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These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's core regulations for undergraduate programmes, and the marking and classification conventions for undergraduate programmes.

BA HISTORY (V100)

BA HISTORY (with Year Abroad) (V103)

BA HISTORY (with Placement Year) (V105)

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in full-time and part-time modes of study.

Level 1 (Certificate)

2. Candidates must study and be assessed in the following module to the value of 40 credits:

		Credit value
Making History	HIST1702	40

3. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List A:

List A:		Credit value
The State we're in: New Histories of Modern Britain	HIST1721	20
Modern Times: A Cultural History of Europe, c. 1860-1960	HIST1541	20
The Rise and Fall of American Slavery, 1607 – 1865	HIST1611	20

4. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List B:

List B:		Credit value
Transformations in the Late Antique Mediterranean, c.300-c.700 CE	HIST1701	20
Decline and Crisis? Europe 1300-1500	HIST1641	20
The Atlantic Archipelago, c.1500-c.1750	HIST1691	20

5. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List C:

List C:		Credit value
Power in Africa	HIST1681	20
Imagining East Asian Histories	HIST1651	20
South Asia: Texts, Artefacts, Empires	HIST1711	20

6. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List D:

List D:		Credit value
Introduction to Russian History & Culture	RUSS1151	20
Understanding Russia: Arts and Ideologies	RUSS1171	20
Introduction to Middle Eastern Cultures	ARAB1021	20
Introduction to Hispanic Literature & Culture (ab initio)	SPAN1171	20
Italy and the Arts	ITAL1081	20
Introduction to Chinese Culture	CHNS1021	20
Introduction to Japanese Culture: From Antiquity to the Present	JPNS1041	20
Modules to the value of 20 credits from List A, List B or List C (above)		20
Up to 20 credits of Level 1 open modules offered by other Boards of Studies (including up to 20 credits of language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study).		20

Level 2 (Diploma)

7. Candidates must study and be assessed in the following module to the value of 40 credits:

		Credit value
Conversations with History	HIST2922	40

8. Candidates must also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits in Michaelmas and 40 credits in Epiphany.

9. Candidates may only choose one module from each of the lists.

10. Students' choices at Level 2 must include at least one module in medieval history (M), at least one module in early modern history (EM), and at least one module in late modern history (LM).

Michaelmas Module Options		**Credit value**
List E		
Robin Hood (M)	HIST2951	20
Political Authority and Community in Medieval Egypt c. 900-c. 1500 (M)	HIST21G1	20
Records, Archives and Power in the Middle Ages (M)	HIST21P1	20
The Book of Hours in Medieval Life and Art (M)	HIST2931	20
List F		
Wealth & Poverty in Africa (EM/LM)	HIST21F1	20
The Court: Art and Power in Early Modern Europe (EM)	HIST2721	20
A 'Pure' Land? Gender, Caste and Community in South Asia, C1750-1950 (LM)	HIST21H1	20
The early modern western Indian Ocean: Seascape of Mobilities? (EM)	HIST20Q1	20
Constructing Identities: Gender, Sexuality and Age in England	HIST20A1	20
List G		
International Human Rights since 1945 (LM)	HIST20H1	20
The Beat Goes On: Drum Magazine, Urban Life and Print Culture in Apartheid South Africa (LM)	HIST21Q1	20
Elders, Despots, Modernisers: Reimaging the State in Northeast Africa	HIST2541	20
The Superconducting Super Collider: The Politics of Science in Twentieth-Century America (LM)	HIST20K1	20
Modern China's Transformations (LM)	HIST2201	20
The United States and the Cold War (LM)	HIST2471	20
List H		
Level 2 open modules to the value of 20 credits offered by another Board of Studies		
Appropriate credit-bearing language modules to the value of 20 credits offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study		

Epiphany Module Options		**Credit value**
List I		
Law and Disorder in the Barbarian Kingdoms c.450-750 AD (M)	HIST21E1	20
Early Medieval Iberia: from Conquest to Caliphate, 409-1031 (M)	HIST21R1	20
List J		
China, the West and the Rest: Exchanges, Ideology and Practice in Late Imperial China	HIST2641	20
Early Modern Americas (EM)	HIST21L1	20
Crime and Culture in Early Modern Europe (EM)	HIST20B1	20

List K		
The History of Modern Ukraine from Borderland to Bloodland, 1850s to 2000s (LM)	HIST21M1	20
Photographic Histories (LM)	HIST20R1	20
Civilising Peoples: Progress, Governance and the British Empire (LM)	HIST2431	20
Native Americans and Minority Rights in the US, 1914-2000 (LM)	HIST2871	20
The Nazi Dictatorship: Culture and Society (LM)	HIST20D1	20
Memory and Conflict in Europe since 1918 (LM)	HIST2351	20
A Change is Gonna Come: The US in the 1960s (LM)	HIST21S1	20

List L		Credit Value
The Body and the Extremity of the Senses: Through Japanese Literature, Performance, and Media Arts	JPNS2041	20
Level 2 open modules to the value of 20 credits offered by another Board of Studies		20
Appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study to the value of 20 credits (if not taken from List H).		20

Level 3 (Degree)

11. Candidates must study and be assessed in the following module to the value of 40 credits:

		Credit Value
40 Credit Dissertation in History ~	HIST3192	40

12. Candidates shall study and be assessed in one module to the value of 20 credits from List M:

List M:		Credit value
Fascism/Anti-Fascism	HIST3471	20
Histories of American Capitalism	HIST3441	20
East Asia in Historical Perspective: The Making of the Two Koreas	HIST30P1	20
History and its audiences	HIST3431	20
Liberty, Equality, Democracy: Progressive Thought in Nineteenth Century Britain	HIST30V1	20
Slavery in the Late-Medieval Mediterranean, c.1250-1500	HIST31M1	20
The Metropolis: Urban Histories of Modern Europe (c. 1790-1990)	HIST35A1	20
Revolution and History	HIST3071	20
One Level 3 open 20-credit module from another Board of Studies (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study), if appropriate to the student's particular course of study, and by special permission of the programme director for V100		20

13. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in one Special Subject module to the value of 60 credits from List N:

List N:		Credit value
Developing Africa	HIST30C3	60
Sexual Revolutions: The Politics of Gender and Sexuality in Britain and Beyond, 1920s-1970s	HIST30K3	60
Culture War: Battling for Hearts and Minds in the Cold War	HIST31L3	60
Succession: Family, Power and Identity in the Late Medieval City	HIST31B3	60
The Black Death	HIST3753	60
Home and Away: Early Modern English Houses	HIST30A3	60
The Princely Court in Northern Europe, 1350-1500	HIST3403	60
The Restorer of Rome? King Theoderic the Great and his World	HIST31I3	60

France in the Wars of Religion	HIST31F3	60
Beyond the Holocaust: Poles, Jews, Turks and Germans from the Late 19th Century to the Present	HIST3363	60
Re-Writing Queen Elizabeth	HIST31K3	60
Baroque Rome, Portrait of a Court Capital	HIST30V3	60
Engineering Armageddon: Visions of Scientific Apocalypse	HIST30T3	60
Mapping Eastern Europe in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries	HIST30E3	60
An Animal History of Colonial Asia	HIST30Z3	60
Voice and Silence in South Africa's Liberation Struggle	HIST30H3	60
From War to Cold War: US Foreign Policy c. 1944-1948	HIST3303	60

Assessment, progression and award

14. Modules marked with ~ must be passed at 40% or above for the award of an honours degree. A mark of 30-39% cannot be compensated.
15. With reference to the Core Regulations for Undergraduate Programmes pt 13 "*Where undergraduate modules are delivered entirely in a single term, students undertaking such modules should be permitted to take no more than 70 credits in total in a single term*."
16. Students may take up to a maximum of 40 credits offered by other Boards of Studies over Levels 2 and 3 together, but any requests for modules outside of the department at level 3 must be requested through the Director of Undergraduate Studies and then considered by the Board of Examiners.

Year 3 (Year Abroad) (V103)

17. Students admitted to the BA History (V100) are able to apply to transfer to the BA History (with Year Abroad) programme (V103). Students undertaking the BA History (with Year Abroad) (V103) programme will undertake an approved study placement in an overseas university taking a course of study chosen in consultation with the programme director and the host institution. During the year abroad students will be assessed at module level by the host University. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA History with Year Abroad.
18. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA History (with Year Abroad) programme (V103) must:
    a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA History (V100) and progressed to Level 2 of the Honours programme; and
    b. during their Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in the Department of History to be admitted to the BA History (with Year Abroad) (V103) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies; and
    c. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA History (V100) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA History (V100) programme.

Year 3 (Placement Year)

19. Students admitted to the BA History (V100) are able to apply to transfer to the BA History (with Placement Year) programme (V105). Students taking the BA History (with Placement Year) (V105) will undertake an approved placement or placements in a UK or overseas organisation consisting of at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience.
20. Following the placement year, students will be required to successfully complete a placement assessment as agreed by the Department, to determine whether the programme learning outcomes have been met. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree, but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA History (with Placement Year) (V105). If a student fails, they will transfer to the BA History (V100) programme.
21. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA History (with Placement Year) (V105) must:
    a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA History (V100) and progressed to Level 2 of the Honours programme; and

b. during their Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in the Department of History to be admitted to the BA History (with Placement) (V105) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies; and

c. secure a placement / year abroad opportunity or opportunities comprising at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience, agreed with the Departmental Placement Year Convenor and Faculty Placement Officer; and

d. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA History (V100) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA History (V100).

22. Students whom the Board of Examiners for the Department of History deem to have fulfilled the programme learning outcomes and who successfully pass the placement assessment will continue to Level 3 of the BA History (with Placement Year) (V105). Students who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BA History (with Placement Year) (V105) programme but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA History programme (V100).