

# MA in Modern History

## *Induction*

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# Becoming a historian: from BA to MA

- *The Aim:* transition from being a *student* to being a *scholar*
  - from being taught to independent research
  - becoming a self-reflective practitioner
- *The Structure:* a smooth transition!
  - from coursework to dissertation
  - from guided learning and supervised research
  - from supervision to project management

# MA in Modern History

- Starting in Autumn 2025, the university's academic year is changing from three terms (Autumn, Spring and Summer) to four terms

Autumn	Spring	Summer	Late Summer
10 Weeks (6 October – 12 December 2025)	10 Weeks (12 January – 20 March 2026)	10 Weeks (13 April – 19 June 2026)	(6 July – 11 September)
Students take 40 credits (taught and assessed in-term)	Students take 40 credits (taught and assessed in-term)	Students take 40 credits (taught and assessed in-term)	Dissertation (60 credits)

# MA in Modern History

*Autumn Term*

Reading the Past, Pt. 1

Violence in Modern History



*Spring Term*

Reading the Past, Pt. 2

Power in Modern History



*Summer Term*

Becoming an Independent Researcher

Public Histories



*Late Summer Term*

**Dissertation**

# MA in Modern History

- *The Assessments:*
  - A different marking scale
    - Distinction – Merit – Pass
  - Essays, presentations, portfolios – no exams

# MA experience at Kent

- *Research-led teaching:*
  - first in REF2021  
(<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/ref-2021-history>)
- *Employability-oriented:*
  - Alumni/advisors who work in the heritage sector and the civil service
  - Preparation for a research/university career
- *Friendly atmosphere & student support:*
  - Students-staff ratio on the MA
  - Disability support  
(<https://student.kent.ac.uk/support/disability-support>)



# Our expertise

- American Studies, European History, etc.
- Animal Studies
  - *Animal Humanities Network*
- Environmental and spatial history
  - *Centre for Architecture and Sustainable Environment*
- Imperial and (post-)colonial history
  - *Centre for the Global Study of Empire*
- International history and foreign policy
- Medicine, Ethics and Medical Humanities
  - *Centre for Health and Medical Humanities*
- War (cultural, military, political, social)
  - *Centre for the History of War, Media and Society*



# A few technicalities...

- *Moodle* – our virtual learning environment
  - information about module
  - core readings
  - submission box for assignments
- *Teams* – our team collaboration application
- *Presto* – register seminar attendance



# Any questions?