

# History @ UK unis - quick facts

## Top 20\*

1 Cambridge	A*AA	11 Leeds	AAA
2 Oxford	AAA	12 Birmingham	AAB
3 Durham	A*AA	13 Warwick	AAA
4 St Andrews	AAA	14 Nottingham	AAA
5 UCL	AAA	15 Bristol	AAA
6 York	AAA/A*AB	16 Sussex	AAB
7 Lancaster	AAB	17 Glasgow	AAB
8 LSE	AAA	18 Loughborough	ABB
9 Exeter	A*AA	19 Manchester	AAA
10 Sheffield	AAB	20 Southampton	AAB

\* Complete University Guide April 2020

## Must haves

History A Level. Other subjects favoured include English, philosophy, religious studies or classical civilisation or other humanities-based essay writing subjects. At some universities, it is possible to apply without having studied history A Level, although you would need to make a strong case in your personal statement about why you are applying for a subject you haven't studied in sixth form.

## Other degrees to consider

Politics, international relations, law, anthropology, a joint honours degree or a liberal arts degree. Alternatively specialise in American history, European history, war studies, economic history.

## Example course modules

Whether you choose a general history degree, or opt at the outset for modern history, your history degree is likely to progress from broad to more specialist modules. In the first year you will probably study a broad sweep of history across time and place as well as develop essential research skills needed for your final year dissertation. The choice in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years can be huge, with topics as extensive and varied as the first world war, Putin and post-Soviet Russia, papal power in medieval Europe, rebellions and uprising in the age of the Tudors, 20<sup>th</sup> century China, evolution of US counter-terrorism, Wellington & the war against Napoleon, nuclear war & peace, society & politics in Victorian Britain, refugees in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. You might also be able to take some modules in a totally different complementary subject like philosophy, politics, English or a modern language.

**Contact hours per week:** 6-12, average 9. (Average all subjects 14.)

## Career prospects

History is a versatile degree with graduates going into politics, law, finance, business, accountancy, international development or further study (20%) for careers in the culture or heritage industries, including museums, art galleries & libraries. Employers value the research, analytical, teamwork and communication skills that you'll have gained; you should have an enviable CV when you apply for jobs.

**Average starting salary:** £18,300