



**Durham**  
University

# **MA Programmes for 2024/25**

- **MA in Global History**
- **MA in History**
- **MA in Social and Economic History  
(Research Methods)**





# Who we are...

- Durham University
- History at Durham
- Academic community...
- ...but life beyond Durham too!



# What is an MA?

- Mastering a discipline
- Taught elements and independent learning
- Advanced research
- Presentation and communication skills
- Pathway to higher degrees and further research...
- ...but broader usefulness too!





# The programmes

- MA in Global History
- MA in History
- MA in Social and Economic History (Research Methods)



# Structure of MA in Global History

- **Core Module:** 30 credits (Foundations of Global History)
- **Dissertation:** 60 credits (10,000 words)
- **Optional Modules:** 30 credits each
  - Additional skills or language modules available
- **Total Credits = 180**



# Structure of MA in History

- **Core Module:** 30 credits (Themes, Readings, Sources)
- **Dissertation:** 60 or 90 credits (15,000 or 20,000 words)
- **Optional Modules:** 30 credits each
  - Two or three of these, depending on dissertation
  - Those taking three optional modules are encouraged to include a skills module in their selection (eg, a 30-credit language module)
- **Total Credits** = 180



# Structure of MA in Social and Economic History

- Similar to MA in History at 180 credits in total, but with some particular requirements
- 120 credits from modules within the History Department: Core Module (TRS), one Optional Module, and 60-credit Dissertation
- Remaining 60 credits through specific modules in other Departments – see Regulations



## Term 1: Michaelmas Term

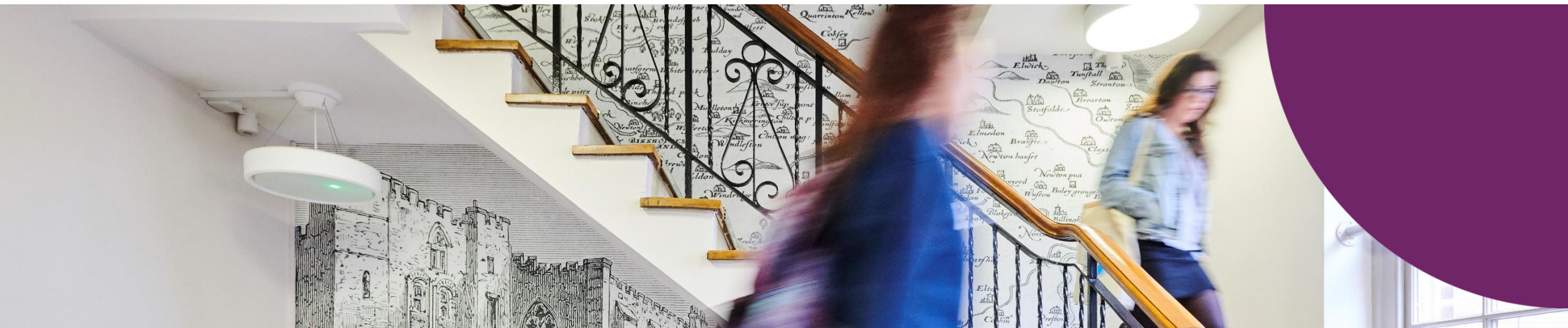
- Core Module
- Optional Modules
- Formulating dissertation with proposal in at the end of term

## Term 2: Epiphany Term

- Optional Modules
- Continuing to develop dissertation and pursue research

## Term 3: Easter Term

- Core Module
- Conference
- Producing dissertation by August...but get going before!







# Core Modules: Themes, Readings, Sources and Foundations of Global History

Academic staff: (Module Leader) and specialist History Department staff

Introduction to development of discipline, historiographic debate, and source analysis within the relevant field

**Formative essay**, i.e. dissertation proposal (2,000 words)

**Assessment 1:** Essay (4,000 words)

**Assessment 2:** Oral Presentation at MA Conference





# Optional Modules

- Some Optional Modules run over two terms; some only in Term 1 or Term 2; all are seminar based
- Language and Skills classes are part of the Optional portfolio:
  - Ancient and Modern
  - Palaeography
  - Class-based
  - Languages tend to be taught across Terms 1, 2 and 3, and assessed by examination and/or portfolio, but check current module regulations

# Dissertation

- 60 or 90 credits (10,000, 15,000 or 20,000 words)
- Dissertation supervisor: you need to work closely together; please check MA Handbook for respective duties of supervisors and supervisees
- Project planning and logistics crucial!




# Departmental intellectual community

- Lively and dynamic communities of learning
- Departmental Research Seminar
- Postgraduate Reading Group (contact Lily Chadwick)
- Variety of Groups Linked to Research Areas (e.g., Memory and Landscape; Science and Technology; Landscape and Environment; Gender and Sexuality; Transnational History)
- Annual conferences, seminars, workshops...
- Meet the PhDs!



# Institutes & Centres



Not all research meetings take place in the Department. A lot happens across the University. And you may also find relevant groups beyond Durham.

- Institutes:
  - ★ Institute of Medieval & Early Modern Studies (IMEMS), World Heritage Visitors Centre; [www.dur.ac.uk/imems](http://www.dur.ac.uk/imems)
  - ✧ MEMSA: Medieval and Early Modern Student Association: [www.dur.ac.uk/imems/memsa](http://www.dur.ac.uk/imems/memsa)
  - ★ Institute of Advanced Study (IAS); [www.dur.ac.uk/ias/](http://www.dur.ac.uk/ias/)
- Centre for Visual Arts and Culture (CVAC), Centre for Nineteenth Century Studies, Centre for Humanities Engaging Science and Society (CHESS)
- NETWoRC: the North East Transnational and World history Research Centre: [www.networcnortheast.wordpress.com](http://www.networcnortheast.wordpress.com)



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# Our University

- World Top 100 University.
- 17 distinctive college communities.
- England's 3rd oldest university, founded in 1832.
- Students and staff from over 120 countries.
- Strong industrial links.
- Excellent employability opportunities.





# Our location

The historic city of Durham is compact yet varied. Easy to get around it offers a wide range of cultural and sporting pursuits and also a huge number of places to eat, drink and meet up with friends.

## Approximate travel times by train

Durham to Newcastle - 12 mins

Durham to London - 3 hours

Durham to Edinburgh - 1 hour 45 minutes

Durham to Manchester - 2 hours 30 minutes



# Our City

World-class education and living in a magnificent city.

- Durham is safe, beautiful and historic.
- Home to a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Easily walkable in under 30 minutes.
- Surrounded by countryside.





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to join.

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of the Year 2023  
The Times and Sunday  
Times Good University  
Guide

85%  
of students involved in  
sport, music, theatre or  
volunteering

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different music  
societies for you  
to try

Over 700  
college sports  
teams across 18  
different sports



# Our Support

We provide access to a wide range of support services to help you feel well, comfortable and get the most from your experience including:

- Immigration
- Healthcare and GP services
- Finance
- Student wellbeing programme
- Counselling
- Chaplaincy and faith
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)





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