

BA (Hons) Education and History

Medieval History, c.500-c.1050

This module aims to introduce students to a broad coverage of early medieval history, including social, economic, military, political, intellectual, religious and cultural history. The module will cover the period from around 500, in the immediate aftermath of the fall of the western Roman Empire, through to c.1050, at the core of what has been labelled 'the first European revolution'. The focus will be primarily be on western continental Europe, Britain, and Ireland, with some exploration of a wider world where appropriate. Students will examine the developments of the period through lectures and analysis of a broad range of relevant primary and secondary source material, to gain first-hand experience of the key issues involved in the scholarly study of the period.

Value: 20 credits

Assessment: 33% 2500 word essay; 67% 2 hr exam

Contact: 3 hours per week (inc. one small group)

The Making of the Contemporary World 1815-2000

This module aims to introduce students to all aspects of the late-modern world, including its social, economic, military, political, intellectual, religious and cultural history. The module will cover of the period from around 1800 with the onset of industrialisation up to the turn of the twenty-first century with the end of the Cold War and increasing concern with 'globalisation'.

Though the focus will be weighted somewhat towards Europe (including the British Isles), the wider world will also be explored (eg empire, decolonisation, modern nationalism). Students will examine the above developments through analysis of a broad range of relevant primary and secondary sources; material such as contemporary treatises, state documents, art and material culture will be given particular emphasis as a means of giving students first-hand experience of the key issues involved in the scholarly study of the late-modern period.

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