

THE SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES & CULTURES PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

For students studying on programme:	BA (Hons) History and American Studies
Level of study:	Level 3
Academic year of study:	2026/27
Programme Code:	06487
Plan Code:	07913
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Please note:

You have one compulsory course unit totalling 20 credits (AMER30002 Long Essay) or 40 credits (HIST30970 History BA Dissertation). You find the remaining 80/100 credits by choosing a combination of course units from Lists A to E; you may, if you wish, substitute 20 of those 80/100 credits with a free-choice course unit(s).

You may take up to 20 credits of courses at a second year level.

You may **not** take any credits of courses at a first year level.

Ideally, you should have 60 credits in both semesters, but when choosing the 80/100 optional credits you wish to take, you must ensure:

- you have no fewer than 50 credits in either semester;
- you have no more than 70 credits in semester;
- **you have a minimum of 40 credits in both American Studies and History, but no more than 80 credits in either subject.**

Please check timetable details for course units you choose in order to ensure that you do not have any clashes.

Note for students taking HIST30970 History BA Dissertation:

- Students who take the History BA Dissertation often take 60 credits of optional course units in Semester 1 and 20 credits in Semester 2 (3+1 split), to allow them to focus on their dissertation in Semester 2.
- Students may also take 40 credits of optional course units in each semester (2+2 split), but must plan their dissertation research accordingly.

1: COMPULSORY - You must choose **one** course unit from the following list:

HIST30970	History BA Dissertation (full year course)	40
AMER30002	Long Essay (semester 2)	20

2: If you selected AMER30002 from step 1, choose a minimum of **one** course unit and a maximum of **three** course units from List A.
If you selected HIST30970, choose a minimum of **two** course units and a maximum of **four** course units from List A.

Minimum credits 20 / 40	Maximum credits 80
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AMER30022	Slavery and the Old South (semester 2)	20
AMER30141	America Abroad: Non-State Actors and the Making of a World Power (semester 1)	20
AMER30162	Love American Style (semester 2)	20
AMER30221	History of California (semester 1)	20
AMER30381	Conspiracy Theories in American Culture (semester 1)	20
AMER30511	Harlem and the State of Urban America (semester 1)	20
AMER30572	Climate Change and Culture Wars (semester 2)	20
AMER30812	American Hauntings (semester 2)	20
AMER37721	James Baldwin in Context: Race, Sexuality and Activism (semester 1)	20

Steps 3-5:

If you selected AMER30002, choose a minimum of **two** course units and a maximum of **four** course units in steps 3-5 (with a maximum of one course unit from List B).

If you selected HIST30970, choose a minimum of **one** course units and a maximum of **two** course units in steps 3-5 (with a maximum of one course unit from List B and C).

3: If choosing HIST credits, you must choose **one** course unit from lists B or C.

Minimum credits 20	Maximum credits 20
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LIST B

HIST32152	From New Left to New Times: Socialist Ideas in Post-War Britain (semester 2)	20
HIST32171	Black Britain: Power, Neighbourhoods and the Everyday, 1948-1990 (semester 1)	20
HIST32351	Global China in the Second World War (semester 1)	20
HIST31551	John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, and U.S. Foreign Policy in the 1960s (semester 1)	20
HIST31592	Defining the Deviant: Crime and British Society, 1888-2000 (semester 2)	20
HIST32372	Democracy and Authoritarianism (semester 2)	20

LIST C

HIST31202	China & the West: The Age of Empire and Beyond (semester 2)	20
HIST32251	The Anglo-American Connection in the long 19 th Century: Race, Reform and National Identity (semester 1)	20
HIST31521	The Comparative and Transnational History of Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany (semester 1)	20
HIST31751	The Black Freedom Movement, 1955-1974 (semester 1)	20
HIST31491	The Holocaust: History, Historiography, Memory (semester 1)	20
HIST31361	Heroes and Holy Men: The Irish Sea World in the Viking Age, c.780-1100 (semester 1)	20
HIST31721	Ceaseless Revolution: France and the Social Republic, 1781-1871 (semester 1)	20
HIST31992	The Normans and the Kingdom of Sicily in the Mediterranean World (semester 2)	20
HIST32222	Africa and Development: A Political History of the Social Sciences (semester 2)	20
HIST32242	Cultural Entanglements: Life and Death in Seventeenth-Century North America (semester 2)	20

HIST31051 Wealth and Welfare: Reconceptualising British Economy and Society between 1832 and 1942 (semester 1)	20
HIST31941 Pirates: The Sea, the Empire and the Other (semester 1)	20
HIST32322 Mixing It Up: A Global Intellectual History of Race and Miscegenation (semester 2)	20
HIST32342 Vanished: Histories of Extinction from the Mammoth to Extinction Rebellion (semester 2)	20
HIST32362 Revolution, Conflict, Democratization: East Central Europe, 1848-1939 (semester 2)	20
HIST32011 Curating War and Human Rights (semester 1)	20
HIST30292 'A Nation In The Making': India, 1800-1947 (semester 2)	20
HIST31672 The Aftermath of War in France, Britain and Germany: Violence and Reconstruction after WW1 and WW2 (semester 1)	20
HIST31882 Material Encounters in the Early Modern World (semester 2)	20
HIST31891 Brains and Numbers: Intellectual Life in Victorian Britain (semester 1)	20
HIST32412 Moving Stories: Migration and Modern European History (semester 2)	20

4: If you have chosen one course unit from lists B and C and are taking more credits for the History side of your programme, you must choose any more course units from list D.	Minimum credits 0	Maximum credits 60
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LIST D:		
HIST31051 Wealth and Welfare: Reconceptualising British Economy and Society between 1832 and 1942 (semester 1)		20
HIST31202 China & the West: The Age of Empire and Beyond (semester 2)		20
HIST31362 Heroes and Holy Men: The Irish Sea World in the Viking Age, c.780-1100 (semester 2)		20
HIST31491 The Holocaust: History, Historiography, Memory (semester 1)		20
HIST31952 Becoming Christian in The Early Middle Ages (semester 2)		20
HIST31522 The Comparative and Transnational History of Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany (semester 2)		20
HIST31721 Ceaseless Revolution: France and the Social Republic, 1781-1871 (semester 1)		20
HIST31751 The Black Freedom Movement, 1955-1974 (semester 1)		20
HIST31842 War, Memory and Politics of Commemoration in Eastern Europe (semester 2)		20
HIST31941 Pirates: The Sea, the Empire and the Other (semester 1)		20
HIST31991 The Normans and the Kingdom of Sicily in the Mediterranean World (1000-1200) (semester 1)		20
HIST32011 Curating War and Human Rights (semester 1)		20
HIST32222 Africa and Development: A Political History of the Social Sciences (semester 2)		20
HIST32242 Cultural Entanglements: Life and Death in Seventeenth-Century North America (semester 2)		20
HIST32251 The Anglo-American Connection in the long 19th Century: Race, Reform and National Identity (semester 1)		20
HIST32322 Mixing It Up: A Global Intellectual History of Race and Miscegenation (semester 2)		20
HIST32342 Vanished: Histories of Extinction from the Mammoth to Extinction Rebellion (semester 2)		20
HIST32362 Revolution, Conflict, Democratization: East Central Europe, 1848-1939 (semester 2)		20
HSTM31712 The Nuclear Age: Hiroshima to Nuclear Terrorism (semester 2)		20
HSTM32511 From Sherlock Holmes to CSI: History of Forensic Medicine (semester 1)		20
HSTM33501 Climate Change and Society (semester 1)		10
HSTM40332 Madness and Society in the Modern Age, 1780-2000 (semester 2)		20
MCEL30001 Tools and Techniques for Enterprise [cannot be taken with MCEL30002] (semester 1)		10
MCEL30002 Tools and Techniques for Enterprise [cannot be taken with MCEL30001] (semester 2)		10
MCEL30052 Enterprise Feasibility (semester 2)		20
RUSS30601 Culture, Media and Politics in the Soviet Union and post-Soviet Russia (semester 1)		20
SPLA31151 History of the Spanish Atlantic World: Empire, Trade, War (semester 1)		20
UCIL-coded course units. See University College for Interdisciplinary Learning Website: http://www.college.manchester.ac.uk/units/		10 or 20

5: You may choose 20 credits of course units listed as 'Free Choice' from another subject area:		Minimum credits 0	Maximum credits 20
FREE CHOICE	For free choice units available in the School of Arts Languages and Cultures please see: https://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/student-intranet/study/your-programme/course-unit-selection/free-choice/		20
University Language Centre course units	https://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/study/university-language-centre-leap-courses		10 or 20
UCIL-coded course units	University College for Interdisciplinary Learning website: http://www.college.manchester.ac.uk/units/		10 or 20