1. KentVision Code and title of the module

HIST5092 Armies at War 1914-1918

## Division and School/Department or partner institution which will be responsible for management of the module

Arts & Humanities (School of Classics, English and History)

## The level of the module (Level 4, Level 5, Level 6 or Level 7)

Level 5

## The number of credits and the ECTS value which the module represents

30 credits (15 ECTS)

## Which term(s) the module is to be taught in (or other teaching pattern)

Autumn or Spring

## Prerequisite and co-requisite modules and/or any module restrictions

None

## The course(s) of study to which the module contributes

Optional for BA Military History and BA History (Single and Joint Honours)

## The intended subject specific learning outcomes. On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

* 1. Engage critically with the historiography and history of the combatant armies (principally British, French, Russian, German, Italian, Austro-Hungarian, Ottoman and U.S.A.) in the Great War.
  2. Develop their critical and analytical skills, through a comparison of a wide range of armed forces, political systems and operational theatres.
  3. Demonstrate a familiarity with the history and historiography of various armies in a comparative framework.

## The intended generic learning outcomes. On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

* 1. Develop a critical understanding of different historical approaches and degrees of bias as well as of the methodological complexities in the historical record itself.
  2. Further develop analytical and reflective skills and the ability to express complex ideas and arguments, skills which can be transferred to other areas of study and employment.
  3. Further develop communication, presentation and information technology skills.

## A synopsis of the curriculum

This module will offer a comparative study of the armies of the Great Powers during the First World War. The module will adopt the ‘war and society’ approach to this topic and so will focus on the social composition and combat effectiveness of the armies concerned, along with civil-military relations and the higher strategic direction of the war. This module will therefore seek to answer some of the key questions of the Great War: how did the Great Powers manage to raise and sustain such large armies, why did soldiers continue to fight, given the appalling casualty rates; how politicised were the armies of the Great War, why were politicians allowed to embark on foolhardy military adventures, how crucial were the Americans in securing Entente victory and how effectively were economies adapted to meet the demands of the armies? Comparative topics for discussion in seminars will include: planning for war, recruitment and conscription, the officer corps, generals and politicians, discipline and morale; and attitudes to technological advances.

## Reading list

## The University is committed to ensuring that core reading materials are in accessible electronic format in line with the Kent Inclusive Practices.

## The most up to date reading list for each module can be found on the university's [reading list pages](https://kent.rl.talis.com/index.html).

## Contact Hours

Private Study: 270

Contact Hours: 30

Total: 300

## Assessment methods

* 1. Main assessment methods

Essay 1 (2500 words) 30%

Essay 2 (2500 words) 30%

Thematic Timed Essay (1000 words) 20%

Class Presentation/Participation 20%

13.2 Reassessment methods

Reassessment Instrument: 100% coursework

## Map of module learning outcomes (sections 8 & 9) to learning and teaching methods and methods of assessment

**Module learning outcomes against learning and teaching methods:**

| **Module learning outcome** | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.3 |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Private Study** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |
| Lectures | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |
| Seminars | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |

**Module learning outcomes against assessment methods:**

| **Module learning outcome** | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.3 |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Essay 1 | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |
| Essay 2 | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |
| Thematic Timed Essay | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |
| Class Presentation/Participation Mark | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |

## Inclusive module design

The Division recognises and has embedded the expectations of current equality legislation, by ensuring that the module is as accessible as possible by design. Additional alternative arrangements for students with Inclusive Learning Plans (ILPs)/declared disabilities will be made on an individual basis, in consultation with the relevant policies and support services.

The inclusive practices in the guidance (see Annex B Appendix A) have been considered in order to support all students in the following areas:

a) Accessible resources and curriculum

b) Learning, teaching and assessment methods

## Campus(es) or centre(s) where module will be delivered

Canterbury

## Internationalisation

School of History modules encourage students to engage with the international significance of their subject matter, either in a comparative or historiographical fashion, or in the study of European and international themes. Some modules include the option for students to participate in international study visits. Students studying relevant foreign languages will consolidate their understanding of historical problems and themes.

**DIVISIONAL USE ONLY**

**Module record – all revisions must be recorded in the grid and full details of the change retained in the appropriate committee records.**

| Date approved | New/Major/minor revision | Start date of delivery of (revised) version | Section revised  (if applicable) | Impacts PLOs (Q6&7 cover sheet) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 17/02/2023 | Minor | 2023/24 | 13-14 | No |
| 21/11/2023 | Major | 2024/25 | 13-14 | No |