

HI2C5-15 Research Project for Visiting Students

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Department

History

Level

Undergraduate Level 2

Module leader

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Credit value

15

Module duration

10 weeks

Assessment

100% coursework

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

In this 15 CATS one term module, visiting students will be able to complete an independent research project based on their own interests, under the supervision of an expert staff member in the department. This will enable visiting students to experience the Warwick research culture as part of their time at Warwick, and will enable them to undertake study in areas where modules are either full or unavailable to them, at an appropriate level.

[Module web page](#)

Module aims

This module is only available to visiting students with the relevant pre-requisite knowledge and skills from their home institution. Students will normally be expected to be a History Major, usually of either 3rd or 4th year standing (where a student is from a 4 year degree programme). The previous completion of a module in a relevant subject area, and a module on historical writing or research methods, would be expected. Students' suitability for taking this module will be determined by the Module Convenor in discussion with the student and the potential supervisor. Supervisors will not usually be expected to supervise more than one student per term.

Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

Introduction to the Research Project

Research Skills

Written Sources

Visual Sources

Other Sources

Quantitative Sources

History in the Digital Age

Modern Records Centre

Public History

Academic Writing

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate a detailed knowledge of sources for the study of an aspect of history.
- Communicate ideas and findings, adapting to a range of situations, audiences and degrees of complexity.
- Generate ideas through the analysis of a broad range of primary source material.
- Analyse and evaluate the contributions made by existing scholarship.
- Act with limited supervision and direction within defined guidelines, accepting responsibility for achieving deadlines.

Indicative reading list

[Reading lists can be found in Talis](#)

[Specific reading list for the module](#)

Research element

Research project

Subject specific skills

See learning outcomes.

Transferable skills

See learning outcomes.

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	(0%)
Tutorials	7 sessions of 30 minutes (2%)
Online learning (independent)	10 sessions of 1 hour (7%)
Other activity	1 hour (1%)
Private study	135 hours 30 minutes (90%)
Total	150 hours

Private study description

The Research Project module involves researching and writing an extended essay centred around a single or small number of directly related primary sources. The source/s should be focused, e.g. a particular book, painting, film, song, collection of letters, or museum object. You should not try to select a broad range of different sources covering some theme. The goal is to use a primary source to unlock a historical puzzle or phenomenon that you find particularly intriguing. Close analysis of your chosen source should be informed by, and integrated with, your reading of appropriate secondary literature.

The essay should: situate the source/s in historical context; advance a clear and convincing argument about a historical moment/issue/theme, using appropriate evidence; and reflect on methodological and historiographical problems the source/s pose. Your essay should offer a novel interpretation of how to think about a particular period, place, episode, theme, or genre of source.

The private study and independent learning will comprise of research a topic and source, undertaking the reading and analysis, and writing the project.

Other activity description

1 x 1 hr preparatory workshop.

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Assessment group A2

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Assessment component			
4500 word research project	100%		Yes (extension)
An independently researched project			

Reassessment component is the same

Feedback on assessment

One to one tutorials.

Availability

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There is currently no information about the courses for which this module is core or optional.