

Further information

Entry requirements

Typical offer

Points: 220–360, depending on combination.
Units: to include two A-levels or equivalent.
Subjects: General Studies accepted when one of three A-levels or equivalent.
Key Skills: points not accepted in tariff.
Plus GCSE: Mathematics and English Language or Literature, grade A–C preferred for full field, but are required for some combinations.

Further requirements for combinations

Please see the course webpage for full details.

Other entry routes

Access course. International applicants and mature applicants with relevant qualifications are welcomed.



Combinations with History

History is offered as a single honours degree or as a major, half or minor field in combination with one of the following subjects:

- Business
- Creative Writing
- Criminology
- Drama
- Economics (Applied)
- English Literature
- Environmental Studies
- Film Studies
- French
- History of Art, Design and Film
- Human Geography
- Human Rights
- International Relations
- Journalism
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Television and New Broadcasting Media
- Visual and Material Culture

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Open days

Several open days are held each year. Please contact the admissions office or visit the University website for more details.
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UCAS codes

For UCAS codes, please see the course webpage.



History staff

You will be taught by members of the Historical Studies team. The strong research culture within the team is shown by their impressive publication record and the very good rating gained in the last Research Assessment Exercise. This research feeds directly into much of our teaching.

Professor John Davis specialises in 19th century British and German history, Anglo-German relations, and international relations. John has published a book on the 1851 Great Exhibition and also a book and articles on Britain and Germany.

Dr Marisa Linton specialises in the French Revolution, 18th century European society and culture, and gender. Marisa's publications include a book on the politics of virtue in 18th century France and articles on the French monarchy, the origins of the French Revolution, and Robespierre.

Dr Andrea Mammone specialises in the history of European right-wing extremism and in many aspects of the political, social and cultural history of modern Italy. He has published articles in many journals and is author and co-editor of books on fascism and neo-fascism in Italy and in other European countries.

Dr Jeremy Nuttall specialises in ideas, politics and society in modern British history. Jeremy has published articles on Tony Crosland and Evan Durbin, and a book on ethical and psychological aspects in the history of the Labour Party's thought.

Professor Craig Phelan specialises in twentieth-century labour and trade union history, political economy, and the history of the USA. He is editor of the journal *Labour History*, and he has written widely on contemporary problems facing trade unions worldwide.

Dr John Stuart specialises in the history of modern Britain, the British Empire and Commonwealth and Sub-Saharan Africa. John has published articles on mission history and British imperial and Commonwealth history and is writing a book on the history of Protestant missions and the 'end of empire' in Africa.

Dr Steven Woodbridge specialises in the history of the extreme right in Britain, British social and local history, and the history of political thought. He has published chapters and articles on fascism and culture, the contemporary extreme right, and the local history of Kingston and Richmond.



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BA(Hons) History

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Kingston's History BA (Hons) is a stimulating and thought-provoking course that will help you to understand the historical development of the modern world and appreciate problems facing society today. It offers you the chance to specialise in selected areas and also to pursue your own interests. Do you believe what you see and hear in the media? Studying history can help you form your own opinions and gain an understanding of the origins of news items about national and international politics. Kingston's historic setting means that you are surrounded by historical landmarks, such as Hampton Court Palace, Ham House, Richmond Park, the River Thames and the ancient marketplace in Kingston itself. The centre of London is also just a short train journey away.

Our programme

Kingston's History course allows you to study the history of a range of different parts of the world, and features British, European, American and international history. You will also explore a variety of topics and periods, including the French Revolution, the Holocaust, women's history, the Early Modern period, the history of slavery, race and identity, the meeting of Eastern and Western cultures, British imperialism and the history of society and of ordinary people's lives in Britain and other countries. You can carry out an in-depth study of historical topics of your choice through the Extended Essay and the Dissertation modules. In each year of your degree course you will have the option of studying a foreign language. There are also opportunities for some final year students to undertake a work experience module – previous History students have worked at the National Archives and the Royal Society of Arts, – or to study for a semester or a whole year at a foreign university.

Teaching and support

Kingston's History degree achieved an 'excellent' rating in a recent assessment by the Government's Quality Assurance Agency (QAA). During the course, you will encounter a wide range of assessment and teaching methods, including supervision on a one-to-one basis. You will also have the chance to work independently, especially through your dissertation. All History students are appointed a year tutor who will be on hand to provide academic and personal support. You will have access to our high-quality computing facilities (including a new computer suite) and a designated history librarian. You can use the databases for 19th century census returns and parish registers at our research centre, the Centre for Local History Studies. National and local archives are also easily accessible, and Kingston is a very short distance from the National Archives.

Centre for Academic Skills and Employability (CASE)

We know that many students require support with the academic study and writing skills which they require for university level study and encourage all students in the Faculty to make full use of the support available at the Centre for Academic Support and Employability (CASE) which provides help for students throughout their studies in the following areas:

- Researching and presenting
- Style, structure and editing traditional academic writing
- Structuring and editing multimedia texts
- Referencing
- Dissertations
- Employability Resources
- Specialist workshops including activities for career development and employability
- Peer Assisted Learning

Results show that students who use the centre are significantly more likely to complete their degree. As they are better equipped to act on feedback, they also tend to do better in their studies.

Research

Historical Studies staff are active researchers and are well respected in their various fields. History received a very good score in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise. Our programme draws upon this research.

Careers

Many employers see the study of history as excellent preparation for employment. It develops your ability to find and manage information and use new technology, to be critical, and to communicate effectively. You are also encouraged to develop your IT skills.

Kingston graduates have a good employment record. Common professions for History graduates include teaching, journalism and law, as well as a range of careers within museums, the Home Office, local government administration and retail. Students also often go on to take a further qualification, such as a research degree, a PGCE, a law conversion course or a library qualification.

What do our graduates do?

Dawn Norton

Dawn came to Kingston University after a career working with children. She gained a degree in History and immediately gained a place with John Lewis as a graduate trainee on their IT graduate course. She is now a computer programmer and systems analyst and says that her degree, especially her work placement at the National Archives, was crucial in enabling her to change career and develop her IT skills.

Glenn Caplin

Glenn came to Kingston from sixth form college to study History and Social and Economic History. After graduating, he joined Cornwall County Council as a research and information officer. He says that the training he received on his History degree has been highly relevant for his job.

Gill Staples

Gill decided to return to study after working in the Women's Royal Navy and then spending a couple of years as a full-time mother. After graduating with a degree in History, she did a PGCE and has since worked as a history teacher at Feltham Community College. As assistant head of learning for Year 11, Gill looks after the trainee history teachers and says that Kingston gave her the chance to fulfil her ambition to be a teacher and convinced her that history was the right subject for her.

Why study History at Kingston University?

- This thought-provoking course will help you understand the historical development of a wide variety of different societies and the challenges facing the world today.
- You can specialise in topics of your own choice.
- You will be taught by specialist historians actively researching and publishing in their fields.
- The study of history is an ideal basis for many careers.
- Kingston is renowned for its teaching excellence and consistently rates highly in government assessments.

What you study

Examples of the modules currently offered are shown below. The number of modules taken each year and the choices available will vary depending on whether you study History as a full field (single honours) or as a major, half or minor field (joint honours). The module list varies from year to year as the course structure is reviewed and refined.

Year 1

Year 1 is structured to provide you with a strong foundation to build upon in Years 2 and 3.

Immigration and Identity in Post-War Britain

This module explores the many and changing identities of British people between 1945 and the present. It analyses the forces that have shaped these identities, such as secularisation, liberalisation, the diminishment of the British Empire and relative economic decline. It pays particular attention to the identities of immigrant, black and Asian communities in Britain, and includes consideration of the reaction of other Britons to those communities, both welcoming and hostile.

East Meets West

This module examines the ways in which the history of Britain and Europe has intersected with that of Asia, Africa, the Middle East and other parts of the world over a large part of the last three hundred years. It looks at the 'encounter' between East and West, through exploration, trade and conquest. In the module students will learn about the varied ways in which Eastern civilisations and cultures influenced (as they were also influenced by) Europe and Europeans.

Early Modern Britain and Europe, 1598-1750

This module introduces you to a very different form of society and culture from your own. Topics include the nobility, village and peasant life, religion, images and ideology of monarchy, Louis XIV, the Stuarts, the English Civil War, popular and elite culture, and the reasons behind the witch hunts.

The Historian's Craft

This module develops an understanding of the richness of primary source materials, such as oral testimony and the internet. You will gain experience in analysing and interpreting evidence and communicating your findings.

Western Historical Thought

This module familiarises you with some of the key ideas, items and developments in western psychological and social thought and history. Topics considered include the impact of the Enlightenment; the nature and development of social democracy; capitalism; racism and feminism; the roles of psychoanalysis and the cognitive revolution; and the emergence of postmodernism.

UK Government and Politics

This module aims to provide you with the knowledge and skills required to obtain an understanding of politics in the United Kingdom. Topics covered include the institutional framework, parliament, the civil service, local government, voting behaviour and issues in UK politics, eg Northern Ireland.

Historical and Conceptual Evolution of Contemporary Human Rights

This module traces the historical evolution of human rights over time. It combines history and political theory in a debate-based format that introduces the background to the fundamental aspects of human rights that exist today.

The Rise of Global Capitalism

This module is designed to acquaint you with the historical background to the present day emergence of the global economy. It will examine the emergence of capitalism in the early modern period, the gold standard and the age of imperialism, the crisis of the interwar period and post-war globalisation.

Kingston Language Scheme

All students may substitute one of the subject modules in Year 1 for a language module from the Kingston Language Scheme (KLS). This scheme provides a unique opportunity to incorporate a language into your programme of studies. We offer modules in Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin (Chinese) and Spanish. You can learn a new language from the beginning or continue with the study of a language you have previously learned. Each module is credit-rated and will count towards your degree.

Year 2

In Year 2 you will study a variety of modules and will be able to choose modules in areas that particularly interest you. Current modules in Year 2 include:

- Slavery and Race in the USA.
- The Holocaust as History and Controversy
- The German Century, 1815–1914
- Imperialism and British Society, 1868–1918
- British Politics in the 20th Century
- Crime and Punishment
- Women, War and Welfare: Britain, 1900–59
- Introduction to Latin American Politics
- Nationalism
- Fiction and Social Change in the Mid-20th Century
- Theories of Justice
- Comparative Industrial Societies

Year 3

Year 3 modules include:

- History Dissertation
- Themes in Twentieth Century American History
- The Politics of Mass Murder
- The French Revolution
- Britain's Role in the World
- British Society Since the 1960s
- History Worklink
- Themes in Latin American Politics
- The Politics of Nationalism in the Contemporary Middle East
- Gender and Power: Britain and France, 1500–1800
- End of Empire: The British and African Experience, 1945–65
- Advanced Research Skills
- The Politics of Conflict



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