THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH

History postgraduate taught degrees

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What we'll cover

- Why Edinburgh?
- Programme information
- Application process
- Time for questions & answers

Why Edinburgh?

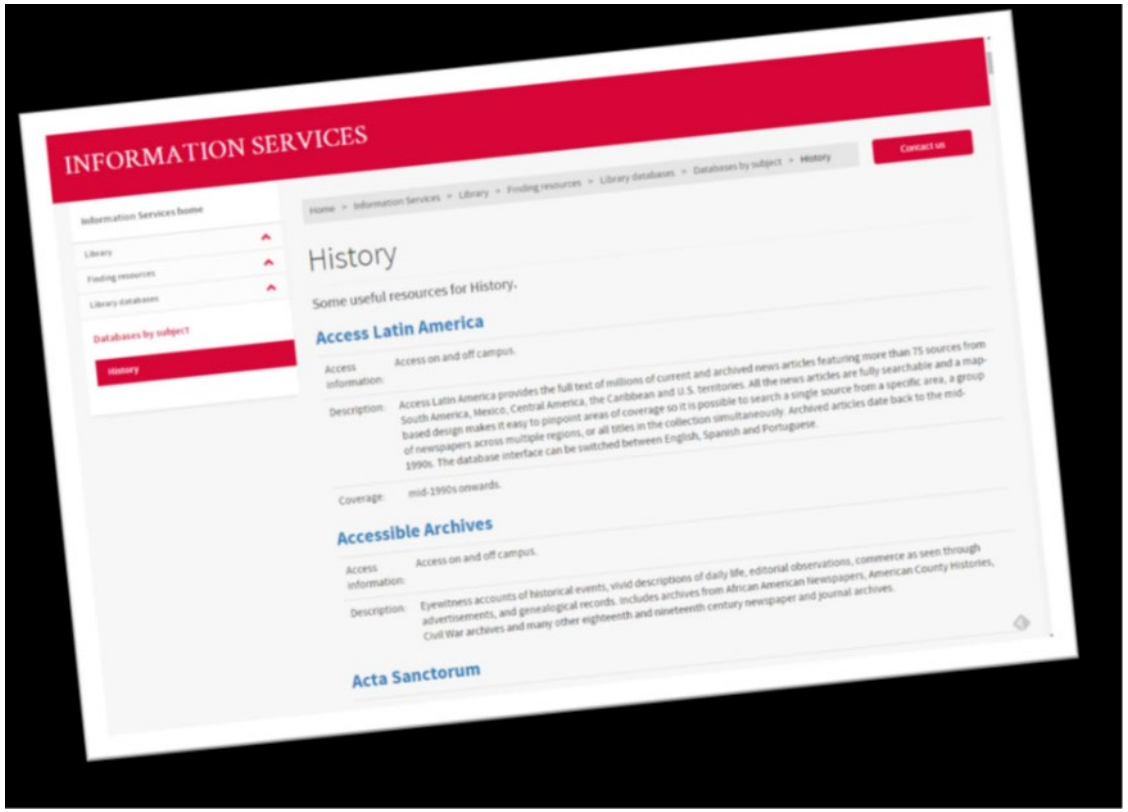
- The School of History, Classics & Archaeology is part of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science
- Based in the Old Medical School in the Historic Old Town of Central Edinburgh
- The University is ranked in the world top 30 (QS World University Rankings 2024)
- School community of approximately 475 graduate students and 150 academic staff

Why Edinburgh?

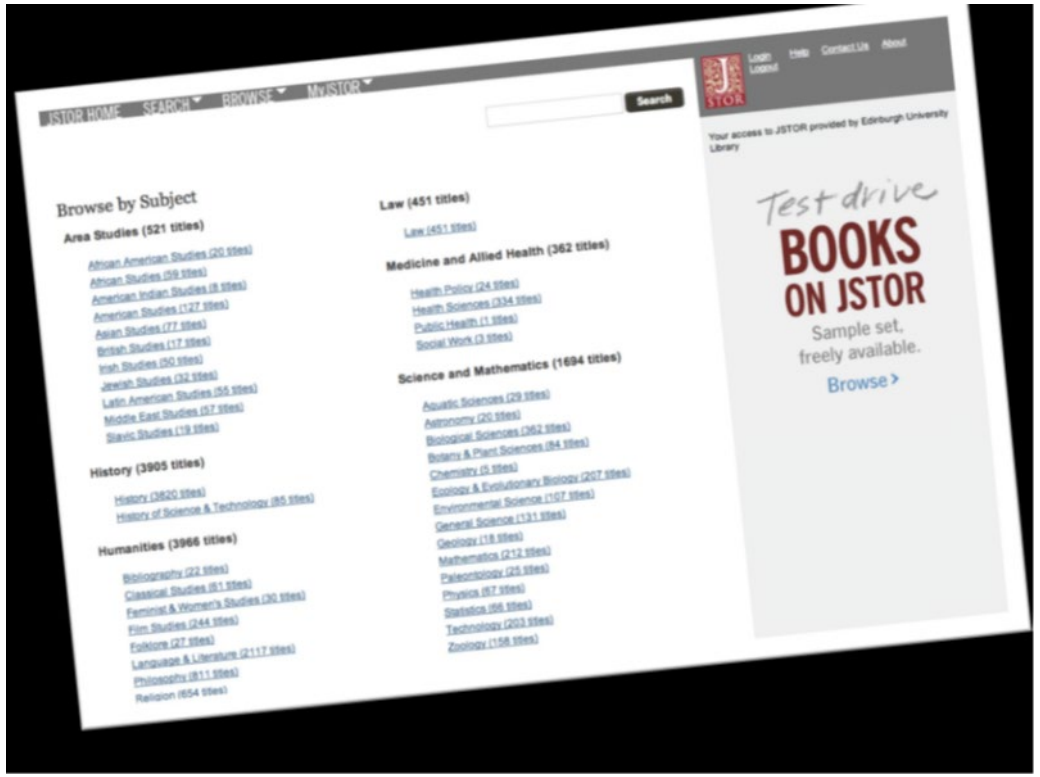
- History at Edinburgh ranked 22nd among all history departments in the world (QS World University Rankings 2024)
- One of the largest departments of History in the UK
- A long tradition of teaching History – Edinburgh was one of the first places that taught History as a separate subject. Some of the world's great minds have studied and taught here

Why Edinburgh? – Resources at your doorstep

Why Edinburgh? – Primary source databases



Why Edinburgh? – Access academic journals



Why Edinburgh? – Research community

- Diverse and international community
- Graduate and staff common room
- Dedicated postgraduate study areas
- School library
- Seminars and research groups

Our research groups

Student Support and Experience Team

- We are your first point of contact for advice and support once you begin your studies here
- We can provide support and guidance for students whose studies are affected by illness or other circumstances
- We can signpost students to the large range of more specialist university services such as:
  - Student Counselling
  - Student Disability and Learning Support Service
  - The Institute of Academic Development
  - The Advice Place
- Available by email, phone, in-person or online appointments

MSc programmes

- History
- Contemporary History
- American History
- Medieval History
- Intellectual History
- History (online learning)

MSc in History (online learning)

- Online full-time, part-time or flexible programme
- Information session taking place **20 November at 15:00**
- Register here:
  - https://edin.ac/4hlC7yT

Taught MSc(s) in History (full-time)

Semester one

- 60 credits
- Two specialized option courses (20 credits each)
- One of two core skills-training courses (20 credits)

Semester two

- 60 credits
- Two specialized option courses (20 credits each)
- One of two core skills-training courses (20 credits)

Summer

- 60 credits
- 12-15,000 word dissertation, based on primary source materials (60 credits)

Taught MSc(s) in History (part-time)

Year one

- Usually 60 credits, some students do more (e.g. 40 + 40)

Year two

- 60 credits, some students do less

Summer of year two

- 60 credits
- 12-15,000 word dissertation, based on primary source materials (60 credits)

Core courses

- Provide a solid background and training for the advanced study of history
- Historical Skills and Sources (Semester I)
- Developing Historical Research (Semester II)

Option courses

Courses are subject to change. Please see the Degree Programme Table for your programme for further information - www.drps.ed.ac.uk/24-25/dpt/drps_hca.htm

Choose 4 from a range of options.

Options below are from 2024/25:

Courses for Sep 2025 entry will be available from May 2024

- An uncertain world: the West since the 1970s
- Black Activism in Britain since 1800
- Cinema and Society in England and Scotland
- Cinema and Society in South Asia, 1947-Present
- Conservatism in the United States, c.1930-c.1990
- Constantinople: The History of a Medieval Megalopolis from Constantine the Great to Suleyman the Magnificent
- Contemporary Scotland
- Economic and Social Theory for Historical Analysis
- Gender, Crime and Deviancy: Scotland and England c. 1860-1960
- Genocide in Contemporary History
- Global Environmental History
- Intellectual History of the American Revolution
- Making Histories: Theories and Practices in Writing History
- Nepotism and Venality: Corruption and Accountability in the Middle Ages
- Queens, Heiresses and Lords: Women Making Medieval Scotland
- Race, Religion, and Ridicule: The American South from Reconstruction to World War I
- Saints Cults, Pilgrimage and Piety in Scotland
- Scottish Reformation Culture, c. 1540-c. 1640
- The Civil Rights Movement
- The Cold War in Latin America
- The European Enlightenments, 1670 - 1820
- The Future of the Past? Doing History in the Digital Era
- The Global Renaissance
- The Medieval Indian Ocean: Climates, Communities and Commodities
- The Politics of History in the Arabic-Speaking World (c.1750-Present)
- The United States and the Cold War
- Thinking with Things: History and Material Culture Studies

Teaching

- On-campus courses weekly seminars
- Online courses synchronous (live) seminars organized through the Learn Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). Plus discussion boards, group exercises, research diaries and blog entries

Assessment

- 4,000-5,000 words per 20 credit course
- Usually a longer essay plus one or more shorter pieces of work
- Non-assessed exercises will be used to ‘feed-forward’ into formally assessed course work
- The Dissertation is a 12,000-15,000 word piece of work, based on primary source material, supervised by one or more members of staff, over the summer period

Dissertation

- c. 60 full time members of staff with global research interests
- Recent dissertation topics include:
  - The Church of Scotland in the Highlands: Presbyterian Approaches to the ‘Increase of Popery’ in the Early Eighteenth Century
  - Italian Immigration to the United States of America: A Focused History of the Italian-American Community and Culture
  - 'Mad, Bad or Dangerous': The perception of shell-shock in the British medical community 1914 - 1920
  - Detention or Shelter? The Sangatte and Oakington refugee camps, 1999 - 2010
  - Was the Irish Language an Important Aspect to the Identity of the Irish Diaspora in North America and Britain, 1850-1900?

Applying for study

- Online application form
- Evidence of proficiency in English language, where appropriate
- 5 step application process:
  - www.hca.ed.ac.uk/prospective-postgraduates/how-to-apply

Eligibility

- UK 2:1 honours degree, a minimum US 3.25 GPA or international equivalent, in a subject related to your programme
- Cases can also be made for non-standard entry, email
  - HCA-PGT@ed.ac.uk

English language

- IELTS: total 7.0 (at least 6.0 in each module)
- TOEFL-iBT: total 100 (at least 20 in each module)
- PTE(A): total 70 (at least 59 in each of component)
- CAE and CPE: total 185 (at least 169 in each module)
- Trinity ISE: ISE III with a pass in all four components

- Find out about English Language requirements:
  - www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/applying/your-application/entry-requirements

Application deadline

- Due to high demand, this programme operates a gathered field approach to admissions, with two application deadlines as noted below.
- Each application round has a decision deadline, also listed below, but note that we may make offers to the strongest candidates on an ongoing basis, in advance of the published decision deadline.
- Selection deadlines

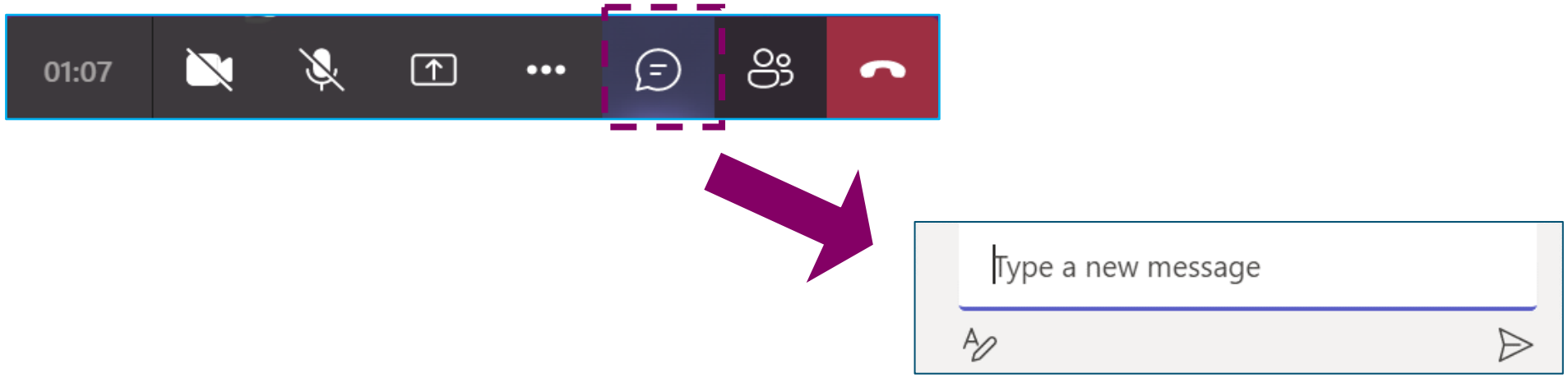
Round	Application deadline	Places awarded by
1	13 January 2025	17 April 2025
2	29 May 2025	30 June 2025

Fees and funding

- Find out about the cost of studying with us and what funding opportunities are available:
  - www.hca.ed.ac.uk/prospective-postgraduates/fees-funding

Asking questions (Microsoft Teams)

- Type your question into the Chat Area



Next steps…

https://virtualvisits.ed.ac.uk/pg

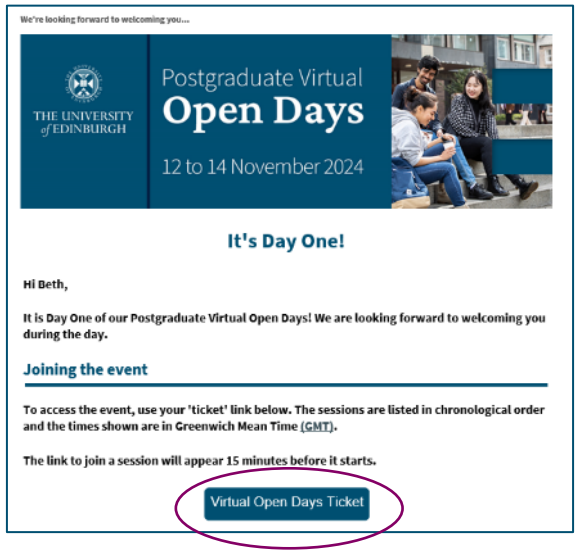
https://edin.ac/student-chat-pg

Contact details for follow-up questions

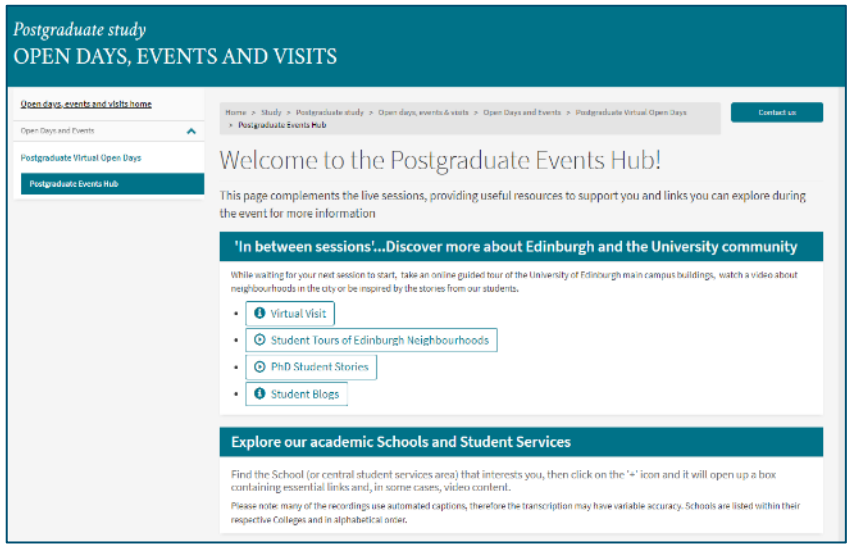
- We apologise if we did not get through all of your questions in the time allotted for this session. If you have further questions that have not been answered, please email: futurestudents@ed.ac.uk
- History postgraduate degree programmes directors
  - Dr Jeremy Dell - Jeremy.Dell@ed.ac.uk
  - Dr Hana Sleiman - Hana.Sleiman@ed.ac.uk

Thank you – click ‘Leave’ when the session ends

- Return to your ‘e-ticket’ to find and attend other sessions you’ve booked – by clicking on the button in the email we sent you…



- …and visit the events hub:
- https://edin.ac/4gZuP3G



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