

INTRODUCTION TO BA (HONS) HISTORY + JOINT HONOURS AT MANCHESTER

The School of Arts, Languages and Cultures











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Overview

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

Departmental Ranking



Top 10 in the UK for History (QS World University Guide by subject 2021)





@UniversityOfManchesterHistory Department

International reach



Internationally recognised in the fields of human cultures, institutions and languages



We offer teaching in nearly 20 languages



Almost all of our courses offer the opportunity to spend at least a semester abroad at a partner institution

Diverse studying



17 different subject areas provide a truly interdisciplinary approach to your studies

Further opportunities



We offer placement year options for the majority of our degree programmes



Why History at Manchester?











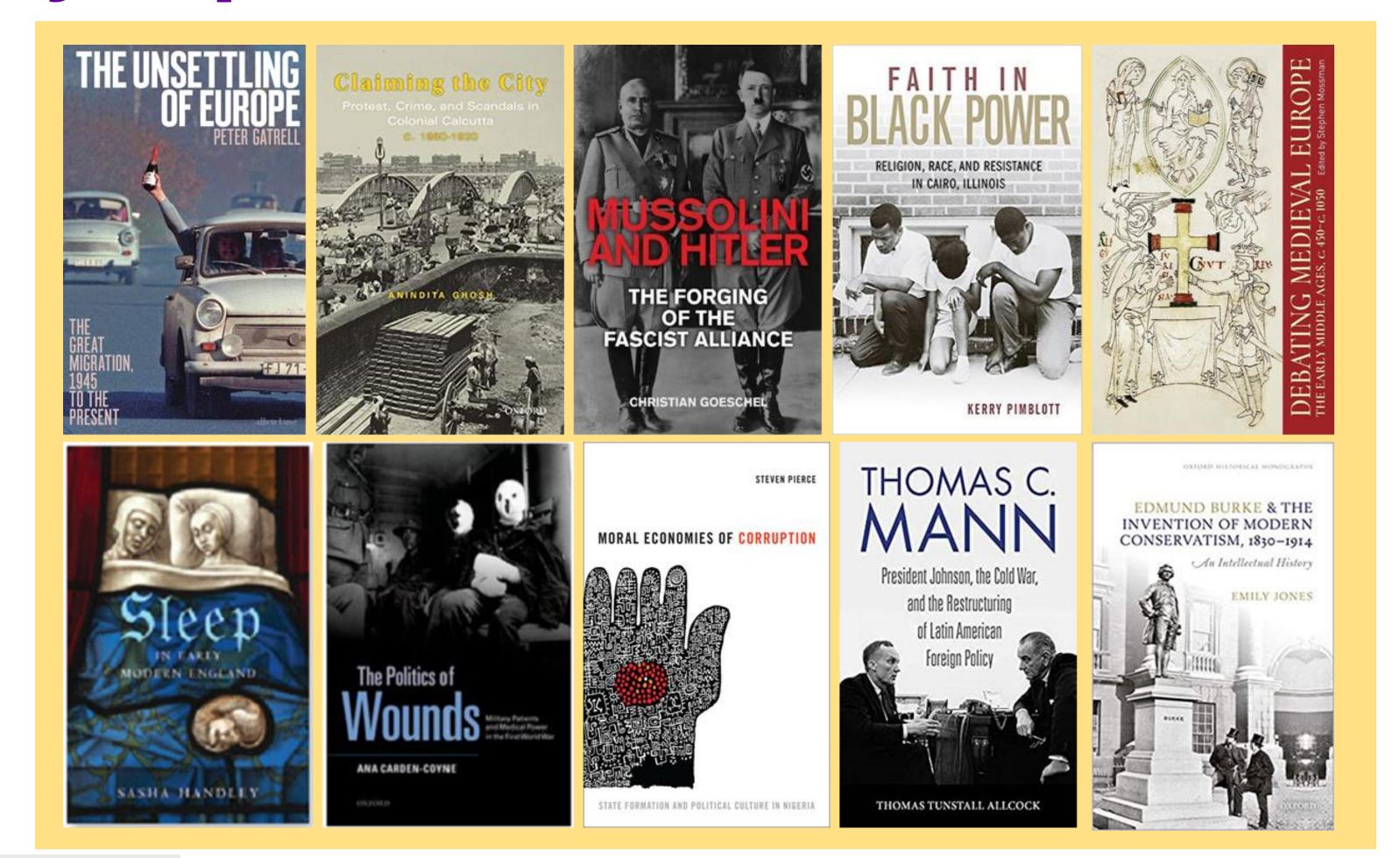








The History Department





Research

43 academic teachers cover diverse themes across all periods and around the globe, with a special focus on Britain, Europe and China and particular strengths in East Asia, Africa, India, the Americas, and the Islamic world.

Current research

- Arts after Brexit
- Europe's post-war refugees
- Maps of Manchester immigration
- Scott of the Antarctic
- Sleeping well in the early modern world
- Risky Business: Investing in Innovation and Britain's Economic Development
- Legacies of the British Slave Trade



Research Groups



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Research

Cultural History of War



Free choice units and Flexible Honours

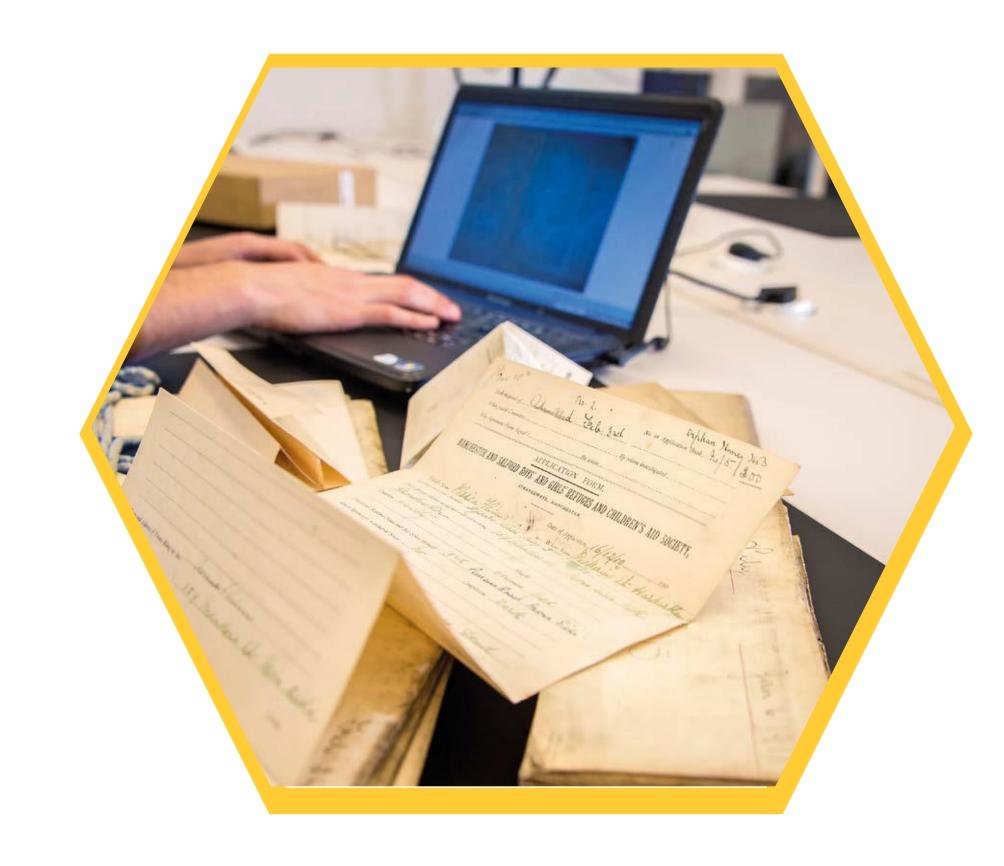
FLEXIBLE HONOURS

Take up to 40 credits as a 'minor' subject each year

JOINT HONOURS OPPORTUNITIES

- Politics and Modern History
- Modern History with Economics
- History and Sociology
- History and Modern Language

We also offer several joint honours programmes led by other departments, including Archaeology and History, Art History and History, History and American Studies, Film Studies and History, Ancient History and History, and English Literature and History.





Course structure

- Each year divided into 2 semesters
- Each year totals 120 credits
- Most modules are worth 20 credits
- A mix of optional and compulsory modules including 'free choice' and languages modules from across the Faculty of Humanities
- Most modules feature a combination of lectures and seminars
- A variety of assessments





Course highlights



Access to one of only five National Research Libraries



Join our thriving History Society and contribute to our successful journal, The Manchester Historian.



We are one of the largest History departments in the UK, with leading scholars involved in a variety of innovative historical research areas.

Our courses cover almost all of human history, including British, European, American, Asian and African history. Ranging from the classical era through the medieval and modern periods, we offer a wide variety of approaches to history, from political and economic history, to gender, social, cultural, environmental, and colonial history.

As a student in this historically rich city, you'll have the opportunity to draw on the abundant library, archive and museum holdings of the local area.

Study at Manchester and you'll experience an exciting learning environment, with teaching from committed and passionate experts who embrace dynamic and forwardthinking strategies to enhance learning.







Range of history modules - Year One

- History in Practice (compulsory)
- Constructing Archaic Greek History
- Introduction to Roman History, Society and Culture, 218-31BC
- Histories of the Islamic World
- An Introduction to the Medieval World
- Forging a New World: Europe, 1450-1750
- Imperial Nation: The Making of Modern Britain, 1782 1902
- Modern China: From the Opium Wars to the Olympic Games
- States, Nations, and Empires: Europe, 1750-1920
- Capitalism in Historical Perspective: 1700 1913
- Reconstruction to Reagan: American History 1877-1989



Range of modules: Year One

Politics

Compulsory:

- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Introduction to International Politics
- Introduction to Political Theory





Range of modules: Year One

Modern Languages

- Compulsory language based modules
- Range of optional modules, including:

ARABIC:

- Gender in Middle East and North Africa
- Themes in the Histories of Arab and Jewish Nationalisms

FRENCH:

- French Enlightenment
- Race and Colonisation

GERMAN:

- Culture and Dictatorship
- Screening the Holocaust

ITALIAN:

- Society in Renaissance
- Italian Fascism

PORTUGUESE:

- Empire, Nation and Revolution
- Social Issues in Portuguese Cinema

RUSSIAN:

- 100 Years of Revolution: Russia from Lenin to Putin
- Post-Soviet Eastern Europe

SPANISH:

- Revolution in 20th c. Latin America
- Madrid on film





Moving to University Work History in Practice

- Module focused on the skills for university-level History
- Taught in small groups
- Lectures delivered as downloads
- Integrated with the Academic Advisor system: your
 History in Practice tutor is also your Academic Advisor
- Aims to engage students not just with History, but with the key skills associated with it







Your degree beyond the first year

- Each year structured the same way
- More options for specialization as your degree progresses
- One core module each year
- Dissertation and huge range of specialized modules at L3
- Study abroad and work placements schemes
- History and Modern Languages: Year 3 Residence Abroad





Learning styles

Teaching and learning

- Formal lectures
- Tutorials / Seminars
- Academic Advisor

Assessment

- Dissertation
- Essays
- Projects
- Reports
- Exams

A typical week

- Attending lectures, seminars and workshops.
- Reading primary sources, journal articles and books
- Reading newspapers, blogs, comment pieces
- Writing essays, notes etc.
- Preparing for assessment
- Discussion group meetings
- Meetings with academic staff (academic advisor, thesis supervisor)
- 3 teaching hours per course unit + dedicated office hours







Employability

The most targeted university by the UK's top graduate employers, according to High Fliers Research.

Typical professions for History graduates include:

- teaching and academia
- heritage and museums
- the Civil Service
- policy and think tanks
- creative industries
- media and journalism
- marketing and public relations
- law and accountancy
- Finance
- NGOs.

Transferable skills:

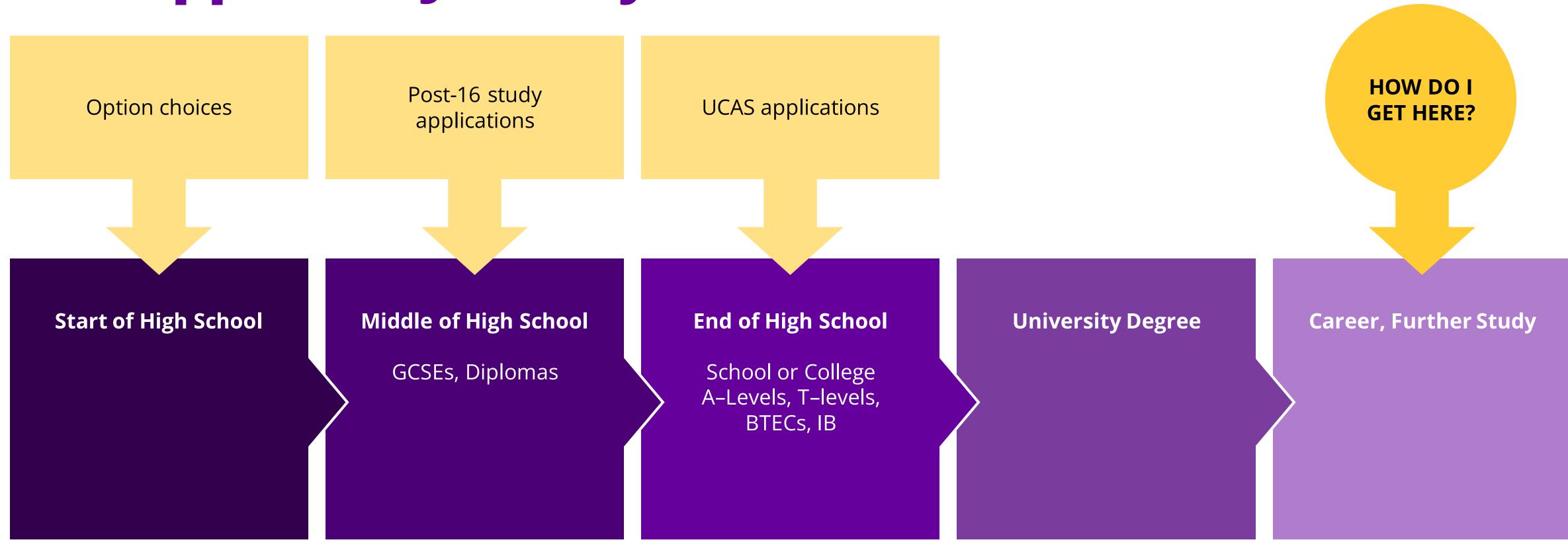
- analysis
- critical reasoning
- teamwork
- research
- argument and debate
- communication
- presentation
- time management.

Many of our graduates go on to undertake further study such as master's and PhD degrees, PGCEs or law conversion courses before taking up their careers.





The Applicant Journey





How to apply: History (single honours)

A-level

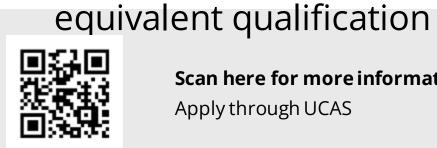
- AAA, including History.
- EPQ can count for all courses with AAB tariff and above
- Typical International Baccalaureate offer, 36 points overall. 6, 6, 6 in Higher Level subjects (including History)
- Contextual offers are available; Manchester Distance Access Scheme

Refugee / care experienced offer

• Applicants who have been in local authority care for more than three months or have refugee status may be eligible for an offer two grades below the standard requirements.

International Applicants

• All applicants (from the UK and overseas) are required to show evidence of English Language proficiency. The minimum English Language requirement is either GCSE/iGCSE English Language grade C/4, IELTS 7.0 overall with no less than 6.5 in any one component, or acceptable





How to apply: Politics and Modern History

A-level

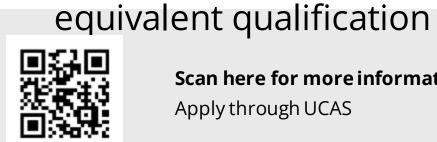
- AAB, including grade A in History, Politics or Government.
- EPQ can count for all courses with AAB tariff and above
- Typical International Baccalaureate offer, 35 points overall. 6, 6, 5 in Higher Level subjects (including History)
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How to apply: Modern History with Economics

A-level

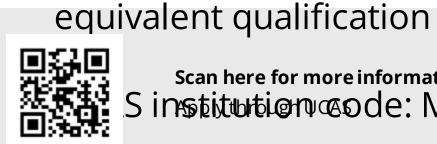
- ABB, including History, plus either Economics or Maths with grade A in one of the three subjects.
- EPQ cannot be used for courses below AAB tariff
- Typical International Baccalaureate offer, 34 points overall. 6, 5, 5 in Higher Level subjects (including History)
- Contextual offers are available; Manchester Distance Access Scheme

Refugee / care experienced offer

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How to apply: History and Sociology

A-level

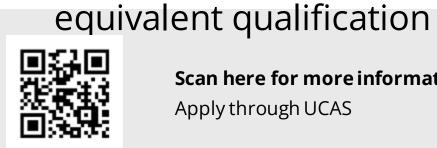
- ABB, including A in History or Sociology.
- EPQ cannot be used for courses below AAB tariff
- Typical International Baccalaureate offer, 34 points overall. 6, 5, 5 in Higher Level subjects (including History)
- Contextual offers are available; Manchester Distance Access Scheme

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How to apply: History and Modern Languages

A-level

History and French / Spanish: AAB, including A in History.

• Typical International Baccalaureate offer, 35 points overall. 6, 6, 5 in Higher Level subjects (including History)

History and Arabic / German / Italian / Portuguese / Russian: ABB, including History at grade A.

• Typical International Baccalaureate offer, 34 points overall. 6, 5, 5 in Higher Level subjects (including History)

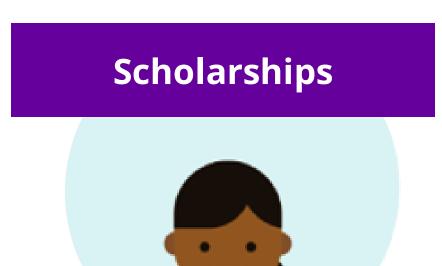
EPQ can count for all courses with AAB tariff and above

Contextual offers are available; Manchester Distance Access Scheme



Student Experience

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS





Stellify & Societies



Careers Service & Employers



Disability & Mental Health Support



Peer Mentors & Unibuddy





Careers Service



Our careers service is
available for **up to 2 years**after you graduate and
supports you with CV
writing, job applications and
interview technique



Events held on campus include networking events, skills sessions and careers fairs with 80+ employers



The Manchester

Leadership Programme will

teach you the importance of
leadership that promotes

social, economic and
environmental sustainability



Our Manchester Gold
mentoring programme
matches students with
mentors from a range
of sectors including
advertising, not-forprofit, finance and
management consultancy







Louis

Faculty of Humanities - University of Manchester

Chat with Louis

MAJOR(S)

History BA

I COME FROM

Watford, UK

PREVIOUS QUALIFICATION

GCE Advanced Level (A-Level)

ABOUT ME

My names Louis and I come from a mixed state school having studied History, Physics, and Maths. I grew up just outside of London



Tillie

Faculty of Humanities - University of Manchester

Chat with Tillie

MAJOR(S)

Drama and Film Studies BA

I COME FROM

Montpelier, Vermont, USA

PREVIOUS QUALIFICATION

Degree of Associate of Arts

ABOUT ME

Before coming to Manchester, I completed a two year degree in the states (AA Liberal

Unibuddy

CHAT TO OUR STUDENTS

Got a question about student life, a course or Manchester?

Chat to one of our friendly student ambassadors to find out more about life at the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures.

You can chat to someone from the subject area you're interested in and from your country.





Find out more

Chat online with current students via UniBuddy (search for History)

Contact the Admissions Tutor (academic) or Administrator via email or telephone: +44 (0)161 306 1620

for course- and departmental-related queries, or to arrange a phone call: history.administrator@manchester.ac.uk

For enquiries about your application (entry requirements, etc): UG-HIST@MANCHESTER.AC.UK