

# SCHOOL OF HISTORY

## SPECIAL SUBJECTS, 2016/2017

### What are Special Subjects?

Special Subjects are 60-credit year-long modules, intended to give final-year students intensive exposure to one specialised area of historical study and research. Special Subjects are taught in smaller groups than other modules, and are convened and taught by expert members of staff who are actively researching on the topic of their Special Subjects.

Special Subjects are taught across the Autumn and Spring terms. As they are worth 60 credits, they form 50% of your Stage 3 workload.

Special Subjects are assessed by coursework and examinations, in a 60% examination, 40% coursework ratio. The examination component is assessed by two 2-hour examinations in the Summer term. The coursework component is assessed by essays, in-class presentations and participation, and other assignments.

A list of the History Special Subjects which will be available in 2016/2017 is given below, and a synopsis for each module follows. If you would like further information you are encouraged to consult the relevant members of staff.

### Programme Requirements

In their final year, full-time SINGLE HONOURS STUDENTS IN HISTORY are required to complete:

- one 30-credits module (Autumn term)
- one Special Subject (Autumn and Spring terms)
- HI605, the Undergraduate Dissertation (Spring term)

Part-time single-honours History students complete their Special Subject in the first year of Stage 3 (i.e., year 5), and take one 30-credit Autumn term module and the HI605, Undergraduate Dissertation, in the final year of their degree (i.e., year 6).

In their final year, full-time WAR STUDIES STUDENTS are required to complete:

- HI757, War Studies Dissertation (Autumn and Spring terms), and:

EITHER:

- one Special Subject (Autumn and Spring terms)

OR:

- one 30-credit Autumn term module and one 30-credit Spring term module

Part-time War Studies students complete EITHER a Special Subject OR two 30-credit modules in the first year of Stage 3 (i.e., year 5), and complete their HI757, War Studies Dissertation, in the final year of their degree (i.e., year 6).

JOINT HONOURS STUDENTS, and AMERICAN STUDIES STUDENTS are able to choose a Special Subject as part of their Stage 3 modules, if they so wish.

Please note that Special Subjects are available in Stage 3 only, and that you may not take more than one Special Subject.

### Registration

Unlike all other modules, Special Subjects are subject to quotas, and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you wish or are required to take a Special Subject in 2016/2017, you will need to rank the Special Subjects available by order of preference, and email this ranked list to the School of History. Special Subjects will then be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, according to the order in which emails are received.

The period in which to send your list to the School is between **8am, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March**, and **4pm, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March**. Please see the last page of this booklet for details on registering for your Special Subject.

### HISTORY SPECIAL SUBJECTS, 2016/2017

HI6024	Napoleon and Europe, 1799-1815 - War, Empire, Civilisation and Law	Dr Caiani
HI6029	The Great War: British Memory, History and Culture	Dr Donaldson
HI6031	Food, Fights and Festivals: Street Life in Urban Europe c. 1600–1800	Dr van den Heuvel
HI6039	The Rights Revolution: Civil Rights Movements & the Law in the US since 1945	Dr Conyne
HI6041	The Crusades in the Thirteenth Century	Dr Bombi
HI6058	Saints, Relics, and Churches in Medieval Europe, c. 500–1500	Dr Guerry
HI6060	After Stalin: The Decline and Fall of the Soviet Union	Dr Boobbyer
HI6061	Human Rights and Human Experiments in the Cold War	Prof. Schmidt
HI6062	Dynasty, Death and Diplomacy: England, Scotland and France 1503-1603	Dr Blakeway
HI6063	California: the 'Golden State'	Mr Blower
HI6066	'A State in the Disguise of a Merchant': The East India Company, 1600-1857	Dr Pettigrew
HI6071	The United Nations in the Twentieth Century	Dr Cohen
HI6074	The Savage Mind: Empires, Scientists and Explorers c. 1780-1930	Dr Nasim

For more information about each of the Special Subjects available next year, please look up their code or title in the University's [Module Catalogue](#).

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If you wish or are required to take a Special Subject in 2016/2017, you **must** follow the steps laid out below:

1. On the Special Subject registration form, rank the Special Subjects available by order of preference. The registration form can be downloaded from the [Undergraduate Office's website](#), or from the [School's Undergraduate Portal](#).
  - Rank the Special Subjects in descending order (i.e., put 1. against the Special Subject you would most like to take, 2. against your second most preferred Special Subject, etc.).
  - You must rank **all thirteen** Special Subjects.
2. **Attach** the completed form to an email, and send it to the School of History at [historyspecial@kent.ac.uk](mailto:historyspecial@kent.ac.uk).
  - The period in which to send your form to the School is between:  

**8am, Wednesday 9th March – 4pm, Friday 11th March**
  - Emails received before 8am, 9<sup>th</sup> March will be deleted.
  - You will receive an automated receipt once your email has been received. If any problems arise with your email, you will be contacted after 11<sup>th</sup> March.

Special Subjects will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, according to the order in which forms are received via email by the School. Each student will be assigned to their most preferred Special Subject, unless it is full in which case they will be assigned to their second most preferred module, etc.

Once a Special Subject is full, those students who ranked it as their first choice will be added to a waiting list for that module, in case any spaces become available during the summer.

You will receive an email no later than **4pm, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March** confirming to which Special Subject you have been assigned.

When online module registration opens on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015, you will have been pre-registered for your Special Subject, and any other compulsory modules for your programme, by the Undergraduate Office. You will then have to indicate your preferences for your remaining credits for the 2016/2017 year. Please consult the Faculty Handbook for module choices in your final year.