

**Kingston
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History masters

**MODERN HISTORY MA EARLY MODERN HISTORY MA
MODERN BRITISH HISTORY MA INTERNATIONAL HISTORY MA
EUROPEAN HISTORY MA LOCAL HISTORY MA
WOMEN'S AND GENDER HISTORY MA**

■ **FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

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About the course

Course overview

Drawing richly on Kingston's easy access to the historical resources of London, and the University's newly established Centre for the Historical Record, this suite of courses will equip you with an understanding of cutting-edge research and debates within the discipline of history as a whole, while also enabling you to be supervised one-to-one and in small groups by a historian in your particular topics of interest. In addition, the course provides training in historical skills, such as using archives and exploring history through ICT, and there is a chance to undertake a work placement module. You can choose to specialise in Modern History, Early Modern History, Modern British History, International History, European History, or Women's and Gender History.

What you will study

The History MAs all follow the same core modules, which will provide you with an in-depth understanding of historiography and documentary analysis, and how to apply these to your chosen subject area. You will also engage with issues relating to archival research and information retrieval, and will receive research training at an advanced level. You will then focus on your chosen area of interest by taking specific option modules. The focal point of the MA will be your dissertation, which will enable you to focus in depth on your particular area of interest, working one-to-one with an expert supervisor.

Modern History

www.kingston.ac.uk/pgmodernhistory

This MA enables you to take an advanced-level qualification in modern history and is particularly appropriate if you are intending to proceed to a research degree in history. It combines a structured and advanced study of historical skills and knowledge with the opportunity to conduct a sustained piece of research in a topic relating to modern history. You may take classes in a relevant historical area or extend your subject expertise through the option modules.

Early Modern History

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This MA will give you a more profound understanding of the history of Western Europe between 1500 and 1800, with a particular focus on British and French history during this period. You can choose to focus on the political, social, intellectual or cultural history of Western Europe. Your dissertation will enable you to explore a specific topic in depth.

Special features

- You can benefit from London's wide range of historical centres, museums and resources, including the National Archives at Kew and the British Library, and from access to cultural and policy-making figures working in the capital.
- There will be opportunities for work placements within research archives, institutes and museums in the London area.
- A programme of eminent visiting speakers will give specialised talks on aspects of history and historical research.
- You will be supervised one-to-one and in small groups by an expert historian in your particular topics of interest.
- You can choose from a wide range of option modules.
- You will have full access to The Centre for the Historical Record (CHR), a new initiative at Kingston University that promotes collaborative research, knowledge exchange and discussion between historians, archivists, curators, heritage providers and the public. It organises seminars and conferences, with outside speakers drawn from all these intersecting worlds, and runs and provides advice on digitisation projects. The CHR liaises with organisations such as the Historical Association and other professional bodies, working to promote understanding of the exciting new discipline of public history. The CHR supports the MA programme, providing a valuable resource for students.

Modern British History

www.kingston.ac.uk/pgmodernbritishhistory

This MA allows you to explore the development of British society and obtain a deeper understanding of the factors shaping that society today. It is suitable if you are interested in any period of British history from the late 18th century to the present day. You can choose to focus on the type(s) of history that interest you most, including social, political, cultural, economic or intellectual history. Modules cover events and recent debates in modern British history and will equip you with the skills to complete a historical research project.

International History

www.kingston.ac.uk/pginternationalhistory

This MA focuses on relations between states since 1800, with particular emphasis on politics, diplomacy and war. It looks beyond Europe (and North America) to analyse how relations between states have undergone (and are still undergoing) change. You will study a range of topics, including Britain's (and Europe's) changing relationship with the wider world. You will also consider, in detail, historical and contemporary events that contribute to the changing nature of international affairs during the 19th, 20th and early 21st centuries.

European History

www.kingston.ac.uk/pgeuropeanhistory

This MA focuses on events that have shaped modern Europe, from the French Revolution of 1789 to the end of the 20th century. You will pursue a range of modules in historical methods, which you can relate to your own areas of interest within modern European history. For your dissertation you can choose a topic in modern European history to explore in depth. Our staff have a wide range of research expertise in this period, particularly in German, French and Balkan history.

Local History

www.kingston.ac.uk/pglocalhistory

This MA benefits from the University's longstanding interest and expertise in local history, enabling you to draw on the resources and guidance of staff when undertaking local-based research projects. Research projects have included the Kingston Local History Project and the Great Ormond Street Hospital Project, both of which have developed unique historical databases as a means of studying past communities. This course is designed to provide you with the academic framework necessary to develop your own research interests. You will gain the research skills relevant to the study and practice of history in general and local history in particular. You will learn how historical data is compiled, analysed and assessed. You will also look at how ICT can be of value to the historian. For the dissertation, you can focus your research on either individual localities/communities or the individual themes that have shaped those localities over the past two centuries.

Women's and Gender History

www.kingston.ac.uk/pgwomenshistory

This MA will give you the opportunity to study women's and gender history over a broad time frame, from 1500 to the present day. You will have access to support from the department's active researchers in the field, whose expertise covers a wide range of periods from early modern to the modern day, and topics that touch on women's cultural, social, political and economic position in the world. There is particular expertise on the Enlightenment, the French Revolution, gender history, women and the family, literary history, and in the intersection between women's and gender history and the history of healthcare.

Public History*

We are currently planning a new pathway in public history, exploring the role of history beyond academia, in television, museums and the wider media. This MA will benefit from the seminars, speakers and research provided by our new Centre for the Historical Record. (*This course is subject to validation. Please check www.kingston.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses for the latest information.)

Careers

A History MA will be helpful for careers in publishing, librarianship, journalism, politics, archive and research work, and any field in which research, analysis and written and spoken skills are important; as well as in the pursuit of an academic career. Many teachers of history at secondary school level also find it helpful to undertake study at masters level.

Course content

Core modules

Great Historical Debates

This module will introduce you to some of the most important historical debates and the different theories that have been put forward to help to understand history. You will be asked to relate these debates and theories to historical topics that particularly interest you and/or are relevant to the specialist focus of your MA. The module will provide you with a valuable foundation for your later dissertation and research projects. Teaching and discussion will take place both in a whole group format and in smaller group sessions.

Archives, Records and Historians

This module will introduce you to the varied ways in which historical records are classified, stored, accessed and used. It looks at different types of archives, examining why and for what purposes they have been set up. You will critically examine the role of archives and archivists in the formulation of historical knowledge, and you will be required to keep a written portfolio to form the basis for an assessed presentation and a final report on the module.

The Digital Historian

This module will introduce you to the various ways in which ICT is used in historical research. It enables you to understand the principles of the design and construction of databases, and to examine ways of manipulating and analysing data. In addition, you will learn how to present data analysis results in an appropriate way.

Introduction to Your Historical Specialism

This module will provide you with an opportunity to develop your knowledge of the particular period, country and type of history in which you have chosen to specialise. This will be achieved by examining several relevant case studies that highlight important events, concepts and historical patterns within your chosen field. You will work in small groups with students who have similar interests, meeting fortnightly, and will be supervised by a historian with expertise in the chosen branch of history. You will have the opportunity to focus in depth on one case study of your choice from the topics provided – this will form the basis for the assessment of this module.

The Literature Review

The Literature Review is a critical, comparative survey of the most significant published material relating to your research topic. You will work on this with your research supervisor. It provides invaluable preparation for the dissertation.

Dissertation

This module enables you to extend and demonstrate the research, analytical and communication skills that you have developed in the earlier modules by undertaking a substantial piece of independent research on a topic of your choice. You will be allocated a supervisor, with whom you will meet regularly. Your research findings will be communicated in a 12,000-word dissertation.

Option modules

- Postgraduate History Worklink
- Gender and Power: Britain and France 1500–1800
- The French Revolution
- Britain's Role in the World since 1900
- Contemporary US Foreign Policy
- The Politics of Mass Murder
- Fascism and the Post-War Extreme Right
- Women in Britain and America, 1840–1950
- Nationalism and Modernity
- Gender and Politics
- Themes in 20th-Century USA History
- British Society since the 1960s
- Case Studies in International Conflict
- Europe in the Contemporary World

Teaching staff

Professor John Davis's specialist subjects include: Anglo–German relations; British history; German history; Prince Albert; The Great Exhibition; and The Zollverein. He has recently published *Britain and the German Zollverein, 1848–66*; *The Victorians and Germany*; *Richard Cobden's German Diaries*; and *Divided Estate, Common Heritage: the Franz Bosbach Archives of Windsor and Gotha*.

Dr Christopher French is an Honorary Research Fellow and previously held the position of director for the Centre for Local History Studies. His specialist subjects include: local and community history; British urban history; and sports history. Christopher's recent publications include: 'Who lived in suburbia? Surbiton in the second half of the 19th century' in: *Family & Community History*; and (With Juliet Warren) 'Infant mortality in the Canbury area of Kingston upon Thames, 1872–1911' in: *Continuity and Change*.

Dr Keith Grieves is reader in history. His specialist subjects include: English rural communities in the 19th and 20th century; local and regional history in the 20th century; the cultural history of war in the 20th century: the British experience; and libraries and the working-class reading experience. Keith's recent publications include: 'Depicting the war on the western front: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and the publication of The British Campaign in France and Flanders' in: *Publishing in the First World War*; and 'The Proximity of Place: Home, Landscape and Soldier Poets of the Great War' in: *The First World War and Popular Culture*.

Dr Sue Hawkins is lecturer in history. Her research interests span health and healthcare in the 19th century and the role of women in 19th-century society. Her publications include: *Nursing and Women's Labour in the Nineteenth Century* and 'From Maid to Matron: nursing as a route to social advancement in nineteenth century England' in: *Women's History Review 2010*.

Dr Marisa Linton is reader in history. Her specialist subjects include: the French Revolution; the Enlightenment; the Age of Revolutions; and women and gender in 18th-century Britain and France. Marisa's publications include: 'The Man of Virtue: The Role of Antiquity in the Political Trajectory of L A Saint-Just', in: *French History*; 'Fatal Friendships: The Politics of Jacobin Friendship' in: *French Historical Studies*; *Conspiracy in the French Revolution* (co-editor); and *The Politics of Virtue in Enlightenment France*.

Dr Andrea Mammone is Lecturer in History. He is currently finalising a monograph on transnational fascism and neo-fascism across France and Italy. He is also working on another monograph on the history of Italian neo-fascism and has just co-edited two journal editions as well as two forthcoming volumes on European right-wing extremism. He is the co-editor of Italy Today: The Sick Man of Europe.

Dr Jeremy Nuttall is senior lecturer in modern British history, and is the course co-ordinator for the History MAs. He specialises in British political, social and intellectual history from 1850 to the present, with a particular emphasis on themes of character, opportunity and social democracy in modern British history. Jeremy's publications include: 'Unlocking the talent of every citizen' in: *In Search of Social Democracy*; 'Equality and Freedom: the single, the multiple and the synthesis in Labour Party thought since the 1930s' in: *Journal of Political Ideologies*; and *Psychological Socialism: the Labour Party and Qualities of Mind and Character, 1931 to the Present*.

Professor Craig Phelan is professor in history. His publications include: *Trade Union Revitalisation: Trends and Prospects in 34 Countries*; *The Future of Organised Labour: Global Perspectives*; and *Grand Master Workman: Terence Powderly and the Knights of Labor*.

Teaching staff continued

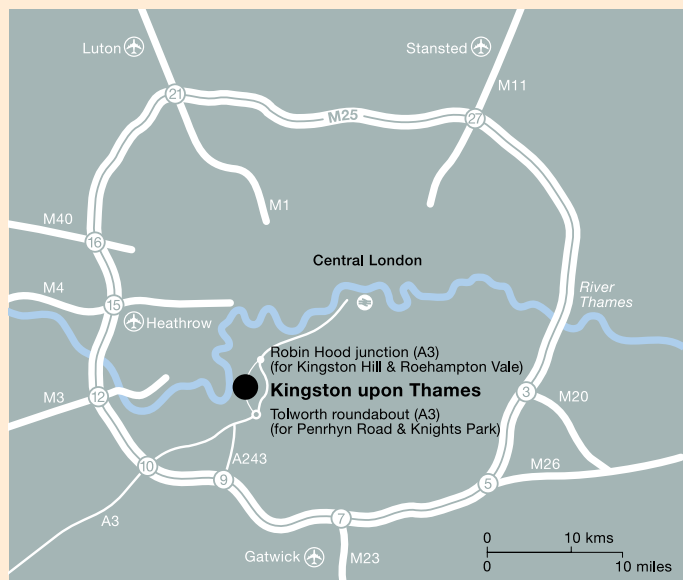
Dr Nicola Phillips is a lecturer in history. Her specialist subjects include: gender, law and family conflict 1760–1830; gender and society, 1688–1837; and modern British and American women’s history, 1850–1950. Nicola’s forthcoming and recent publications include: *The Profligate Son* (forthcoming); ‘Parenting the Profligate Son: Masculinity, Gentility, and Juvenile Delinquency, 1790–1830’ in: *Gender & History* (22/1; p92–108); *Women in Business, 1700–1850*; and ‘“A Heavy Debt to settle with Humanity?” The Representation and Invisibility of London’s Principal Milliners’ in: *Famine and Fashion: Needlewomen in the Nineteenth Century*.

Dr John Stuart is principal lecturer in history. He teaches on a wide range of historical topics, particularly on encounters between Western and non-Western peoples. His specialist subjects include: the history of the British Empire and Commonwealth; the modern history of Sub-Saharan Africa; the history of British protestant missions; and the history of the church in Sub-Saharan Africa. John is the author of *British Missionaries and the End of Empire: East, Central and Southern Africa, 1939–64* and of many journal articles and book chapters, mainly on missionaries, religion and empire.

Juliet Warren’s specialist subjects include history and computing and local history. Juliet’s recent publications include: ‘Infant Mortality in the Canbury Area of Kingston upon Thames, 1872–1911’ in: *Continuity and Change*; ‘Medical Officers of Health and Infant Mortality: the Case of Kingston upon Thames in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries’ in: *Local Population Studies*.

Location

Located beside the River Thames, Kingston University is within the London travel-pass zone. Easily accessible from surrounding areas such as Surrey and Middlesex, its local train stations (Kingston; Surbiton) are also only 25 minutes from London Waterloo.



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Entry requirements

You will need a good honours degree or equivalent in history or a related subject.

All non-UK applicants must meet our English language requirements. For this course it is IELTS of 6.5 overall, with special conditions for students who require a Tier 4 student visa. Please make sure you read our full guidance about English language requirements on the course webpage, which includes details of other qualifications we’ll consider.

Duration

One year full time or two years part time

Attendance/delivery

Attendance varies for these courses. Please contact the Admissions Office for more information.

Assessment

Work will be assessed through essays, written assignments, presentations and a dissertation.



Further information

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