

What is the course about?

If you want to learn more about life in the past, and how the past influences us today, then the History & Heritage degree is for you. It's a wide-ranging degree which covers aspects of local and international history and heritage from ancient times to the present.

What are the entry requirements?

96 UCAS points or equivalent. Mature applicants (over 21) will be considered on the basis of their previous academic achievements, work experience or professional qualifications.

What subjects will I study?

Each year, you will study a number of core modules, and you will also be able to choose from a range of optional modules.

The primary focus of the degree is on history. You will study a range of core modules that will introduce you to some of history's most significant events, and will enable you to explore and develop your skills as an independent researcher. You will learn about the process and methods of historical research and the ways in which the past has been interpreted and re-interpreted over time.

Heritage gives us a different perspective on the study of the past and on the way in which the past impacts upon us today. Through three core heritage modules, you will examine the role of the heritage industry in representing the past, and the ways in which heritage is managed, understood, and use by governments, heritage agencies and communities. You will have the opportunity to explore some of the big questions and issues in heritage studies today, including heritage and tourism, the rise in popularity of 'dark' heritage sites such as Auschwitz and the trade in portable antiquities.

Optional modules cover a wide range of topics, including American civil rights, the Russian Revolution, ancient Greece and Rome, nineteenth-century crime and punishment, the French Revolution, the Ulster Crisis and the history and heritage of the Isle of Man. A five week work placement in your second year, in an organisation of your choosing, will help to develop valuable employability skills.

How will I be assessed?

Most modules have more than one type of assessment. For some modules you may have to write an essay and sit an exam; for other modules you may have to write a book review, or prepare an analysis of an historical document. Other forms of assessment include oral presentations, blog postings, portfolios and projects.

The variety of assessments enables you to develop a wide range of different skills throughout your degree.

What are my progression and career options?

The skill gained by history and heritage graduates are highly valued in the workplace, and a degree in history and heritage will open up a world of employment possibilities.

History and heritage graduates routinely find employment in business, management, law, the media, marketing, government, public relations, civil service, education, the heritage industry and tourism.

If you are not quite sure yet what sector you want to go into, a degree in history and heritage will provide you with the skills you need to find work in a range of different areas.

Who should I contact?

All enquiries should be directed to the Higher Education Administrator on 648210 or email HE@ucm.ac.im