School of History (see also Ancient History)

Head of School Professor A D M Pettegree

Degree Programmes

Postgraduate Diploma: Central & East European Studies

Environmental History Historical Research Iranian Studies Mediaeval History

Middle Eastern History and Culture

Modern History Reformation Studies Scottish Historical Studies

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Programme Requirements

Central & East European Studies

Postgraduate Diploma: 120 credits from RU5001 - RU5100, AH5086, AH5101, IR5012, IR5212,

MO5301, MO5402, MO5503, MO5602, MO5610 save that no more than

two modules may be taken from one subject.

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Postgraduate Diploma plus one of AH5099, IR5099

or MO5099

M.Phil.: 120 credits as for the Postgraduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than

40,000 words

Environmental History

Postgraduate Diploma: 120 credits: 40 from core course MO5601; a minimum of a further 40

(and a maximum of 80) credits chosen from ME5001, ME5414, MO5023; and, if necessary, a further 40 credits chosen from EC5505, EH5003, EN5023, GE5010, GE5011, GE5012, GE5048, GE5051, ID5011, IR5013, MO5203, MO5308, MO5400, MO5602, MO5605,

SC5403

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Postgraduate Diploma plus EH5099

M.Phil.: 120 credits as for the Postgraduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than

40,000 words

Historical Research

Postgraduate Diploma: 120 credits; 40 credits from either MO5601 or MO5801 and 80 further

credits from any combination of the following: MO5602, MO5609, HI5002 – HI5004, other appropriate skills courses (credit transfer)

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Postgraduate Diploma plus HI5099

M.Phil.: 120 credits as for the Postgraduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than

40,000 words

Iranian Studies

Postgraduate Diploma: 120 credits; 40 credits from MH5101 and a further 80 credits from

MH5001, MH5110, MH5111

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Postgraduate Diploma plus HI5099

M.Phil.: 120 credits as for the Postgraduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than

40,000 words

Mediaeval History

Postgraduate Diploma: 120 credits: 40 credits from ME5002; 40 credits from one of the

following: ME5001, ME5110, SC5202; 20 credits from ME5005; 20 credits from any of the following: HI5004, FR5901, FR5902, GM5901,

GM5902, IT5901, IT5902, RU5901, RU5902, SP5901, SP5902

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Postgraduate Diploma plus ME5099

M.Phil.: 120 credits as for the Postgraduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than

40,000 words

Middle Eastern History and Culture

Postgraduate Diploma: 120 credits: 40 credits from MH5101, 80 credits from two of the

following: MH5001, MH5002, MH5110, IR5212, EITHER AR5023 OR

AR5237.

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Postgraduate Diploma plus one of AR5099,

ME5099 or MO5099

M.Phil.: 120 credits as for the Postgraduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than

40,000 words

Modern History

Postgraduate Diploma: 120 credits: 40 credits from either MO5601 or MO5801 and 40 credits

from MO5602, and 40 further credits from any of the following: MO5602

- MO5608, SC5203

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Postgraduate Diploma plus MO5099

M.Phil: 120 credits as for the Postgraduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than

40,000 words

Reformation Studies

Postgraduate Diploma: 120 credits, 40 from MO5011 and a further 80 credits from HI5004,

MO5002 - MO5006, MO5602, MO5905, SC5022, GM5028

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Postgraduate Diploma plus MO5099

M.Phil.: 120 credits as for the Postgraduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than

40,000 words

Scottish Historical Studies

Postgraduate Diploma: 120 credits, 80 credits from SC5051 and SC5052, 40 credits from any

combination of the following: HI5002 - HI5004, SC5201 - SC5203,

appropriate skills (credit transfer)

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for the Postgraduate Diploma plus SC5099

M.Phil.: 120 credits as for the Postgraduate Diploma plus a thesis of not more than

40,000 words

Modules

AH5086 Film and Photography in Post-Revolutionary Russia

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Programme(s): Optional module for Art History Postgraduate Taught Programmes within the School and

Central & East European Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module will focus on the development of experimental photography (including photomontage) and film in post-revolutionary Russia, concentrating particularly on the 1920s and early 1930s. It will look at the theory and practice of such figures as Gustav Klucis, Aleksandr Rodchenko, Dziga Vertov, Sergei Eisenstein, and Esfir Shub. The historical and ideological factors conditioning their production will considered alongside their own theoretical statements and the aesthetic developments and debates of the period. The interrelationships between the two media will also be considered.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

AH5101 Readings in Art History

Credits: 30.0 Semester: Either

Programme(s): Optional module for Art History Postgraduate students intending to proceed to Ph.D, and

Central & East European Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module is a detailed study of an Art Historical topic agreed between tutor and student. Taught on a one-to-one basis, this reading course will allow postgraduate students to acquire a detailed knowledge of an area of art history in preparation for further research. It will allow them also to develop their research bibliographic skills.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One seminar.

AR5023 Advanced Arabic for Postgraduates

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year

Availability: 2007/8 only

Prerequisite: Admission to a taught postgraduate degree programme

Programme(s): Optional module for Middle Eastern History & Culture, and Middle Eastern & Central Asian

Security Studies M.Litt. Postgraduate Programmes

Description: This module will be directed at the reading of primary source material. For intermediate students this will mean taking them to a level at which they can read current affairs material and/or simple literary/historical texts. For advanced students it will mean taking them to a level at which they can read and comment on primary source material of relevance to their research interests.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: two lectures and one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

AR5099 Dissertation for M.Litt. Programme/s

Credits: 60.0

Prerequisite: An average grade of at least 13,5 in course work.

Programme(s): Optional module for Middle Eastern History and Culture M.Litt. Postgraduate Programme

Description: Student dissertations will be supervised by members of the teaching staff who will advise on the choice of subject and provide guidance throughout the research process. The completed dissertation of not more than 15,000 words must be submitted by the end of August.

Class Hour: At times to be arranged with the supervisor

Teaching: Individual Supervision
Assessment: Dissertation = 100%

AR5237 Beginning Arabic for Postgraduates

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year

Prerequisite: Admission to a taught postgraduate degree programme

Anti-requisite: Previous study or knowledge of Arabic beyond beginner's level

Programme(s): Optional module for Middle Eastern History & Culture, and Middle Eastern & Central Asian

Security Studies M.Litt. Postgraduate Programmes

Description: This module will teach students the essentials of Arabic grammar and syntax so that they can begin to read simple Arabic media/current affairs-related texts and to write basic standard Arabic.

Class Hour: to be arranged.

Teaching: Four lectures and dedicated tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 40%, 2 Hour Examination (40% written 20% oral) = 60%

EC5505 Global and Local Issues of the Environment

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 2

Programme(s): Optional module for MSc in International Strategy and Economics and Postgraduate Diploma

in Environmental History

Description: The aim of this module is to introduce basic ideas and methods of environmental economics and policy without assuming any prior knowledge of economics. The geological background and current state of global warming is related to international efforts to control the problem and efforts by energy lobbies to undermine controls and misinform public opinion. A variety of topical issues that relate economic, environmental and public policy considerations will be discussed including international trade, tropical deforestation, transport, sustainability, the relationship between economic (material) growth, the environment and human happiness and welfare. Specific problems of developing countries and their relations to the developed world will be studied.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two lectures, one seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 2 Hour Examination = 40%

EH5003 Environmental History: Nature and the Western World, 1800-2000

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Programme(s): Optional module for Environmental History, Modern Historiography, Postgraduate Taught

Programme.

Description: This module studies environmental history over the past two centuries in an international context. It examines attitudes to nature and animals, species history (extinctions and introductions), national parks and nature reserves, the history of environmentalism and nature conservation, the history of countryside recreation and tourism, and the history of current problems such as pollution and pesticide use. It will draw on examples taken from the USA, southern Africa, Australasia and Great Britain.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar, fortnightly tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

EH5099 Dissertation for M.Litt. Programme/s

Credits: 60.0

Prerequisite: An average grade of at least 13.5 in course work.

Programme(s): Compulsory module for Environmental History M.Litt. Postgraduate Programme

Description: Student dissertations will be supervised by members of the teaching staff who will advise on the choice of subject and provide guidance throughout the research process. The completed dissertation of not more than 15,000 words must be submitted by the end of August.

Class Hour: At times to be arranged with the supervisor

Teaching: Individual Supervision
Assessment: Dissertation = 100%

FR5901 French for Postgraduate Studies 1

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 1 or 2

Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level

Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages

Programme(s): Optional module for Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages

FR5902 French for Postgraduate Studies 2

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 2

Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level

Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages

Programme(s): Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages

GE5012 The Geography of HIV/AIDS

Credits: 10.0 Semester: 2

Programme: Optional module for Health Geography Postgraduate Taught Programme and the M.Litt. in

Environmental History.

Description: This module addresses the uneven global geography of the HIV/AIDS pandemic and its concentration in Africa. It examines why social scientific, not just biomedical, research is vital and explores the regionally specific dimensions of the virus's rapid spread in this context. The module also examines the social, political and economic implications of HIV/AIDS for Africa's development. The course concludes by looking toward future local and global initiatives that might help reduce transmission and ease the human suffering caused by HIV/AIDS.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two lectures and/or seminars.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

GE5051 Environmental Management in Scotland

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 1

Prerequisite: Available only to Students admitted to the M.Litt. in Environmental History.

Programme(s): Optional module for Environmental History Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module focuses on current environmental management issues in Scotland. It provides, firstly, a presentation of the fundamental elements of the various systems of land and resource management (e.g. forestry, agriculture & crofting, wildlife, freshwater resources, conservation), and secondly, examples of the ways in which these systems interact. Throughout, the module aims to engender a holistic understanding of environmental management, in contrast to the sectoral approach traditionally employed by central and local government. The ultimate aim is to leave students with an informed conceptual framework for evaluating the merits of management proposals, with their attendant implications for environmental change and economic development. A particular focus, employing topical case studies and a field visit, will be the conflicts that are increasingly arising as interest groups with contrasting philosophies & value systems compete for the finite resources of Scotland's wild places.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two 1 hour lectures weekly, and a weekend field excursion.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

GM5901 German for Postgraduate Studies 1

Credits: 20.0 Semester: Either

Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level

Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages

Programme(s): Optional module for Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages

GM5902 German for Postgraduate Studies 2

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 2

Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level

Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages

Programme(s): Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages

HI5002 Historical Sources and Skills I

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year

Programme(s): Optional module for Historical Research, Modern Historiography and Scottish Historical

Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The aim of this module is to give students a chance to acquire two technical skills which they must have in order to embark on their chosen path of research, not just for the M.Litt. dissertation but also for possible future Ph.D. work. It relates primarily to other courses in the M.Litt. (Historical Research). There is no set syllabus. Each student chooses two from the available options which currently are (i) Bibliography (ii) Palaeography and Diplomatic (iii) Language Training - Latin and French are currently offered, but the School can secure teaching in any appropriate language currently taught in the University (iv) Archaeology (v) Archive Studies (vi) Quantitative and Computing Skills for historians. The module can therefore vary considerably and may be taught almost entirely within one department (such as Modern History or Mediaeval History) or in a number of different department. Two semesters are essential because of the need for time to cope with a great deal of new and rigorous scholarly work.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Lectures and seminars as appropriate up to three hours per week.

HI5003 Historical Sources and Skills II

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year

Programme(s): Optional module for Historical Research, Modern Historiography and Scottish Historical

Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The syllabus for this module is the same as for HI5002. Its aim is to allow students to acquire

a further two technical skills from the list given under HI5002.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Lectures and seminars as appropriate up to three hours per week.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

HI5004 Historical Sources and Skills III

Credits: 20.0 Semester: Either

Co-requisite: 20 credit Language module

Programme(s): Optional module for Historical Research, Mediaeval History, Modern Historiography,

Reformation Studies and Scottish Historical Research Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The aim of this module is to give students a chance to acquire a technical skill crucial for their research plans, not just for the taught postgraduate programme but also with a view to further doctoral work. Students can choose from several available training options, among them trainin in a number of relevant languages (incl. Latin and Arabic) and advanced bibliography.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

HI5099 Dissertation for M.Litt. Programme/s

Credits: 60.0

Prerequisite: An average grade of at least 13.5 in course work.

Programme(s): Compulsory module for Historical Research or Iranian Studies M.Litt. Postgraduate

Programmes

Description: Student dissertations will be supervised by members of the teaching staff who will advise on the choice of subject and provide guidance throughout the research process. The completed dissertation of not more than 15,000 words must be submitted by the end of August.

Class Hour: At times to be arranged with the supervisor

Teaching: Individual Supervision
Assessment: Dissertation = 100%

ID5011 Geographic Information Systems for Environmental Management

Credits: 15.0 Semester: 1

Prerequisite: A basic ability in computer skills (Basic word processing, spread sheet analysis) gained

through SALTIRE if not demonstrated

Anti-requisite: GE5005, ID5010, ID5012

Programme(s): Optional module for Environmental Biology MSc, Mathematics & Statistics, Economics, Management and Environmental History Taught Postgraduate Programmes.

Description: This module provides an introduction to Geographic Information systems and their use in environmental problem solving. The module will be taught through a series of lectures, tutorials, laboratory classes and individual projects. The module will be assessed through class exercises and the final, short individual project. Students will be introduced to methods of acquiring, storing, analysing and displaying (2D and 3D) spatial digital data using the ArcGIS data package. An introduction to data manipulation and statistical techniques on a variety of environmental examples will be given. The module is taught within the School of Geography & Geosciences but incorporates datasets and analysis techniques used in earth and environmental science, biology, archaeology, and mathematics.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Lectures, practicals and occasional tutorials.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, Short Project = 50%

IT5901 Italian for Postgraduate Studies 1

Credits: 20.0 Semester: Either

Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level

Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages

Programme(s): Optional module for Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages

IT5902 Italian for Postgraduate Studies 2

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 2

Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level

Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages

ME5001 Special Topic in Mediaeval History

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year

Programme(s): Optional module for Environmental History and Mediaeval History Postgraduate Taught

Programmes

Description: This module is a detailed study of a mediaeval topic of the student's own choice which, as appropriate, will include either participation in any 4000 level module or individual tutorials with a designated tutor.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One 2-3 hour seminar or individual tutorials as required.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

ME5002 Sources and Source Criticism

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year

Programme(s): Compulsory module for Mediaeval History Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module addresses interpretation and criticism of mediaeval sources. A taught core in semester one concentrates upon a selected central body of documentation and its associated problems and introduces appropriate skills training. This is completed in semester two by an extended paper, together with training in seminar presentation and discussion skills.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One-and-a-half hour seminar and individual tutorials as required.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

ME5005 Manuscript Studies

Credits: 20.0 Semester: Either

Programme(s): Compulsory module for Mediaeval History Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module is an introductory survey of the history of the mediaeval manuscript. Through a series of practical exercises students will also learn to transcribe and translate documents.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hours.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

ME5099 Dissertation for M.Litt. Programme/s

Credits: 60.0

Prerequisite: An average grade of at least 13.5 in course work.

Programme(s): Compulsory module for Mediaeval History M.Litt. Postgraduate Programme

Description: Student dissertations will be supervised by members of the teaching staff who will advise on the choice of subject and provide guidance throughout the research process. The completed dissertation of not more than 15,000 words must be submitted by the end of August.

Class Hour: At times to be arranged with the supervisor

Teaching: Individual Supervision
Assessment: Dissertation = 100%

ME5110 Narrative and History in Mediaeval England and Scotland 1370-1470

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year

Programme(s): Compulsory module for Mediaeval English Postgraduate Taught Programmes

Optional module for Mediaeval History Postgraduate Taught Programmes

Description: This is an interdisciplinary module taught by the Schools of English and History. It runs over both semesters, with fortnightly seminars based on the reading and discussion of literary and historical texts. Sessions will normally be taught by a historian and a literary specialist in tandem, allowing the differing perspectives of each discipline to be brought to bear on each text or selection of texts.

Class Hour: To be arranged
Teaching: fortnightly seminars

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MH5001 Directed Reading in Middle Eastern History

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either

Programme(s): Compulsory module for the Middle Eastern History and Culture Postgraduate Taught

Programme.

Optional module for the Iranian Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: A directed reading project designed to encourage the development of skills of historical analysis through concentrated study of a topic chosen by the student in consultation with a supervisor. The project offers the student the opportunity to develop skills of research, analysis and presentation prior to the dissertation. As such, it will serve as a useful transition between the more structured teaching of undergraduate work and the independence of postgraduate dissertations. The project will normally take the form of a bibliographic essay or primary research on a narrowly defined topic.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Fortnightly tutorials.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MH5002 From Muhammad to the Mamluks: themes in the history and culture of the Middle East

Credits: 40.0 Semester:

Programme(s): Optional module for the Middle Eastern History and Culture Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module will cover the history and culture of the Islamic Middle East from the birth of Islam in the region in the 7th century until the conclusion of its pre-modern history by the Ottoman conquest of Egypt in 1517. Within this wide range of a millennium of Islamic expansion, innovation, consolidation, fragmentation and re-orientation, there will be a thorough coverage of the key themes that define the resulting societies, their subjects and their historical and cultural evolution. These themes include the Middle East's social and religious history and its political, military and material culture.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MH5003 Empire, Nationalism and the Birth of the Modern Middle East

Credits: 40.0 Semester:

Programme(s): Optional module for the Middle Eastern History and Culture Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module begins by examining a central conviction of modern Middle Eastern nationalism, that western political and military involvement in the Middle East was fundamentally geared to the exploitation of the region's economic resources. Two case studies are considered, that of cotton in 19th century Egypt and that of oil in Persia, Mesopotamia and Arabia up to the Second World War. The module continues with an analysis of the postwar Middle Eastern response to the challenge posed by the West, in particular its ideological aspects including the growth of nationalisms and Islamism, and their political expression in the emergence of the modern state through both reform and revolution.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar

MH5101 Themes in Middle Eastern History and Politics

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1

Programme(s): Compulsory module for the Iranian Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module is intended to introduce students to themes and debates in Middle Eastern history pand politics. The module will begin with a look at methodological problems, the question of historiography, and then address themes such as the nature of the 'state', 'state-society relations', 'Islam', 'centre-periphery relations', as well as more contemporary debates concerning development, democratization, the idea of the nation, culture, and the nature of Iran's relations with the outside world, in particular the West.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminar

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MH5110 Introduction to Modern Persian

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year

Programme(s): Optional module for the Iranian Studies and Middle Eastern History and Culture Postgraduate

Taught Programmes.

Description: This module is intended to introduce students to Modern Persian. No previous knowledge will be required and students will be taught the basic, language, grammar and structure of modern Persian with a view to preparing them for the study of basic texts and conversation. The module, which will run throughout the year, is intended to provide students with the foundations of modern Persian upon which they will be able to build and extend, should they wish to pursue research.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Four lectures and one tutorial

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 70%, Two Hour Examination + 15 minute oral Examination = 30%

MH5111 Iran and the World since 1921

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Programme(s): Optional module for the Iranian Studies Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module is intended to take an in-depth look at the development of the modern Iranian state from its inception under Reza Khan in the 1920s to the present day. The module will look at the growth of the state, economic development, relations with the West, Britain and the United States in particular, before turning to the Islamic Revolution and its consequences, with particular focus on the social changes engendered by revolution and war, culminating in the Presidency of Mohammad Khatami, its causes and consequences. While following a broad chronological perspective, students will be encouraged to engage with the themes and historical tensions highlighted by the module.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5006 Society and Religious Change in Sixteenth Century France

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Programme(s): Optional module for Modern Historiography and Reformation Studies Postgraduate Taught

Programmes.

Description: This module offers a detailed examination of the development and near disintegration of the new French nation state in the sixteenth century. It examines how France faced the two major challenges of the age: the trend towards more centralised state-building, stimulated in part by the changing nature of warfare in the sixteenth century and the urge on the part of European monarchies to create a new monarchy; and the challenge posed by the divisions of European Christendom resulting from the Protestant Reformation. A central question to be answered is why France succeeded in meeting the first challenge so successfully, as epitomised by the 'Renaissance' monarchy of Francis I, but then collapsed so weakly in the face of the growth of Calvinism in the second half of the century.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Fortnightly tutorial and other teaching as appropriate.

MO5011 Aspects of Reformation

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year

Programme(s): Compulsory module for Reformation Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Optional module for Modern Historiography Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module explains selected themes in Reformation Studies and encourages students to develop a sense of the historiography of the period. It is the core course of the Reformation Studies M.Litt. Each theme is treated in these seminars with students being required to make presentations on current historical debates. The themes include: Reformation theology, popular religion, the local reformation and the printed book.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Fortnightly tutorial and other teaching as appropriate.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5012 Skills Training

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year

Programme(s): Optional module for Reformation Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This is part of the M.Litt. in Reformation Studies and is intended to offer students training in skills relevant to research in early modern history. The student chooses two components from the range of options offered. These options included: Latin, palaeography, bibliography, and modern European languages. Each student will be able to choose the options most appropriate for the M.Litt. dissertation and further Ph.D. work.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: As appropriate to the option.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5021 Tudor Political Thought

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Programme(s): Optional module for Reformation Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module will examine the main texts and contexts of political thought in Tudor England. It will seek to identify political ideas and vocabulary, and to situate debates and language in their historical contexts. Both political ideas and the rhetorical modes by which they were conceived and communicated to an audience, real or imagined, will be considered. The main agenda will include politics, religion, rhetoric, law, and history. Special themes will include theories of monarchy and counsel, empire and sovereignty, civic humanism and mixed polity, Reformation, conciliarism, republicanism and resistance, Parliament, representation, and the politics of history, poetry and drama. This is overwhelmingly a source-based course.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Fortnightly tutorial and other teaching as appropriate.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5023 Disease and Environment, c.1500 - c.2000

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1

Programme(s): Optional module for Environmental History Postgraduate Taught Programme

Description: Before they are members of political and religious groupings, humans are biological entities. As such, throughout history humans have had to devise complex strategies to cope with fundamental biological factors. Focusing primarily upon an Anglo-American context, this course examines the manner in which sickness and death have shaped human history – both biologically and culturally – over the past 500 years. Consideration of patients' and practitioners' expectations, and of the changing meanings of cure, treatment, and care, encourages students to appreciate changing attitudes to health, hygiene, healing and illness within the social history of medicine. Moreover, through an examination of medical practitioners, hospitals, quarantine, inoculation, imperialism, urbanisation, and industrialisation, students will gain an appreciation of the historical relationships between the environment and disease.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Fortnightly tutorial and other teaching as appropriate.

MO5027 Women and Men in Europe, 1500-1800

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1

Programme(s): Optional module for Reformation Studies and Modern Historiography Postgraduate Taught

Programmes.

Description: This module will assess the impact of major intellectual and social movements – the Renaissance, the Reformation and the Scientific Revolution – on legal, scientific and philosophical ideas about women. It will also examine women's day-to-day experiences, focusing on themes such as marriage and the family, sexuality and the body, work and religion. It will explore notions of masculinity and femininity, considering how these were constructed and how their meanings have changed over time. The course will require postgraduate students to confront the problems involved in reconstructing women's experiences given their silence in the written record.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Fortnightly tutorial and other teaching as appropriate.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5099 Dissertation for M.Litt. Programme/s

Credits: 60.0

Prerequisite: An average grade of at least 13.5 in course work.

Programme(s): Compulsory module for Central & East European Studies, Modern Historiography, Modern

History, and Reformation Studies M.Litt. Postgraduate Programmes

Description: Student dissertations will be supervised by members of the teaching staff who will advise on the choice of subject and provide guidance throughout the research process. The completed dissertation of not more than 15,000 words must be submitted by the end of August.

Class Hour: At times to be arranged with the supervisor.

Teaching: Individual Supervision.

Assessment: Dissertation = 100%

MO5402 The Soviet Union, 1917-1991

Credits: 40.0 Semester:

Programme(s): Optional module for Central & East European Studies and Modern Historiography,

Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The emergence and development of the Soviet Union is traced from the Bolshevik Revolution of October 1917, via the period of Stalin's dictatorship and the leaderships of Khrushchev and Brezhnev, up to the end of the Gorbachev era which culminated in the dissolution of the Union in 1991. The course studies interlinked political, ideological, social, economic and cultural themes. The role of the Soviet Union on the international stage is also examined.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Fortnightly tutorial and other teaching as appropriate.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5503 Central and Eastern Europe since 1945

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Programme(s): Optional module for Central & East European Studies and Modern Historiography

Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The collapse of the Soviet sphere of influence in Eastern Europe during 1989, and the subsequent disintegration of the USSR itself, have been among the most dramatic developments of recent years. The pattern of Soviet domination of this region is traced from the end of the Second World War through an examination of both the common and individual responses to this in the nations concerned. Countries studied include former East Germany, Poland, former Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and former Yugoslavia. Developments after 1989 are also examined.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Fortnightly tutorial and other teaching as appropriate.

MO5601 History in the Making: Theories, Approaches and Practice

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year

Programme(s): Compulsory module for Environmental History, Middle Eastern History & Culture, Modern

History and Modern Historiography Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

MO5601 or MO5801 is a compulsory module for Historical Research and Modern History

Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The module brings together material from a range of historical approaches in order to provide an interdisciplinary module that will function as a satisfactory introduction to history and historiography for students interested in all branches of historical study. Its combination of substantive and historiographical material enables the module to be used as a free-standing guide for those humanities students who are not based in History but who wish to take an elective module in the subject.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour fortnightly seminars.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5602 Directed Reading in Modern History

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either

Programme(s): Optional module for Central & East European Studies, Environmental History, Historical

Research, Modern Historiography, Modern History and Reformation Studies Postgraduate

Taught Programmes.

Description: This module offers a directed reading project designed to encourage the development of skills of historical analysis through concentrated study of a topic chosen by the student. The project offers the student the opportunity to develop skills of research, analysis and presentation prior to the dissertation. As such, it will serve as a useful transition between the more structured teaching which characterises undergraduate work and the independence of postgraduate dissertations. The project will generally take the form of a bibliographical essay or primary research on a narrowly defined topic, but the guidelines are sufficiently flexible to accommodate new developments in learning and information dissemination.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Fortnightly tutorials.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5603 Themes and Debates on War and Modern History

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either

Programme(s): Optional module for Environmental History, Historical Research, Modern Historiography, and

Modern History Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module explores the impact of war on modern history and the ways in which historians have studied it. Using thematically-related case-studies which range across several centuries of European history, the course will introduce students to a wide range of historiographical approaches and debates. The structure of the course is also intended to unsettle perceptions which confine 'modern' phenomena to the 19th and 20th centuries and to challenge historiographical distinctions between 'military', 'cultural' and 'political' history.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminars

MO5604 Key Issues in German Historiography

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either

Programme(s): Optional module for Environmental History, Historical Research, Modern Historiography,

Modern History Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module is designed to engage with some of the most hotly disputed issues in German history. By focusing on three aspects central to our understanding of the development of modern Germany, students will have an opportunity to tackle some of the most sophisticated and influential writings on German history. Through the study of these controversies students will not only gain an insight into three pivotal concepts in German history but will also be exposed to most major strands in German historiography. While the ability to read German would be an advantage, it is by no means a prerequisite for this module.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminars

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5605 Themes in American History

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either

Programme(s): Optional module for Environmental History, Historical Research, Modern Historiography, and

Modern History Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module will enable postgraduate students to tackle at a conceptually advanced level a selection of the most important issues in the history of North America, from its foundations as European colonies onwards. The module will expose students to several key debates in American historiography by focusing on a series of issues that have especially preoccupied scholars in the field.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminars

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5606 Perceptions of Central and Eastern Europe

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either

Programme(s): Optional module for Environmental History, Historical Research, Modern Historiography, and

Modern History Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: Perceptions of Central and Eastern Europe are as diverse as the ethic and cultural characteristics of the region itself, and have undergone significant transformation since the emergence of modern nationalism in the mid-nineteenth century. As the *Mitteleuropa* of German imperial aspirations gave way to the successor states of the Versailles settlement, then to Soviet-dominated Eastern Europe in a polarised Cold War continent, and, most recently, to the post-Communist "return to Europe", the correspondingly evolving views from the periphery, from Germany and Russian, and from within the region itself offer a rich and challenging subject for advanced historical study.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminars

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5607 The 1960s: an International Perspective

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either

Programme(s): Optional module for Historical Research, Modern Historiography, and Modern History

Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module is designed to give students a perspective on a controversial decade which is strikingly different from the conventional 'sex, drugs and rock and roll' approach. In addition to the usual topics of youth culture, protest, et cetera, it will concentrate on issues not specific to the United States such as decolonisation, nuclear proliferation, the space race, and environmentalism.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminars

MO5608 Themes and Debates in Modern French History

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either

Programme(s): Optional module for Historical Research, Modern Historiography, and Modern History

Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module explores key themes in French history and introduces students to some important historiographical and methodological issues. The module is intended to combine study of key individual topics such as the ancien regime, the republic and French colonialism with some more conceptual notions relating to history and memory; key formative influences on developments in French history, and the changing methodological, intellectual and ideological approaches adopted by French historians. The seminars place an emphasis on the evolution of historical writing about France, by both non-French and French historians, and where possible will allow students to read key texts in the original French.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminars

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100% MO5609 Directed Reading in Modern History 2

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Programme(s): Optional module for Central & East European Studies, Environmental History, Historical

Research, Modern Historiography, Modern History and Reformation Studies Postgraduate

Taught Programmes.

Description: This module offers a directed reading project designed to encourage the development of skills of historical analysis through concentrated study of a topic chosen by the student. The project offers the student the opportunity to develop skills of research, analysis and presentation prior to the dissertation. As such, it will serve as a useful transition between the more structured teaching which characterises undergraduate work and the independence of postgraduate dissertations. The project will generally take the form of a bibliographical essay or primary research on a narrowly defined topic, but the guidelines are sufficiently flexible to accommodate new developments in learning and information dissemination.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminars

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5610 Themes in Russian 19th and 20th Century Intellectual History

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either

Programme(s): Optional module for Central & East European Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module serves as an introduction to Russian intellectual culture for postgraduate students taking a taught MLitt in Central and East European Studies. Based on a close reading of sources (in translation and/or in Russian), it analyses a number of key themes in Russian thought with reference to the socio-political contexts in which they first arose as well as their subsequent transformation in the Soviet era. The module also explores the ways in which some of the leit-motifs of pre-Revolutionary intellectual culture have more recently been recovered as a 'resource' by intellectuals and public figures in endeavors to re-articulate the 'authentic' nature of Russian culture in the aftermath of communism.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Fortnightly Two hour seminars
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5801 Hallmarks of Modern History

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year

Availability: 2007-08

Programme(s): MO5601 or MO5801 is a compulsory module for Historical Research and Modern History

Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module examines themes in the emergence of the Western world during the centuries following the Reformation, and explores whether the concepts of modernity and modernization have historical and intellectual validity. The focus is on a number of "hallmarks" that purportedly define "Modern History" as qualitatively different from earlier ages. By tackling key issues as diverse as the emergence of the modern state, the alleged decline of religion, the nature and role of revolutions or the construction of gender roles, the course invites students to engage critically with fundamental and deep-rooted historical problems such as continuity, the normative use of concepts ("modernity"), teleology or progress. Participants in this course will be introduced to the historiography of central issues in Modern History through the study of a selected number of key texts and will also have an opportunity to employ and re-evaluate their own historical knowledge by applying it to different concepts, arguments and perspectives.

Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: Two hour seminars

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5905 Politics, Literature and the Reformation: Sir Thomas More

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year
Programme(s): Optional module for Reformation Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module will investigate the life, writings and career of Sir Thomas More. Particular attention will be paid to More's role as a European humanist, King's councillor and politician and leading participant in the anti-Lutheran campaign of the early Reformation. The sources for his career and biography (including the early 'Lives' of Roper, Harpsfield and Stapleton, and More's own letters) will be subjected to particular scrutiny: many of the so-called 'primary sources' were rhetorically contrived or manipulated shortly after his death, or even in his later lifetime, by those who believed that his execution by Henry VIII would bring him and the cause for which he died an inextinguishable fame and reputation. This is overwhelmingly a source-based course.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar weekly plus occasional tutorials.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

MO5935 Charles Darwin and the Politics of Progress in the Natural World

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year
Programme(s): Optional Module for Environmental History Postgraduate Taught Programme

Description: The nineteenth century was the self-proclaimed age of progress. Consequently, it was an age obsessed with time, an age obsessed with origins. And just as human experience – human perfectibility – had become historicised, so too had nature. Natural history had become the history of nature. Drawing upon the rich primary and secondary sources generated by the 'Darwin industry', this course examines progressive developmentalism and evolutionary theories in the nineteenth century. Specifically, it considers the religious, political and social implications of a belief in a constantly changing world, governed by natural laws.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Fortnightly tutorial and other teaching as appropriate.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

RU5901 Russian for Postgraduate Studies 1

Credits: 20.0 Semester: Either

Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level.

Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages.

Programme(s) Optional module for Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages

RU5902 Russian for Postgraduate Studies 2

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 2

Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level.

Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages.

Programme(s): Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages

SC5051 People and Identities in Scotland

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year

Programme(s): Compulsory module for Scottish Historical Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: Until recently, Scottish history was conceived and written almost exclusively as the history of the 'nation' and ideas of 'nationhood' and 'national identity' were the main categories used to define the scope and limits of the subject. However, modern scholarship has questioned and in many cases discarded the conceptual framework of nationhood as either unduly restrictive or anachronistic or both. In its place there has developed a more sophisticated understanding of the complex nature and development of the people – or peoples – who call themselves Scots and of their multiple and often conflicting identities. The purpose of this module is to explore these identities as they developed over time in the broader context of British, imperial and global history. By focusing on specific phases and episodes in Scottish history, students will be made aware of the inadequacy of the discourse of 'nationhood' when applied to pre-modern times and alerted instead to the significance of other forms of collective identity, whether based on geography, ethnicity, religion, class or gender, and of the Scots' historically varied and often ambivalent understanding of who and what they were.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Fortnightly tutorial

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

SC5052 Directed Reading in Scottish History

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either

Programme(s): Compulsory module for Scottish Historical Studies Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: A directed reading project designed to encourage the development of skills of historical analysis through concentrated study of a topic chosen by the student. The project offers the student the opportunity to develop skills of research, analysis and presentation prior to the dissertation. As such, it will serve as a useful transition between the more structured teaching which characterises undergraduate work and the independence of postgraduate dissertations. The project will generally take the form of a bibliographical essay or primary research on a narrowly defined topic, but the guidelines are sufficiently flexible to accommodate new developments in learning and information dissemination.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Fortnightly tutorial

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

SC5099 Dissertation for M.Litt. Programme/s

Credits: 60.0

Prerequisite: An average grade of at least 13.5 in course work.

Programme(s): Compulsory module for Scottish Historical Studies M.Litt. Postgraduate Programmes.

Description: Student dissertations will be supervised by members of the teaching staff who will advise on the choice of subject and provide guidance throughout the research process. The completed dissertation of not more than 15,000 words must be submitted by the end of August.

Class Hour: At times to be arranged with the supervisor

Teaching: Individual Supervision
Assessment: Dissertation = 100%

SC5201 Religion and Identity in Early Modern Britain

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either

Programme(s): Optional module for Scottish Historical Studies or Reformation Studies Postgraduate Taught

Programme.

Description: The purpose of this module is to explore the significance of the Reformation in reshaping the ways in which Scots and Englishmen perceived themselves as members of distinct Protestant churches and communities in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries and the extent to which such self-definitions promoted or challenged ideas of British religious unity and integration. It thus examines the emergence of separate ecclesiastical structures and identities in the decades before the Anglo-Scottish union of 1603 and the religious conflicts that arose from the Stuart monarchy's subsequent attempts to impose a highly contested understanding of British ecclesiastical conformity on their Scottish and English kingdoms.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

SC5202 Living with the Lion: Themes in the Study of Mediaeval Scotland

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either

Programme(s): Optional module for Mediaeval History or Scottish Historical Studies Postgraduate Taught

Programme.

Description: This module explores key themes and texts in the study of mediaeval Scotland, particularly concerning elite culture and the power structures of the kingdom. This module will enable postgraduate students to develop conceptually advanced ideas about the mediaeval kingdom, as well as gain essential skills in comprehension, source criticism and methodology. In addition to this, the module will expose students to major and pivotal debates in Scottish historiography by directing students to consider issues that have preoccupied scholars in this field.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

SC5203 Building Britain: The Construction & Deconstruction of Britishness since 1707

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either

Programme(s): Optional module for Modern History or Scottish Historical Studies Postgraduate Taught

Programme.

Description: This module explores the concept of 'Britishness', its construction and deconstruction, from 1707 - 2000. The module is intended to combine the study of key individual topics such as the Growth and Decline of Britain's Empire, the two World Wars, The Welfare State etc with a more conceptual notion - the construction of British national identity. It will combine political, social, economic and cultural history and will introduce students to key debates in British historiography.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

SP5901 Spanish for Postgraduate Studies 1

Credits: 20.0 Semester: Either

Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level.

Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages.

Programme(s) Optional module for Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages

SP5902 Spanish for Postgraduate Studies 2

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 2

Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level.

Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages.

Programme(s): Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages