work submitted to the Department of History are those of *Irish Historical Studies: rules for contributors* (in *I.H.S.*, xxxiii, no. 131 (May 2003), pp 351-68). This document is available online (<https://www.cambridge.org/core/services/aop-file-manager/file/57597b33fdacd191593ca09e/IHS-rules-for-contributors.pdf>) and there is also a link to it on the Department's webpage. The following are the most basic requirements.

Capitals Capital letters should be used sparingly; otherwise they become so numerous as to be rendered meaningless. As a general rule use capitals

- to open a sentence
- to mark the first word in the title of a book or an article
- to signify a proper name (the name of a person, place, association or institution)
- in the title of periodicals (e.g., *Journal of Contemporary History*)
- to enable the initial letters to be used for abbreviations (e.g., *J.C.H.*)

The following are examples of correct usage: the pope; Pope Pius IX; King Henry VII of England; the king of England; the 1937 constitution; the Anglo-Irish treaty; the Belfast agreement; the Charity Organisation Association; the Iveagh Trust; the Congested Districts Board; Northern Ireland; northern England; the river Liffey; Methodist; Roman Catholic; the church of St John the Evangelist; the general valuation.

Apostrophes Avoid unnecessary apostrophes. The following are correct: MPs; 1500s, 1880s (*not* M.P.'s; 1500's, 1880's). **It's** is the abbreviation of **It is** or **It has**. Note: It's a fact that its name is Spot. There is no need for 's in regular plurals. Note: **Mary had several books** (*not* **book's**). Take great care with the possessive case. **John's book** is derived from the following: originally **John his book**, written as **John his book**, then becoming **John's book**. If in doubt about an apostrophe, leave it out and then go back and examine why it might be needed. If there is no reason (i.e., for possession or to indicate contraction) then it is not needed.

Numbers In general spell out numbers up to ninety-nine. Use numerals from 100. Spell out ages (seventeen, forty) and historical periods (seventeenth century).

Dates Use the form 20 October 1969 (and not October 20, 1969; 20th October 1969; or the twentieth of October 1969). The short *I.H.S.* form is used in footnotes: Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Thus: ¹ *Freeman's Journal*, 4 Feb. 1891.

Spelling and proof-reading Before relying on electronic spelling and grammar check, students should check what dictionary has been loaded, such as English (Ireland) *or* English (United Kingdom). Go to Review, Language, Set Proofing Language, select language as English (Ireland) *or* English (United Kingdom) and Set as Default. Spelling & Grammar is also found under Review. Use of the electronic Spelling & Grammar check should always be followed up by a careful check of printout (hardcopy) before final correction and submission. On the prescribed cover page, students must confirm that they have proof-read the assignment in advance of submission.

PLAGIARISM AND ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The Department of History's policy on plagiarism and academic integrity is in keeping with the Maynooth University Policy on Plagiarism and Academic Integrity 26 Sept 23. Students **MUST** familiarise themselves with this policy document, available [here](#) (Examinations section). The policy will be explained in class by tutors in the early weeks of semester. If you are in any doubt as to what constitutes plagiarism or a breach of academic integrity, please consult with your tutors.

Copying another's work, either verbatim or with only minor changes of wording, and presenting the results as if they were your own work, is both unethical and illegal under copyright laws. It is a form of dishonesty, indicating a complete disregard for others' work. Plagiarism also reveals an unwillingness to think for yourself, being therefore diametrically opposed to the spirit of university studies. The direct copying of passages (including illustrations) from a book, an article or any other source, whether in hardcopy or found on the internet, without adequate references (that is, footnotes and bibliography) will be heavily penalised and may lead to the rejection of the entire piece of work by the Department.

Similarly, submitting essays or projects written by anyone other than yourself will result in heavy penalties. As your final assessment is partly based on written assignments, plagiarism is equivalent to cheating at examinations. A module lecturer or tutor who finds plagiarism in an essay or project is obliged to report this to the Head of Department, who in turn may have to report it to the Registrar. The penalty can extend beyond loss of marks for the essay or project in question to exclusion from the final examinations for that year. Cases may also be sent to the Academic Discipline Board, which has its own rigorous procedures and can impose penalties up to and including expulsion from the University.

A student who is in any doubt about the correct use of sources in any given situation should consult a tutor or lecturer for advice.

NOTE ON THE USE OF INTERNET RESOURCES

While we live in an age when it is convenient to employ popular websites for the instantaneous acquisition of information (Wikipedia, etc.), students should recognise both that the development of their own critical skills is an essential part of undertaking an Arts degree and that such sources are, in and of themselves, wholly inadequate for general purposes of scholarship. Students should note that their uncritical employment may actually detract from the scholarly merit of their own work.

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Students in History are urged to make the most of the outstanding facilities of the John Paul II University Library. It offers a variety of study spaces, ever-changing exhibitions on the ground floor, sleep pods, and, with its coffee shop, a place to meet between classes. It is open from early to late, with additional opening hours coming up to examination times. The staff are renowned for their helpfulness and expertise.

MU Library is a portal to a vast collection of History resources in print and online – books, e-books, journal articles, e-journals, electronic dictionaries, subject databases, encyclopaediae, and more – which can be identified through the catalogue, ‘LibrarySearch’. Your library card (student card) entitles you to borrow material from the Library (even laptops). Most of the e-journals are in full-text format and allow you to print/save/share/e-mail the article.

The [library homepage](http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/library) www.maynoothuniversity.ie/library has information, training, materials, supports and services that will help you in your studies. Your attention is drawn in particular to the following:

MU Library offers popular online **training sessions** that you can follow at your own pace, see **LIST Online** (Library & Information Skills Training) <http://nuim.libguides.com/list> or you can attend one of the interactive LIST sessions in the library on a variety of information topics and critical skills. Dates and times of LIST training sessions are advertised at the entrance to the Library and online at: <http://nuim.libguides.com/list>.

MU Library has a dedicated **History subject page** (<http://nuim.libguides.com/history>); it is recommended that you bookmark this page, as it is used to highlight new history-specific material acquired by the Library, as well as a range of useful resources. Note that you can access the library catalogue on or off campus and note also the usefulness of the “Advanced Search” option.

In the John Paul II Library, **Special Collections and Archives** holds archival collections of private origin (post 1851) which, when fully processed, are made available for research in its reading room (by appointment). It also holds fragile and scarce materials (catalogue prefix LY). The **Russell Library** houses the historical collections of St Patrick’s College, Maynooth, founded 1795 as a seminary for the education of Irish priests. Its holdings date from the 16th to the mid-19th century across a range of subjects including: theology, mathematics, science, geography and history. Other important collections include: medieval and Gaelic manuscripts, archival material and incunabula (pre-1501 printing). Material at the Russell Library may be consulted by making an appointment by telephone (01-7083890) or by email (library.russell@mu.ie), or enquire at the John Paul II Library.

LIBRARY LINKS AND CONTACTS

Library homepage: www.maynoothuniversity.ie/library

History subject guide: <https://nuim.libguides.com/list>

LIST online: nuim.libguides.com/list-online

LIST sessions in the Library: nuim.libguides.com/list

Undergraduates contact: Áine Carey, aine.carey@mu.ie

Research support Librarian: Ciarán Quinn, ciaran.quinn@mu.ie

ASSESSMENT

MARKS AND STANDARDS

All students should familiarise themselves with the current Marks and Standards document produced by the Examinations Office of the University, and available at www.maynoothuniversity.ie/exams/information-students. In particular, students whose studies have been interrupted and are now returning to the University, and students who need to repeat a module or modules, must ensure that they are fully informed of these regulations. Staff at Registry will be happy to explain the rules for progression and passing and the rules concerning registration, withdrawal and repeating, as they apply to individual cases. For further information please see: Rules and Regulations for Students, www.maynoothuniversity.ie/university-policies/rules-regulations-students.

In the grading of assignments (tutorial, special topics and elective modules) the staff and tutors in the Department of History use the Marking Scheme attached under **Appendix III** at the end of this handbook. All students should familiarise themselves with this marking scheme and the conceptual equivalents that appear alongside each grade band. Before you submit any assignment, check the Department's Marking Scheme and ask yourself if the work you are submitting meets the criteria specified in the grade band in which you hope to achieve your mark.

ASSIGNMENT DEADLINES

The History Department is under no obligation to accept any work submitted after the deadline. Please do not ask your tutors or module lecturers for an 'extension'. They have no authority to overrule departmental regulations in this matter. **As a general rule, a History essay or elective project submitted after the relevant deadline will not be awarded any marks.** In exceptional circumstances, such as illness or bereavement, assignments **may** be accepted up to two weeks after the deadline, provided they are accompanied by medical certification or other appropriate documentation. Submission of any assignment more than two weeks after the deadline will only be possible with the approval of the Head of Department. In the first instance, the student will have to attend for interview with the Head of Department and/or their nominee(s). At the end of semester the Extenuating Circumstances Board may adjudicate upon such cases.

As with all documentation presented to the Department, students are required to retain exact copies of letters of excuse and medical certificates and may be required to produce these subsequently.

FEEDBACK

FEEDBACK ON ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADES

You are encouraged to meet with your lecturers to receive feedback on your assignments and exam performance. Learning from experience *before* you move on to another assignment, module or academic year is strongly recommended. There is no real substitute for one-to-one office consultation – you should not expect detailed feedback on assignments via email. Please contact your lecturers in person at their advertised office hours. Please note that lecturers will not provide you with detailed advice on how to prepare your assignments.

Tutors will provide you with feedback when they return your assignments. If you are seeking feedback on the modules assessed in semester 1 you should see the relevant lecturers (during their scheduled consultation hours) during the early weeks of the second semester.

Students seeking feedback on modules assessed in semester 2 should attend on the University's consultation day or make an appointment with the relevant lecturer.

A University-wide consultation day is scheduled in the week following the release, in late June, of examination results. (A further University consultation day is scheduled in early September to deal with queries arising from autumn (resit) examinations). The Department of History expects that students with any questions about their progress during the year will contact the Department on the day (in person or by Teams). Every effort is made to respond to queries promptly. Queries raised after that date must be made in writing, and delays in processing such queries can be expected.

You have the right to academic privacy with your tutor and lecturers and the duty to respect that of your colleagues; personal grades will only be discussed confidentially.

STUDENT EVALUATION OF LEARNING EXPERIENCE

At the end of each module students will be invited to complete a form evaluating various aspects of the module. Please engage with these surveys as fully as you can. Lecturers are pleased to have the benefit of your comments in helping them to review their teaching and assessment and to integrate improvements.

STUDENT REPRESENTATION – THE STUDENT-STAFF LIAISON COMMITTEE

Students of each class will be invited to elect representatives to the Department's Student-Staff Liaison Committee, as follows:

I Year	4	MA in European History	1	MA in Local History	1
II Year	3	MA in Irish History	1	MLitt and PhD	1
III Year	3	MA in Military & Strategic Studies	1	Exchange Students	1

Please note that the election of these representatives is run by the Department, independently of the Students Union or any other bodies.

The convenor of this committee is a member of staff. The committee meets regularly throughout the year to consider any problems that affect the work of students and related matters.

Your class representatives are always willing to bring student issues to the attention of the Department. Should you have any issues, please let them know. Alternatively, you may approach any of the lecturers, the Undergraduate Studies Coordinator or the Head of Department. Many issues can be resolved swiftly by talking to the lecturer concerned.

LOOKING AHEAD – PLANNING YOUR POSTGRADUATE OPTIONS

TEACHING COUNCIL OF IRELAND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Students who are considering pursuing a career in teaching at post-primary level, or who may wish to pursue this option at some point in the future, need to bear in mind that the Teaching Council of Ireland has new stipulated requirements regarding the composition of undergraduate history degrees for persons applying for registration on or after 1 January 2023. These new stipulations are based on an extensive consultation process with the various subject/HEIs which resulted in the updating of the requirements. Some of these updates include a move away from the granularity of the current requirements and move towards a more rounded approach.

Specific requirements for History are given as follows:

In order to meet the registration requirements set down in the Teaching Council [Registration] Regulations in respect of the curricular subject of History an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- 1. (a) Applicants must hold a degree-level qualification, with History studied up to and including third-year level or higher (or modular equivalent).*
- (b) The qualifying degree must be equivalent to at least Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) and with a minimum pass result in all examinations pertinent to the subject of History.*
- (c) The qualifying degree must carry at least 180 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits (or equivalent) with the specific study of History comprising at least 60 ECTS credits (or equivalent).*
- 2. The study of History during the qualification must show that the holder has acquired sufficient knowledge, skills and understanding to teach the History syllabus/specification to the highest level in post- primary education (see www.curriculumonline.ie).*
- 3. To meet this requirement the degree must include the specific study of Irish History*

The complete requirements for the post-primary curricular subject from January 2023 are set out in a recent document published on the Council's website:

<https://www.teachingcouncil.ie/en/publications/ite-professional-accreditation/curricular-subject-requirements-post-primary-from-1-jan-2023.pdf>

Please contact the Council directly with any queries you may have at: info@teachingcouncil.ie

Environmental and Social Studies (ESS)

An applicant who meets the criteria for **History** will also be deemed to have acquired the competency to teach the Junior Cycle curricular subject **Environmental and Social Studies**.

Students are advised to consult the website of the Teaching Council on a regular basis for updates/additional information (www.teachingcouncil.ie).

ADMISSION TO POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

The Department of History offers a range of postgraduate programmes that cater for the interests of a wide variety of students and reflect the breadth and depth of scholarship among members of the Department. Irish History, European History, Military History and Strategic Studies, and Archives are all strongly represented, with chronological periods from early medieval Ireland to the present day.

MA programmes (Taught Masters)

Admission to these programmes will be based on a number of factors. The most basic requirement is at least a strong II.2 undergraduate degree overall. In addition, individual programmes may have special requirements. The applicant's record is considered before offers are made.

Research programmes (M.Litt./PhD)

Students wishing to pursue research degrees in history may apply for the M.Litt. or the Structured PhD programme, which can be pursued as full-time or part-time programmes

Admission to both the M.Litt. and the Structured PhD programmes (for which some coursework is compulsory, but in which the degree depends entirely on the quality of the major thesis) is based on a number of factors. Applicants wishing to undertake a research degree are usually required to have a primary degree or equivalent in History or in a cognate discipline. The minimum admission requirement for the M.Litt is a 2:1 Honours in the BA or equivalent. For the PhD, it is either a First Class Honours BA or a 2:1 Honours in an MA or equivalent degree. However, such a degree is not a guarantee of admission. Among other factors, the Departmental Standing Committee on Research considers the applicant's written work and evaluates a substantial research proposal (for M.Litt., 1,000 words; for PhD, 4,000 words), covering 1) the proposed research topic; 2) a critical survey of the main secondary sources in the field – what has been written on the subject; 3) a survey of the available primary source material; 4) how the applicant intends to approach the subject – what gaps are to be filled and what key questions will be tackled. The availability of a suitably qualified supervisor to take on an additional research student is a further factor in admissions.

During the first semester of Year 3 of the BA, students considering applying for a place on the M.Litt. or Structured PhD programmes should consult at least one member of the Department about a research field in which they are interested, and prepare a research proposal, as outlined above. All students considering embarking on M.Litt/PhD registration are expected to meet with Prof Marian Lyons to discuss their thesis proposal in advance of making a formal application via PAC (Postgraduate Applications Centre, www.pac.ie). The draft proposal should be emailed to the Department (history.department@mu.ie) by 3 June and submitted in hard copy to the History office. The Department will aim to let each applicant know by mid-July whether or not the proposal has been accepted.

Graduate Studies Office and the Irish Research Council

Undergraduates are advised to consult the MU Graduate Studies website regularly for information on funding opportunities, programmes on offer, deadlines and support with

making applications (www.maynoothuniversity.ie/graduate-studies). The Graduate Studies Office manages the MU John and Pat Hume Doctoral Awards (<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/graduate-studies>). The Irish Research Council offers a number of different types of awards, including an employment-based postgraduate scholarship (research.ie/funding/); support with making an application to this important scheme (usually opens in September and closes in November) is available from Graduate Studies. Typically students who hope to transfer to the PhD apply for an IRC award in the first year of the M.Litt. with a view to obtaining funding for the following three years. Students undertaking a taught MA (who have identified a viable PhD research project) are also eligible to apply to the IRC scheme.

All students considering postgraduate study will be invited to attend a number of information sessions organised by the Department during the year at which details of the various programmes and funding options are provided; the Graduate Studies Office also holds information sessions during the year.

REFERENCES

Full-time staff members will normally act as referees when requested to do so by students with whose work they are familiar. It should be remembered that recommendations normally take account of interpersonal as well as academic skills, and accordingly observing the following recommendations will help staff members to do justice to student applications.

- Requests for references should be made formally by email or letter, full details being given of the nature of the course or appointment for which an application is being made. The requirement for a written request still applies even if you also make the request in person.
- Full documentation relating to the course or appointment should be supplied, including all forms (duly completed) and envelopes that are required for the furnishing of references. Referees should have details of the applicant's postal address, email address and telephone number to facilitate communication.
- As much notice as possible should be given to referees, the final date for the submission of the reference or testimonial being clearly specified.
- It is desirable for the referee to have an updated copy of the applicant's *curriculum vitae* to provide background to the writing of a reference. It is unreasonable to expect people to go to the trouble of writing a reference for you if you do not take the trouble to provide them with a *curriculum vitae*. It should indicate subjects studied and your results in University examinations to date, and relevant extracurricular activities, such as voluntary work, sports, travel etc.
- It is usual for staff members to provide a confidential report adverting to a particular course or appointment rather than an 'open reference' which may in any case be of limited value.
- Staff members always appreciate a brief note informing them of the outcome of applications for courses or appointments.
- Tutors who are not also lecturers are strongly advised not to provide references.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX I: TEMPLATE FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF IN-CLASS PRESENTATIONS

ASSESSMENT CATEGORIES FOR STUDENT IN-CLASS PRESENTATIONS EXPLAINED

Excellent (First class): A skilful presentation featuring excellent material that is very well structured; shows a sure command of concepts; excellently informed; very effective communication of concepts; presented in an accurate, accessible and engaging manner; excellent capacity to engage the group.

Very good (Second class, Grade one): A very competent presentation; good grasp of concepts; well structured; very well informed; clear, intelligible delivery; effective communication of concepts; some minor problems with content and/or delivery but not significantly impeding the group's engagement with the presentation.

Good (Second class, Grade two): A competent presentation; well informed; fairly good grasp of main concepts; generally coherent and well structured; satisfactory communication of concepts; generally clear, intelligible delivery with some significant weaknesses in terms of content and/or presentation; some difficulty in engaging the group.

Fair (Third class/Pass): A barely acceptable presentation; adequately informed; information adequate; some evidence of preparation; some engagement with the topic but not free of irrelevance; displays basic grasp of concepts; some major problems with content and/or delivery; difficulties in engaging the group.

Poor (Fail): Unacceptable presentation; poorly prepared; no or very little relevant information; difficult to follow; poor structure; unsatisfactory communication of concepts and content; no or little effort/capacity to engage the group.

APPENDIX II: MARKING SCHEME

Grade	Conceptual equivalents	Guide marks
FIRST CLASS	Outstanding answer in every respect which casts the question/issue in a new light	81–100
	Excellently informed; excellently constructed argument displaying a sure command of concepts and considerable originality of thought	76–80
	Excellently informed; excellently constructed argument displaying a sure command of concepts and some originality of thought	70–75
SECOND CLASS, GRADE 1	Very well informed; coherent, well-constructed argument displaying good grasp of concepts	60–69
SECOND CLASS, GRADE 2	Information good and question/issue addressed; a fairly good grasp of concepts displayed	50–59
THIRD CLASS	Information adequate and question addressed; displays basic grasp of concepts	45–49
PASS	Adverts to question/issue, but not free of irrelevance; information very limited or inadequately utilised or expressed in derivative language	40–44
FAIL	Little relevant information and/or question not addressed	25–39
	Little sense of what is required and/or no more than scraps of relevant information	0–24

This scheme applies to all essay-type questions/answers.

Within a given grade band, the mark awarded will reflect the level of achievement within the range covered by the conceptual equivalent that applies to that grade.

See Registrar's website www.maynoothuniversity.ie/university-policies/rules-regulations-students for various regulations and procedures, including Marks and Standards.

ACADEMIC STAFF AND RESEARCH INTERESTS (*continued from inside front cover*)

David Murphy, PhD (Dublin)

Specialises in military history and strategic studies, with a particular interest in Irish officers and soldiers in British and foreign service. He has published on the Crimean War, the Arab Revolt of 1916-18, the Nivelles Offensive of 1917 and the Winter War of 1939-40. His current research focuses on the connection between the Great House in Ireland and military service.

John Paul Newman, PhD (Southampton)

Specialises in Balkan and Yugoslav cultural history with a particular interest in the First World War and its legacy in the region.

Michael Potterton, PhD (N.U.I.)

Specialises in the archaeology and history of Ireland from the twelfth to the sixteenth century, especially urban and rural landscapes, settlement and society. Further research interests include hinterlands, crannogs, contacts between Ireland and the Continent, and the archaeology of Ireland from prehistoric times to the present.

Jennifer Redmond, PhD (Dublin)

Specialises in Irish emigration to England in the twentieth century; gender and sexual politics; demography and population change; modern Ireland; women and education; Irish women in the labour force; digital humanities.

Ciarán Reilly, PhD (N.U.I.)

Specialises in nineteenth and twentieth century Irish history, particularly in relation to the Great Irish Famine, emigration, the landed estate and the country house.

Filipe Ribeiro de Meneses, PhD (Dublin)

Lectures in European and colonial history, focusing on the First World War and its impact and the Franco and Salazar dictatorships. His research interests are centred on the First World War and Twentieth-Century Portugal and its colonies.

Sarah Roddy, PhD (QUB)

Lectures in modern social history, focusing on nineteenth- and twentieth-century Ireland. Her research interests encompass histories of migration, religion, money, fundraising and charity.

Ian Speller, PhD (London)

Dr Speller's research interests are in the field of military history and strategic studies. In particular his research focuses on maritime strategy and naval policy, the history of the Royal Navy and of expeditionary operations in the twentieth century.

Jonathan Wright, PhD (Queen's University, Belfast)

Dr Wright is a historian of Ireland and the British World in the long eighteenth century. His research focuses principally on two core areas: politics and political cultures in the age of revolution and reform (c.1789-1832); and Irish connections with empire (with a particular emphasis on the Atlantic World and Irish involvement in slavery).

