

MRes Early Modern History



The MRes degree is a research programme with some provision for taught modules. It is aimed at those who wish to move beyond taught work and to engage in research in depth for a substantial postgraduate thesis, but who also wish to take modules that help develop research and related skills, and to study broader historical subjects with other postgraduates. After consultation with your academic supervisor, you can pursue a research project in any aspect of British and European history and focus on political, military or diplomatic history, or the history of early modern religion, culture, society or ideas.

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Course fact file

Type of Course: Combined research and taught

Study Options: Full time, part time

Duration: 1 year full-time; 2 years part-time

Start date: September 2015

Related courses

[MA Renaissance, Reformation and Early Modern Studies](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/history/reformation-early-mod-studies.aspx) ([/postgraduate/courses/taught/history/reformation-early-mod-studies.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/history/reformation-early-mod-studies.aspx))

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Details

The degree consists of four elements which make a total of 180 credits:

- 20,000 word thesis (120 credits)
- Historical Methods module (20 credits)
- Research Skills Training module (20 credits)
- Dissertation Preparation module (20 credits)

Modules are assessed in various ways – by examination, coursework and attendance.

Fees and funding

We charge an annual tuition fee. Fees for 2015/16 are currently as follows:

- Home / EU £4,090 full-time; £2,045 part-time
- Overseas: £13,195 full-time; £6,597.50 part-time

For part-time students, the above fee quoted is for year one only and tuition fees will also be payable in subsequent years of your programme.

Tuition fees can either be paid in full or by instalments.

Eligibility for Home/EU or Overseas fees can be verified with Admissions. Learn more about **fees for international students** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/students/finance/fees.aspx>).

Learn more about **postgraduate tuition fees and funding** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/dr-fees/index.aspx>).

Scholarships and studentships

Scholarships to cover fees and/or maintenance costs may be available. To discover whether you are eligible for any award across the University, and to start your funding application, please visit the University's **Postgraduate Funding Database** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/fees/funding/FundingFilter.aspx>).

International students can often gain funding through overseas research scholarships, Commonwealth scholarships or their home government.

Entry requirements

Learn more about **entry requirements** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/index.aspx>)

International students

Academic requirements

We accept a range of qualifications; our **country pages** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students/country/index.aspx>) show you what qualifications we accept from your country.

English language requirements

You can satisfy our English language requirements in two ways:

- by holding an **English language qualification** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/index.aspx>) to the right level
- by taking and successfully completing one of our **English courses for international students** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/english-courses.aspx>)

How to apply

Before you make your application

You may wish to **register your interest with us** (<https://bham.hobsons.co.uk/emtinterestpage.aspx?ip=postgraduate>) to receive regular news and updates on postgraduate life within this Department and the wider University.

Making your application

When clicking on the Apply Now button you will be directed to an application specifically designed for the programme you wish to apply for where you will create an account with the University application system and submit your application and supporting documents online. Further information regarding how to apply online can be found on the **How to apply pages** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/apply-pg/index.aspx>)

Apply now (<https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/CALo73.htm>)

Learning and teaching

The Early Modern History MRes is run out of the **Centre for Reformation and Early Modern Studies** (</research/activity/crems/index.aspx>) (CREMS), one of the most dynamic concentrations of early modern historians in the country. We have more than half a dozen full time academic staff with expertise in the period c.1500-1800 in History alone, with geographical coverage including and Stuart England, local (West-Midlands) history, Germany, Italy, and the wider world. CREMS also has excellent links with staff in English, the Shakespeare Institute, History of Art, and elsewhere. CREMS supports a vibrant postgraduate community and, since its creation in 2004, has developed a thriving seminar culture that reflects the diverse research interests of staff and students across the departments of History and English, meaning that you'll be able to gain insight from a range of academics and peers from across the College of Arts and Law.

You will also become part of, and contribute to, the vibrant international community of the College of Arts and Law Graduate School, which offers dedicated research resources and a supportive working environment. Our team of academic and operational staff are on hand to offer support and advice to all postgraduate students within the College.

Related research

- **Centre for Reformation and Early Modern Studies** (</research/activity/crems/index.aspx>)

Related staff

Dr Elaine Fulton (</staff/profiles/history/fulton-elaine.aspx>)

Professor Richard Cust (</staff/profiles/history/cust-richard.aspx>)

Employability

The University of Birmingham has been ranked 8th in the UK and 60th in the world for post-qualification employability in the latest global survey of universities commissioned by the International Herald Tribune.

Your degree will provide excellent preparation for employment and this will be further enhanced by the employability skills training offered through the College of Arts and Law Graduate School.

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Birmingham's History graduates develop a broad range of transferable skills that are highly valued by a range of employers. These skills include: familiarity with research methods; the ability to manage large quantities of information from diverse sources; the ability to organise information in a logical and coherent manner; the expertise to write clearly and concisely and to tight deadlines; critical and analytical ability; the capacity for argument, debate and speculation; and the ability to base conclusions on statistical research.

Over the past five years, over 92% of History postgraduates were in work and/or further study six months after graduation. Some of our History postgraduates go on to use their studies directly, for example in heritage, museum or archivist work. Others use their transferable skills in a range of occupations from finance to civil service to fundraising. Employers that graduates have gone on to work for include: Alcester Heritage Network; HSBC; KPMG; Ministry of Defence; and the National Trust.

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