Why study History at the University of Exeter?

• **Top 5** in UK subject rankings  
  *Complete University Guide 2019*

• **Top 100** in World subject rankings  
  *QS World University Rankings by Subject 2018*

• One of the largest departments in the country, offering a wide array of modules
Why study History at the University of Exeter?

Strengths in:
• Medieval history
• Early Modern British history
• Modern European and global history, histories of power (including security and conflict)
• Identity (including faith, gender and nation)
• Knowledge (including medicine)
• Resources (including consumption and sustainable development)
History graduate destinations

Avery Healthcare
BBC Radio
British Airways
Danone
European parliament
Goldman Sachs
Haymarket
John Lewis
Kantar Media
National Trust
Teach First
Which?
History graduate destinations

**Employment**
- PR Executive
- British Council Language Assistant
- Impressionist and Modern Art Internship (Auction House)
- Editorial Assistant
- Associate (Accounting)
- Police Community Support Officer
- Freelance Writer

**Further study**
- MA Human Rights Law
- MSc Real Estate
- MA International Relations
- MA Medical History
- MA American Studies
- National Council for the Training of Journalists
- MA Museum and Public Heritage Management
- MSc African Studies
“I was never going to directly fall into a historical career, that’s just not me. But the skills that I learnt, like research, writing and analysing, have been completely invaluable.

I went into fashion and beauty journalism. I wrote for magazines like Elle, Look and Marie Claire for three years, and then decided that speaking was more fun than writing so decided to become a presenter!”

Olivia Cox
Fashion journalist, blogger, presenter
Teaching and Learning

Teaching methods: lectures, seminars, study groups and web-based learning.
• Young, exciting, dynamic department
• Varied, engaging teaching styles

Research-led teaching: internationally respected staff who are leading researchers in their specialisms. We are firmly committed to research and publication of the highest quality and this has a direct impact on the quality of our undergraduate teaching.

Assessments: coursework and exams (essays, source commentaries, research exercises, oral presentations).

Study skills and employability embedded in the curriculum.
Areas of study

Geographic:
• Britain and Europe
• Africa
• The Middle East

Subjects:
• Political
• Social
• Economic
• Imperial/Colonial

Periods:
• Medieval (8c-15c)
• Early Modern (16c-18c)

• India
• China
• The Americas

• Cultural
• Gender
• Medical
• Military

• Modern (post-1750)
Not just History...
But what is History?

- Power, Legitimacy and Uses of History
- History and Identity
- Education and Transmission of Values and Knowledge
- Collecting, Preserving and Presenting the Past
- Selling the Past: Heritage, Tourism and Entertainment
- Memory and the Politics of Remembrance
- The Professionalisation of History
## Modules

- Undergraduate students will take 120 credits each year
- Individual modules are worth 15 or 30 credits each
- The degree is divided into compulsory and optional modules

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Year 1

**Examples of optional modules:**

- ‘War without Hate’: The North African Campaign, 1940-1943
- Battleground Spain, 1936-1939: International Perspectives on the Spanish Civil War
- From Bound Feet to ‘Half the Sky’: Women and Modern China
  - Images of Stalinism
  - JFK
- Losing an Empire, Finding a Role: Britain Since 1945
- Magic and Witchcraft in Early Modern Europe
- Murder in Early Modern England
- Red Sky at Morning: The Origins of Communism in East and Southeast Asia
  - Reforging the Union: The Reconstruction Era in American History, 1865-1877
- Renaissance Florence 1350-1550
  - The First Crusade
  - The First Day of the Somme
- The Opium War: Britain and the Birth of Modern China, 1839-1842
- The Transatlantic Slave Trade: Origins, Development and Impact
  - The Viking Phenomenon
- Understanding Elizabethan Society
  - Revolutionary Cuba
- Serfdom in Late Medieval England
Year 2

**Examples of optional modules:**
- Albion’s Fatal Tree: Capital Punishment in England, 1688-1965
- Anarchism: Theory, Practice, History
- China in the World, 1500-1840
- Decolonisation and the Collapse of the British Empire, 1919-1968
- Deviants and Dissenters in Early Modern England
  - Europe 1650-1800: From Enlightenment to Romanticism
- From Conquest to Communism: Central Asia under the Russian and Soviet Empires, 1730-1945
- Inventing Modern Man: Constructions of Mind, Body, and the Individual, 1400-1800
- Islam and the Making of Medieval Europe, c.600-1300
- Living Through the Global: Colonial Migrants and the British Empire from the 18th Century to the Present
  - ‘Madness’, Medicine and Society since the Enlightenment
  - Medieval Paris
- Peoples and Empires in Latin America, 1492-1820s
  - Science, Technology and Medicine in the Cold War
  - Spain from Absolutism to Democracy
  - The American Empire
- The Re-Birth of Europe? Renaissance and Renewal in the Long 12th Century
- The Witchcraze in Europe and its Colonies c.1300-1800
Final year

Examples of optional modules:

- A New Jerusalem? Being Protestant in Post-Reformation England
  - A Transnational History of the Holocaust
- Britain in an Age of Revolution: War, Society and Culture, 1789-1815
  - Civil Wars
- Child Soldiers – War, Society and Humanitarianism in Africa
  - Chile Under Allende and Pinochet
  - Magic in the Middle Ages
- France and Empire, 1756-1830: Reform, Revolution and Counter-Revolution
  - Heroes: Conceptions, Constructions and Representations
  - News, Media and Communication
- Power Elites: Ruling Groups across Space and Time
- Riches and Poverty: Capitalism and Society in Britain, 1680-1830
  - Sexualities
- Street Protest and Social Movements in the Modern Era
  - The Great War: A Comparative History
- The Invisible Empires: American Society and the Ku Klux Klan since 1866
  - The Medieval Reformation
## History curriculum - coherence

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Flexibility

Modularity
Study 30 credits outside of your degree programme within the College of Humanities.

Flexible Combined Honours
History may also be studied under our innovative Flexible Combined Honours scheme.

• Combine two subjects where there is currently no existing Combined Honours degree. These subjects can fall across departments, creating a cross-College degree such as ‘History and Geography.’

• Study three subject areas if compulsory modules allow.
• Take modules from a variety of departments by studying one of our thematic pathways.
Foreign Language Centre

Study a language as part of your degree - choose from:

- British Sign Language
- French
- German
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Mandarin Chinese
- Spanish
- Arabic*

*Studied through the Institute of Arabic & Islamic Studies

If you achieve at least 60 credits in a language you may be able to have the words ‘with proficiency in’ and the language added to your degree title.
Study Abroad

Study at one of our partner institutions during your third year.

• Choose Study Abroad on application or after you have arrived
• Achieve a 2:1 in year 1 to qualify for Study Abroad
• Reduced annual tuition fee – 15% of tuition fee* paid to University of Exeter, with NO additional fees paid to the host institution

Study at universities across Asia, Australia, North America and Europe, for example:

• University of Sydney
• University of Amsterdam
• Kyoto University
• University of Ottawa
• University of South Florida
• University of Hong Kong

*Home students pay 15% of home tuition fee, International students pay 15% of international tuition fee
Employment Experience (UK & Abroad)

• Choose Employment Experience in the UK or Abroad on application or transfer in your second year

• Spend up to a year carrying out a graduate-level work placement or placements as part of your degree*

• Develop employability and interpersonal skills that relate to your degree and future career

• Reduced annual tuition fee

Please note the student is responsible for finding their placement with support and approval from the University.
Support for your Degree: resources and help

• Wellbeing Services
• AccessAbility
• Student Health Centre
• ELE – digital home for programme and module information
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History at Penryn Campus

- A University of Exeter degree in a unique setting
- Bespoke programmes, based on our research strengths, in a joint Humanities department
- Cohorts of 50-90 students, creating a vibrant and friendly community
- State-of-the-art eco-campus, near bohemian Falmouth and stunning Cornish landscape/seascape

- BA History
- BA English and History
- BA History and Politics
- BA History and International Relations
- Flexible Combined Honours
• YourExeter is for you!

• An exclusive insider’s guide website for students studying Humanities subjects

• Useful advice on what to do before and after you arrive

• Meet your department, find out about life in Exeter, and discover great opportunities
Student handover + Q&A's

Remember to visit **The Forum** for more information...