

**THE SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES & CULTURES
PROGRAMME STRUCTURE**

For students studying on programme:	MA History
Level of study:	Postgraduate
Academic year of study:	2026/27
Programme Code:	01258 (full-time) 01259 (part-time)
Plan Code:	01197 (full-time) 01198 (part-time)
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Contact:	If you have any questions about this structure, please contact the programme administrator for History SALC.courseunits@manchester.ac.uk

Please note:

When choosing the course units you wish to take you must ensure you choose:

- Full-time students: 180 credits including dissertation
- Part-time students are strongly encouraged to take the compulsory Historical Research 1 in their **first** year, although they may take the course in their **second** year with the Programme Director's permission. Part-time students must take the compulsory Historical Research 2 in the **second** year of the programme.
- Part-time students: Year 1 – 60 (min.) to 75 (max.) credits including core course unit. Year 2 – 105 credits (min.) to 120 (max.) credits including the dissertation. Total = 180 credits.

Helpful hints

- ✓ Course unit information can be found on the course unit database, via 'My Manchester.' Please check for any co-requisite or pre-requisite units.
- ✓ The semester a course is taught in is identified by the last digit in the course code (i.e. 1 or 2). A zero identifies the course unit is taught over both semesters.
- ✓ Please check timetable details for courses you choose to ensure that you do not have any clashes!
- ✓ Course unit credit load should be spread evenly over semesters 1 and 2, with a maximum of 60 credits in semester 2 (excluding HIST60070 dissertation)

1: You will be automatically enrolled onto the following course units by your Programme Administrator

Compulsory:	Core course units:	Credit
HIST60070	Dissertation	60
HIST64181	Historical Research 1	15
HIST64282	Historical Research 2	15

2: You must choose one core course (30 credits) from the list below:

Students may choose to take **ONE** of the 7HIST-coded core courses as a 15-credit option. Students who choose this option would submit half the assessment for 15 rather than 30 credits (details to be supplied in the course unit guide at the beginning of the semester) but would still be expected to attend the weekly 3-hour seminar.

CORE:		Credit
HIST64101	Race, Migration and Humanitarianism: Legacies of Slavery and Colonialism in the Modern World	30
HIST60041	Remaking Modern British History	30
HIST60591	Medieval Treasures of the John Rylands Library	30
HIST61041	War, Culture and Conflict	30
HIST61221	Modern European History Beyond the Nation State	30
HIST64091	Public History: Historians and the Public Sphere	30
HIST65331	Capital and the Making of Modern Society	30

3: You must choose between 30 and 60 credits from the options list below:

* Students may only take **ONE** core course as a 15-credit option

OPTIONAL:		Credit
HIST62281	Cultural Theory for Historians: Discourse, Place, Agency and Power	15
HIST63192	Wonders, Miracles and Supernatural Landscapes in Medieval and Early Modern Europe	15
HIST65101*	Race, Migration and Humanitarianism: Legacies of Slavery and Colonialism in the Modern World*	15
HIST65041*	Remaking Modern British History*	15
HIST66041*	War, Culture and Conflict*	15
HIST66221*	Modern European History Beyond the Nation State*	15
HIST66331*	Capital and the Making of Modern Society*	15
HIST64491*	Public History: Historians and the Public Sphere*	15
HIST66591*	Medieval Treasures of the John Rylands Library*	15
HIST64392	The Boundaries of the Political: Conceptual Innovation and Political Change	15
HIST65182	Gender, Sexuality and the Body	15
HIST61132	Introduction to Documentary Filmmaking in the Arts and Humanities	30
HIST64292	From Cottonopolis to Metropolis: Manchester Communities and Institutions	15
HIST66442	Spatial History: Mapping the Past	15
AMER60091	American Studies: Theories, Methods, Practice	30

4: (Optional Free Choice & Language): Students may also choose up to 30 credits in a relevant subject from another programme in the arts or social sciences, or a foreign language, with the approval of their programme director.

Details of other units in the arts and social sciences can be found on '[My Manchester](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/masters/courses/list/)' following registration, and at <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/masters/courses/list/> (filter by subject area). Please check the course information to find out whether the unit is available as a 'free choice'.

Languages: <https://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/study/university-language-centre-leap-courses/> Also Intensive Latin & Greek – see Classics PG unit information.

MA History students may also wish to consider the course units run by the Humanitarian & Conflict Response Institute (HCRI) and the Centre for the History of Science, Technology & Medicine (CHSTM) (*please email salc.courseunits@manchester.ac.uk to enrol on this unit*):

		Credit
HCRI60031	Humanitarianism and Conflict Response: Inquiries	15
UCIL60312	Creating a Sustainable World: 21st Century Challenges and the Sustainable Development Goals	15

Optional Free Choice Units

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Languages: <http://www.ulc.manchester.ac.uk/> Also Intensive Latin & Greek – see Classics PG unit information.

5: Non-Credited Course Units

All PGT students in the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures will be enrolled upon the following course units. You will receive more information regarding these course units at the beginning of the academic year

SALC60000	Postgraduate Skills Training
SALC61230	The School of Arts, Languages and Cultures PG Health and Safety Unit
SALC61240	SALC Academic Malpractice