

Study programmes

The University of London offers a wide range of subjects for study at a distance; from full degree programmes to diplomas, certificates and shorter courses.

Undergraduate

Accounting	Economics and Finance	Italian and French
Accounting and Finance	Economics and Management	Law
Accounting with Law	English	Management
Banking	Finance	Management with Law
Banking and Finance	French	Mathematics
Business	French and German	Mathematics and Economics
Business Administration	Geography and Environment	Philosophy
Classical Studies	German	Politics
Computing and Information Systems	German and Italian	Politics and International Relations
Creative Computing	History	Social Sciences
Development	Information Systems	Sociology
Development and Economics	Information Systems and Management	Sociology with Law
Divinity	International Relations	Spanish and Latin American Studies
Economics	Italian	Theology

Postgraduate

Agribusiness for Development	Epidemiology	Managing Rural Development
Agricultural Economics	Finance	Organizational Psychology
Applied Educational Leadership and Management	Finance and Financial Law	Policy Studies
Applied Environmental Economics	Financial Sector Management	Poverty Reduction: Policy and Practice
Banking	Human Resource Management	Public Financial Management
Biodiversity Conservation and Management	Infectious Diseases	Public Health
Citizenship and History Education	Information Security	Public Management
Clinical Trials	International Business	Public Policy and Management
Economic Policy	International Management	Quantitative Finance
Educational and Social Research	International Management (China)	Sustainable Development
Environmental Management	International Primary Health Care	Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health
	Law	
	Livestock Health and Production	

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All programmes are developed, written and assessed by academics at the various Colleges of the University. Currently these include: Birkbeck, Goldsmiths, Heythrop College, Institute of Education, King's College London, The London School of Economics and Political Science, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Queen Mary, Royal Holloway, Royal Veterinary College, School of Oriental and African Studies, UCL (University College London).



150 YEARS OF INTERNATIONAL
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION



BA Classical Studies
and
BA History
by External study
2008–2009

Academic direction by:



“History is the witness that testifies to the passing of time; it illuminates reality, vitalizes memory, provides guidance in daily life, and brings us tidings of antiquity.” **Cicero**

BA Classical Studies and **BA History** have been designed to incite, energize and stimulate your historical imagination. In the study of history we have a record of the infinite variety of human experiences, and in that record we can find ourselves.

Through the study of history we can master and understand the past which is key to the understanding of the present. The value of history then, is that it teaches us what we have done and thus what we are, and possibly influence our future. Essentially history underpins what we are today.

BA Classical Studies offers an insight into the classical world. A world that gave us great works of literature, the Western philosophical tradition and a powerful artistic and architectural legacy. It also bequeathed cultural and political institutions and concepts such as democracy and imperialism that are still of major relevance today.

BA History offers a structured route to the past in all its guises from the birth of Western Christendom to the Civil Rights Movement in the USA, from Roman history and society to US foreign policy during the Cold War.

Studying these programmes will give you a greater understanding of history, train you to think critically, assess evidence of many kinds and express ideas with precision. The broad range of skills that you will learn while studying, all highly valued by employers, can be transferred to many different careers.

The University of London

Established in 1836, the prestigious **University of London** is one of the oldest, largest and most diverse universities in the UK. As a federation of 19 Colleges and a number of smaller specialist Institutes it is recognised nationally and internationally as a centre of excellence. Through its internationally renowned External System, the University also has a long history of providing educational opportunities for students unable to attend the University full time. There are currently more than 41,000 registered students in over 180 countries. The degree you receive is of an identical standard to that received by a student who has studied at one of the University's Institutes or Colleges. The University maintains robust and effective quality assurance mechanisms for all its qualifications.

Royal Holloway, University of London, is responsible for the academic development of the BA programmes in Classical Studies and History. The Departments of Classics and History at Royal Holloway are both rated in the top categories for teaching and research. Many members of staff are leading international experts in their field and all are active researchers.

Flexibility

Studying at a distance is ideal if you have family responsibilities or work commitments. It allows a high degree of flexibility and is particularly appropriate if you travel regularly or have irregular working hours which means that you cannot attend weekly classes.

Study period

We offer you a flexible study period. You have between **3-8 years** to complete the degree: you decide the pace at which you study.

BA Classical Studies structure

Level 1: Foundation units (4 units)

Eight half units:

Introduction to Greek literature
Introduction to Roman literature
Introduction to ancient philosophy
Greek history and the city-state
Roman history and society: the Julio-Claudians
The birth of Christian Europe
Introduction to Greek archaeology
Introduction to Roman art

Level 2: Intermediate units (4 units)

Four full units chosen from:

Homer
Virgil
Greek history to 322BC
Augustus: propaganda and power
Greek and Roman architecture
Roman Britain

Level 3: Advanced units (4 units)

Four full units chosen from:

Greek drama
From Nero to Hadrian: literature and society
The dialogues of Plato (expected to be examined for the first time in 2008)
Women in classical antiquity
The Roman army
Pompeii

Note: for BA Classical Studies and BA History syllabus outlines please go to our website.



Notes:

1. Not all units will necessarily be available in every year.
2. Students may substitute up to the equivalent of three full units with units from BA History as follows:
 - Level 1 - up to two Foundation units may be substituted with Foundation or Gateway units from BA History.
 - Level 2 - one Intermediate unit may be substituted with one Group A or Group B unit from BA History.
 - Level 3 - one Advanced unit may be substituted with one Group B unit from BA History.
3. You can register for individual units of BA Classical Studies as an Occasional student. In order to register you must satisfy the entrance requirements for the degree. You pay a single fee for the unit(s) of your choice. Please note: Occasional students cannot accumulate passes and then apply to be awarded the degree.

BA History structure

Level 1 (four units)

Foundation units

Two half units chosen from:

The material world: culture and environment in the last millennium

History and meanings

State, society and the individual in the non-western world

Gateway units

Three full units, or the equivalent, chosen from:

Full units

The birth of western Christendom AD 300-1215

Conflict and identity in the modern world from 1789 to the present day

Republics, kings and people: the foundations of modern political culture

The rich tapestry of life: A social and cultural history of Europe c.1500-1780

Half units

Introduction to Greek literature

Introduction to Roman literature

Introduction to ancient philosophy

Greek history and the city-state

Roman history and society: the Julio-Claudians

The birth of Christian Europe

Introduction to Greek archaeology

Introduction to Roman art

Level 2 (four units)

Two Group A units AND two Group B units chosen from the list opposite

Level 3 (four units)

Two Group B units AND one Group C double unit chosen from the list opposite

Levels 2 and 3: optional units

Group A full units

From nation state to multiple monarchy:

British history, 1485-1649

British history 1770-1990

Modern times: international economic history c.1901-1990

Homer

Virgil

Greek history to 322BC

Augustus: propaganda and power

Greek and Roman architecture

Group B full units

The Crusades and the eastern Mediterranean 1095-1291

Experience, culture and identity: women's lives in England 1688-c.1850

Ethnicity, identity and citizenship in modern British life

Modern political ideas

Roman Britain

Greek drama

From Nero to Hadrian: literature and society

The dialogues of Plato (expected to be examined for the first time in 2008)

Women in classical antiquity

The Roman army

Pompeii

Group C double units

Blasphemy, irreligion and the English Enlightenment 1650-1720

Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement in the USA

Politics and society in Palestine from c.1900 to 1948

The clash of power and cultures: Sino-American relations during the Cold War

Note: not all units will necessarily be available in every year.



An innovative approach to learning

The programme is offered online and is fully supported by an online learning environment (OLE). The OLE is like a virtual classroom that the University uses to deliver the content of the BA programmes via the Internet.

The OLE will allow you to:

- access your study materials
- take part in discussions/seminars with your tutor and other students
- receive notices, seminar dates, project support and other programme-related information
- ask questions regarding the administration of the programme
- seek help for technical problems that you may encounter.

Study support

There are various ways in which you can engage in online networking and communication on the two BA programmes:

- Online seminars** - regular, formal discussions that will be moderated by a tutor
- Course tutor** - leads the online seminars and is available to support the course from the time you register through to the time of your examination
- Peer to peer support** - you are encouraged to exchange ideas with fellow students on the course and to organise mutual support via email
- Student cafe** - an informal space within the OLE where you can socialise

Study materials

When you register we will send you:

- a Student Handbook
- a copy of the Regulations
- The Arts Good Study Guide
- Textbooks (for some courses)
- CD-ROMs
- Username and password to allow you to log on to the OLE.

Assessment

Units are assessed by an unseen written paper, with the exception of 'Introduction to ancient philosophy' and 'The birth of Christian Europe' both of which are assessed by a seen written paper. For BA History, the Group C double unit is assessed by an unseen written paper and a related dissertation of 10,000 words.

Examinations take place once a year, normally in May. You do not have to come to London to take your examinations as they are conducted in over 150 countries worldwide as well as in the UK.

“The nature of the course facilitates learning at home - or at work! All requisite texts are delivered at the beginning of the year and the provision of lecture notes and seminar involvement by email means that study can be at the student's most convenient time. As I have a full working day and a young family to deal with when I get home, this time for me is usually late evenings and Sunday afternoons.

Finally, the prospect of being awarded a degree by an internationally famous University provides its own incentive.”

Martin Fox
Current BA History student

Entrance requirements

Academic

You must normally be at least 17 years of age or over at the time of registration and either have:

- passes in two subjects at GCE A level and three further subjects at GCSE or GCE O level at grade C or above **or**
- three subjects at GCE A level (with one A level at not less than Grade D) **or**
- three subjects at GCE A level and one further subject at GCSE or GCE O level (at not less than grade C) **or**
- two subjects at GCE A level and two further subjects at AS level

AND English language

You are required to have passed GCSE/GCE O level English Language at grade C or above or, **within the past three years**, have passed at the required standard a test of proficiency in English that is recognised by the University of London.

AND Computing requirements

An IBM-compatible PC (Macs are not supported) and regular access to the Internet. For details of the minimum PC specification please visit our website.

Note: applicants with other qualifications not listed above and/or suitable work experience will be considered by the University on an individual basis. There are many other acceptable qualifications, both from the UK and overseas, which the University accepts instead of British O and A levels. Please visit our website for details.

Fees

BA degree

Registration fee	£732
Double unit fee (Group C)	£1,416
Full unit fee	£708
Half unit fee	£354
TOTAL BA	£9,228

Occasional students (BA Classical Studies only)

Full unit fee	£793
Half unit fee	£429

The fees given above refer to the 2008-2009 academic year only and are subject to annual review. When you register you can either pay the total amount upfront or pay as you go (a one-off registration fee plus a fee for each unit).

If you are taking exams outside London you will have to pay an additional fee to your local examination centre (this fee will vary).

“The clearly presented study materials showed how best to utilise the core subject information provided. They also offered guidance on how to develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of each topic from a variety of sources.

What I was not prepared for was how the units have begun to link all the different aspects of the classical world together, through archaeology, art, literature as well as history. This has made my studies both a joy and a richly rewarding experience.”

Simon Halls
Current BA Classical Studies student

How to apply

For further information on how to apply and to download an application form please go to our website:

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If you have any questions or would like information about any of the other programmes we offer, please contact our Information Centre:

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Key points at a glance

- Online programmes supported by an **online learning environment**
- Interact with tutors and fellow students through **online seminars**
- **Flexible study period** of between 3-8 years
- **Flexible payment** – pay the total fee upfront or pay as you go

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| ▪ Application deadline | 30 June |
| ▪ Registration deadline | 31 August |
| ▪ Course starts | October |
| ▪ Exams take place | May |

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