



# MSt in History

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# Year 1: four residential modules



**Module 1:** Theory, concepts and historiography

24 – 27 September 2018: 4 days

**Module 2:** British local and regional history *or* Global history

28 - 30 November 2018: 3 days

**Module 3:** Sources, methods and research skills

20 - 22 February 2019: 3 days

**Module 4:** British local and regional history *or* Global history

22 - 24 May 2019: 3 days

All students are taught together for modules 1 and 3

**Module 1: Theory, concepts and historiography (24 – 27 September 2018)**

Induction day: an introduction to the course and tours of the University and Seeley History libraries.

Topics might include the Annales School, international history, gender, feudalism, race, class and social status, nations and states, religion.

**Module 3: Sources, methods and research skills (20 - 22 February 2019)**

Topics might include using library resources and archives, the census, microhistory, sources for early modern history, IT for historians practical, quantitative history, oral history, anthropology and history.

**Modules 2 and 4** are thematic pathways:

British local and regional history *or* Global history

Research for the dissertation must sit within one of these pathways.

## Sample timetable from a previous cohort:

2017	Wednesday 22 February	Thursday 23 February	Friday 24 February
8.00am		Breakfast	Breakfast
9.00am		Microhistory Dr Samantha Williams	Quantitative history Dr Amy Erickson
10.30am	Arrival	Tea/Coffee break	Tea/Coffee break
11.00am	Oral history and its discontents Dr Lucy Delap	Sources for early modern history Dr Heather Falvey	Sources for early modern political history Dr David Smith
12.30pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1.30pm	Anthropology and history Dr Leigh Denault	IT for historians I Gill Newton & Ellen Potter	Environmental history Dr Paul Warde
3.00pm	Tea/Coffee break	Tea/Coffee break	Tea/Coffee break
3.30pm	Historians, society and public history Simon Gallaher	IT for historians II Gill Newton & Ellen Potter	Essay workshop Dr Samantha Williams
5.00pm	Tea/Coffee break	Tea/Coffee break	Depart
	Private study time	Private study time	
7.00pm	Dinner	Dinner	



# Assessment:

## Year 1

One 4,000 word essay per module, carrying 10% of the marks each.

Unassessed research proposal essay at the start of year 2.



# YEAR 2

There are 3 **Day Schools**:

Saturday 26 October 2019: Workshop on research design, analysis, evaluation of sources & methods

Saturday 18 January 2020: Linking your topic and the historiography

Saturday 18 April 2020: Structure and presentation

- A **dissertation** of 16,000-20,000 words, based on primary research, in British local and regional history *or* Global history, carrying 60% of the marks.





# Pathway: British local and regional history

Module 2: Topics might include approaches to local history, manors and medieval Cambridge, the parish, early modern culture, religion and belief, urban history, consumption, family and household.

Module 4: Poverty, disease and medicine, 1601-1914 – topics might include disease, death and doctors, plague and venereal disease, urban mortality, the Old Poor Law and charity, the New Poor Law, charity and the state, workhouse medicine and mortality, smallpox, childbirth, midwifery and the man-midwife, mutual aid and self-help, the ‘professionalisation’ of medicine.



# Pathway: Global history, Dr Leigh Denault

Module 2: Topics might include an introduction to debates in global history; colonialism and post-colonialism; local, regional, and world histories; global economic histories; the environment; gender in global context; transnational labour history; oceanic histories

## Module 4: **Global urban histories: culture, consumption, connections**

Cities in the ancient world; cultures of sociability in the Ottoman world; Mughal cosmopolitanism; urban lives in colonial Latin America; Chinese port cities and maritime customs; West Africa and the Atlantic world; global London; gender and the city; cities and their hinterlands





# Application process

Deadline 28 March 2018

See our website: <http://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/course/mst-history>. Apply on-line.

## **‘Statement of intended research’**

area of research and chronological period

how the research contributes to the existing historiography on that topic

primary sources

600-1,000 words (2-5 pages) in length.

**The topic must fall within one of the MSt in History pathways: either British local and regional history or Global history.** The research proposal is an essential element of the application since supervisors for the dissertation are secured before admission.

Interviews: 11 and 12 January 2018; 12 and 13 April 2018.

