

Lancaster
University



History

Undergraduate Degrees 2026

Welcome

There has never been a better time to study history. We study the past to unlock answers to the problems of the present and future, and here at Lancaster University, you will benefit from being part of a vibrant and supportive academic community that has been at the forefront of innovation in the discipline for 60 years.



We have long been regarded as a world leader in the fields of social history and regional heritage. More recently, we have gained recognition for our renowned expertise in the history of science and medicine and international and military history. What is more, we are internationally esteemed as a leader in the pioneering field of digital humanities. These areas of expertise shine through in our teaching. One day, you might be debating the relevance of historical conflicts to today's global crises; the next, you might be exploring how new technologies are transforming the way we understand and study the past.

Our teaching also reflects our commitment to supporting your professional development. The knowledge and skills you'll gain will help you stand out in an increasingly competitive job market. Our graduates are highly sought after by employers in an extraordinary range of sectors, from museums to marketing, and not just for their skills in problem solving and analysis. They are also sought after for the intellectual rigour they bring to decision-making and strategy. We could not be prouder of the successful careers our graduates have developed with companies and organisations ranging from English Heritage and the National Trust to Santander and HSBC.

I hope that you enjoy learning more about our degrees. Please do get in touch if you have any questions.



*Director of Admissions,
History*

Dr Alex Wragge-Morley

Essential skills and knowledge

Our degrees are designed to enrich your understanding of the challenges, thrills and discoveries that make history so significant and rewarding. Whether you opt for a single honours degree in history, or choose one of our joint degrees, you will benefit from a course that has been carefully designed to support your academic and professional growth.

Just the right size









We are a close-knit and supportive community. We keep class sizes reasonable, so that our expert tutors can really get to know you. Your learning will be underpinned by regular seminars and ample opportunities for one-on-one supervision with your academic tutor.

Exciting modules

We offer a wide range of modules that explore British, European, African, American, Asian and Middle Eastern history, from the ancient world to the twenty-first century. This includes innovative transhistorical themes such as the history of human rights and the history of science and medicine.

History on your doorstep

From Lancaster Castle to the Lake District, we are based in a region that's full of sites of historical interest and importance, and our connections with regional museums and heritage institutions provide you with opportunities to explore careers in history and heritage while completing your degree.

Degree title		Degree (Hons)	UCAS code	Course duration (years)	Typical A level offer
History		BA	V100	3	AAB
History (Placement Year)		BA	V101	4	AAB
History (Study Abroad)		BA	V103	4	AAB
English Literature and History		BA	QV31	3	AAB
English Literature and History (Placement Year)		BA	QV32	4	AAB
English Literature and History (Study Abroad)		BA	QV33	4	AAB
History and International Relations		BA	VL12	3	AAB
History and International Relations (Placement Year)		BA	VL13	4	AAB
History and International Relations (Study Abroad)		BA	VL14	4	AAB
History and Politics		BA	LV21	3	AAB
History and Politics (Placement Year)		BA	LV22	4	AAB
History and Politics (Study Abroad)		BA	LV23	4	AAB

Visit our website for more information on degree options, scholarships and entry requirements [lancaster.ac.uk](https://www.lancaster.ac.uk)





Made for *learning*



- + Our teaching takes place in lectures, group seminars and workshops.
- + Lectures introduce important historical questions and provide an overview of the key materials and themes on each module.
- + Seminars and workshops are interactive. They give you the opportunity to discuss specific questions and debates.
- + You will divide your time between timetabled teaching, individual consultations with academic staff and independent study, resulting in a full study schedule.
- + Every module has a dedicated Moodle website as part of the University's Virtual Learning Environment. This is used for posting resources and communicating with other students in the group.
- + Most modules are assessed by a combination of coursework and examination, with coursework making up approximately 50% of assessment overall. Coursework includes essays and primary source analyses, as well as innovative assessments, such as creating podcasts and multimedia presentations.

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Evangeline, first year

BA Hons History

I have really enjoyed the course so far, though I'm only at the end of my first year. You get to explore a huge range of history. It definitely pushed me out of my comfort zone, and taught me so much that I wouldn't have otherwise chosen to learn but which I am grateful to have learned.

The lecturers are all really passionate and knowledgeable, I'm learning new things every day and always being pushed. I think the course has a really good balance between coursework and exams to accommodate as many people as possible with their different needs.

Everyone is always really understanding if you need extra support or something explained, and the office hours that the faculty keep are a huge part of this. I have really enjoyed everything available for me to learn this year and cannot wait to see what is happening next year.

Gain *real-world* experience

We know you want to graduate confident and ready to progress into your career. That's why we make it easy to incorporate work experience into your time at Lancaster.

Your ambitions are important to us, and we will help you build the skills you need to succeed by offering a range of placement and internship opportunities.

Placement year

You can opt to study your degree with a placement year (also known as a year in industry). On this degree you spend your third year working in a graduate-level, professional job in a sector of your choice before returning to complete your final year at Lancaster University. Securing a placement is a competitive process and we support you with personalised coaching and professional guidance.

Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Internship Scheme

You'll gain sector-relevant work experience and get paid for it with these internships. Apply in all years of study for opportunities such as publishing assistant, content delivery manager or assistant events producer. The scheme is delivered by our faculty employability team who are here to support your access to direct work experience while you study.



The Lancaster Award

The Lancaster Award is a non-academic certificate developed in partnership with employers to help you make the most of your time at Lancaster and to demonstrate the skills you have developed along the way. It is designed to reward the wide range of volunteering activities and placements undertaken by many of our undergraduates. Potential employers increasingly value a profile that includes more than just strong academic results, and the Lancaster Award recognises and validates this.

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Placement at
Lancashire County
Museum Services

Lancaster University



Emily

BA Hons History

I was on placement at the Lancashire County Museum Services in their Preston archives during which I was lucky enough to get involved in a variety of tasks. I was trusted with both the documentation and packaging of some collections for storage and movement. I completed a short course on the methodology used when labelling archives and artefacts to ensure their accessibility and accuracy.

My favourite task was packaging, labelling and processing a specific collection of military items that were then sent to Lancaster Castle and placed as part of a public display. It was wonderful to see how the skills I had learnt translated into the practicalities of heritage and archive work.

I have always been interested in heritage and am personally interested in a future within this sector, particularly archiving. I really enjoyed the experience, which helped solidify my career aspirations and gave me the opportunity to work with a wonderful team of experts.



Your global *experience*

Lancaster is a truly international university, with students and staff from over 100 different countries and partner institutions around the world. Your global experience is about living and learning with people from different cultures whether through your course, your college or your students' union.

Study abroad

You can choose to study your degree with a study abroad year. On these four-year degrees, you spend your third year studying at one of our partner universities abroad. Our current partners are in Amsterdam, Berlin and Brussels, although availability of destinations varies each year.

Living in another country and studying history from a different perspective enhances your subject knowledge and develops resourcefulness for life after university.

Vacation travel and overseas summer schools

You can also discover the world during your vacations. We run short trips to destinations such as China, Germany, Ghana, Malaysia and Switzerland. These trips include meeting local students and businesses as well as some academic study and cultural discovery.

In addition, you can attend summer schools at one of our many overseas partners.

Find out more at lancaster.ac.uk/your-global-experience



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Harvey

BA Hons History (Study Abroad)

I chose to study abroad as I love travelling, and the thought of being able to experience the history of another country as part of my degree was thoroughly exciting to me! I love Berlin, but had not spent a great deal of time there - so when I saw that it was an option for study abroad, I knew I wanted to go.

Freie University offered a varied course with a lot of opportunity to choose modules from outside of history. I studied a wide variety of content, from the presentation of medieval history on screen, to German politics from the country's origin to the present date. Getting to travel around Berlin was also fantastic; the University's ID card doubled as a free travel card, so I was able to spend days that I wasn't in class experiencing all that Berlin had to offer.

The most valuable thing that study abroad contributed to my degree was a broadening of my horizons. Studying in an entirely different academic setting allowed me to experience new ways to write about history. It was certainly challenging in places, but I think it equipped me for the difficulties of final year... as well as giving me friendships and experiences that I wouldn't have had otherwise!

History

BA (Hons)

Build the knowledge and skills to address the challenges of our world – past, present, and future. Our expert historians will guide you through hands-on training to prepare you for ambitious careers.

In your first year, you'll discover the fundamentals of historical practice, learning how to analyse evidence, how to conceptualise historical change, while developing your knowledge of key times and places.

As you move into the second year, you'll take on more ambitious challenges, learning how to make historical arguments, and discovering rich new historical themes. These themes include the history of the body, how the environment has shaped human life, and the role of war in changing society.

In your final year, you'll be ready to make your own history. You'll develop your own dissertation – a personal research project. And you'll be able to choose from a wide range of in-depth special subjects, mastering fascinating fields of historical study.

Enhancing your curriculum

We continually review and enhance our course curricula to ensure we are delivering the best possible learning experience, and to make sure that the subject knowledge and transferable skills you develop will prepare you for your future. Information within this publication with respect to courses and modules is correct at the time of publication, and the University will make every reasonable effort to offer courses and modules as advertised. In some cases, changes may be necessary and may result in new modules or some modules and combinations being unavailable, for example as a result of student feedback, timetabling, staff changes and new research.

Year 1

Core Modules

Handling Historical Evidence

Begin your historical training with the cornerstone of historical research: evidence. Question a range of sources and discover how they can illuminate past worlds. Guided by our expert historians, you will build your skills in drawing value from historical evidence.

Revolutions in History

Explore a concept fundamental to history: historical change. We discover what it looks like and how it happens. You will investigate a series of political, economic, social, environmental, and cultural events that have been identified as revolutionary.

Controversy in History

In the big debates of history, historians can place different values on certain evidence or interpret evidence differently—or miss evidence all together—and build their arguments to come to alternative conclusions. Your training as a first-year historian continues as our experts introduce you to real-life examples of historical debate in this module.

Thinking Globally

What does it mean to think in and about the world? This module will draw on disciplines from across the School of Global Affairs to think about the very different ways in which the world can be imagined.

Optional Modules

- + The Medieval World
- + The Early Modern World
- + Modern Britain
- + The Modern World

Year 2

Core Modules

Who Makes History?

Who makes history? You will meet the women and men who have helped shape the discipline of history, delving into their life and works. You'll explore how their experiences and opportunities shaped their careers and what questions spurred their curiosity.

War and Transformation

Discover how wars drive historical change and transformation. You'll examine war as a result of complex forces. You will learn how war has changed over time, how it has been shaped by ideas and how it's led to technological changes.

Human and Environment

Explore the links between humans and their environments around the world from the medieval period to the modern era. You will investigate climate change, environmental disasters, and landscape transformations. You'll explore case studies of environmental impacts on humans and environments.

Plus one from:

Employability, Purpose and Social Impact

Global Challenges and Collaborative Solutions

Cultural Diversity and Professional Contexts

Taking an Idea and Making it Happen

Optional Modules

+ Body, Mind and Society

+ Inventing Rights

+ Death: From the Fall of Rome to the Reformation

+ Information and Misinformation

Study abroad degrees

You will study abroad at a partner university in your third year. The grades you achieve at your host university will be translated back and be credited to your Lancaster degree.

Placement year degrees

In your third year you will undertake as core the 'Placement Year Work Based Learning Module'.

Final Year

Core Modules

History Dissertation

Identify a historical topic that excites you and make your own contribution to historical understanding. You'll gain the satisfaction of forging your own research project on a challenging historical problem. You will be guided by an expert historian supervisor.

The Use and Abuse of History

Why does history matter? This module challenges you to consider how our discipline is applied and what it contributes. You'll discover the wide range of roles historians play in society and articulate the significance of history in our world.

Plus one from a selection including:

Technology and Social Justice

Queer Futures

People Power, Community Engagement and Collective Action

Confronting the Climate Crisis

The Power of Ideas

Artistic Fusions

Futures Beyond Borders

Optional Modules

+ Vikings and Sea-Kings: The Irish Sea Region, 794–1079

+ From Rebellion to Revolution: The War for the Throne, 1199–1265

+ Participation, Splendour and Violence: The Italian City-States, c.1100–1350

+ Intelligent Design? Science, Religion and the Idea of Design in Nature, 1450–1800

+ Paradise Lost: Colonisation and the Jamaican Environment, 1655–1838

+ The East India Company: Merchant State, 1600–1857

+ Victorian Bodies: Sex, Gender, Race and Power in Global Britain

+ Big Data and Dead People: Digital Histories of Crime, Justice and Punishment, 1760–1925

+ Forging India: South Asia from Empire to Nation, 1829 – 1964

See website for further optional modules.

English Literature and History

BA (Hons)

Explore a vast range of literary works, from ancient myth to the contemporary graphic novel, and study a host of historical moments, from Viking seafaring to the rise of human rights.

In your first year you survey literature from Chaucer to the present day and explore the long history of revolution. In addition, you study either literature in relation to other art forms or history in relation to global issues as well as choose two further modules focusing on either literature or history

In your second year you explore the rich conceptual dimensions of both literary and historical study. In addition, you explore how your studies relate to the worlds of work and choose three further modules focusing on either literature or history.

In your final year you will examine your studies in relation to a major cultural theme and choose three to five further modules that focus on either literature or history, including the option to research, with one-to-one tutorial support, a literary or historical topic entirely of your own devising.

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Placement year degrees

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Year 1

Core Modules

Literature in Time

This module traces the long history of English literature, exploring a host of authors, including Chaucer, Shakespeare, Milton, the Romantics, and the Victorians, as well as moderns such as Woolf and contemporary figures such as Grace Nichols and Paul Muldoon.

Revolutions in History

Explore a concept fundamental to history: historical change. We discover what it looks like and how it happens. You will investigate a series of political, economic, social, environmental, and cultural events that have been identified as revolutionary.

Thinking Globally

What does it mean to think in and about the world? This module will draw on disciplines from across the School of Global Affairs to think about the very different ways in which the world can be imagined.

The Arts and Identity

This module explores the role of the arts in building community, identity and confidence. You will engage with a variety of different art forms (such as painting, theatre, fiction and film) and develop your own voice via collaborative projects such as a podcast, video essay, or presentation.

Optional Modules

+ The Medieval World

+ The Early Modern World

+ World Literatures





Year 2

Core Modules

Critical Theory

This module explores literary criticism's rich theoretical life via concepts such as the body, race, gender, violence, God, time, death, war, animal etc. We consider thinkers such as Marx, Freud and Nietzsche as well as many more recent figures.

Who Makes History?

You will meet the women and men who have helped shape the discipline of history, delving into their life and works. You'll explore how their experiences and opportunities shaped their careers and what questions spurred their curiosity.

Plus one from:

Employability, Purpose and Social Impact

Global Challenges and Collaborative Solutions

Cultural Diversity and Professional Contexts

Taking an Idea and Making it Happen

Optional Modules

- + Medieval Literature
- + Early Modern Literature
- + American Literature
- + Victorian Literature
- + Literature and Sacred Texts
- + Literary Adaptation
- + Critical Practice
- + Body, Mind and Society
- + Information and Misinformation

Final Year

Core Modules

Select one from:

Technology and Social Justice

Queer Futures

People Power, Community Engagement and Collective Action

Confronting the Climate Crisis

The Power of Ideas

Artistic Fusions

Futures Beyond Borders

Optional Modules

- + Advertising and Consumerism in Britain, 1853-1960
- + From Balfour to Brexit: Britain as a Great Power since 1914
- + Gender Identities in the People's War: Experiences, Representations and Memories
- + Fascism, Revolution and War in Spain: The Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939
- + Dangerous Thoughts: Soviet Dissent, Human Rights and the Cold War
- + A Global History of the Cold War
- + Vikings and Sea-Kings: The Irish Sea Region, 794-1079
- + From Rebellion to Revolution: The War for the Throne, 1199-1265
- + English Literature Dissertation
- + Shakespeare
- + Romanticism
- + Modernism
- + Austen and the Brontës
- + Gothic and Science Fiction
- + Special Topics in Theory
- + Postcolonial Literature
- + Literature and Environment
- + History Dissertation
- + The Use and Abuse of History
- + Participation, Splendour, and Violence. The Italian City-States, c.1100-1350

See website for further optional modules.

History and International Relations

BA (Hons)

Our team of experts will equip you with a deep understanding of geopolitics and its historical contexts. You'll explore the past and develop the critical thinking skills to understand the present, while gaining an appreciation for the complexities of human societies and the critical challenges facing humanity.

The course provides an interdisciplinary exploration of issues of governance, trade, and war, exploring how these forces have shaped world politics and the practices that govern today's interconnected world. You will learn how to answer difficult questions: What is the impact of new technologies on war and conflict? What are the economic and cultural consequences of globalisation? How can we address the challenges of global inequality and climate change? What role do international institutions play in the promotion of human rights?

Combining a critical approach with practical skills, you will explore the origins of global issues and engage with strategies to tackle the most pressing issues of our time.

Study abroad degrees

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Placement year degrees

In your third year you will undertake as core the 'Placement Year Work Based Learning Module'.

Year 1

Core Modules

Origins and Foundations of International Relations

Discover the core concepts, theories and historical contexts that shape the field of International Relations. You will gain an understanding of the state system, sovereignty, power, anarchy and other key concepts that underpin the discipline.

Revolutions in History

Explore a concept fundamental to History: historical change. We discover what it looks like and how it happens. You will investigate a series of political, economic, social, environmental, and cultural events that have been identified as revolutionary.

Controversy in History

Why do historians disagree about how to interpret the past? What issues divide them and why? You will study real-life examples of historical debate introduced by our experts and you'll learn to build and articulate your own persuasive arguments.

Global Governance and International Institutions

Study the complex landscape of global governance and the role of international institutions in addressing contemporary challenges. You will explore the historical development of the international system, the evolution of world order and the key actors in global politics.

The Modern World

Explore the lived experience of peoples and nations in the modern age through the emergence of new ideas – including nationalism, capitalism, imperialism, racism, and feminism. Discover how these were shaped by individuals, political movements, and events in diverse regions of the world.

Thinking Globally

What does it mean to think in and about the world? This module will draw on disciplines from across the School of Global Affairs to think about the very different ways in which the world can be imagined.



Year 2

Core Modules

Reshaping Global Order

Examine the profound transformations reshaping the contemporary international system. You will explore the dynamic interplay of power shifts, globalization and evolving security landscapes. You'll analyse the changing distribution of power and explore alternative visions for international cooperation.

War and Transformation

Discover how wars drive historical change and transformation. You'll examine war as a result of complex forces. You will learn how war has changed over time, how it has been shaped by ideas and how it's led to technological changes.

Understanding Political Research

Gain the skills you need to complete independent research in Politics and International Relations. Direct your own learning by developing a research project on your chosen topic. The skills you develop will be a useful asset when seeking employment as a Politics graduate.

Plus one from:

Employability, Purpose and Social Impact

Global Challenges and Collaborative Solutions

Cultural Diversity and Professional Contexts

Taking an Idea and Making it Happen

Optional Modules

- + War, Peace and Modernity
- + Authoritarianism, Repression and Resistance in the 21st Century
- + Global Capitalism and its Discontent
- + Inventing Rights
- + Information and Misinformation

Final Year

Core Modules

International Relations Dissertation

Investigate an area of international relations that is of particular interest to you. You'll carry out a detailed research project, supported and guided by an academic supervisor who will have some familiarity with your chosen topic.

Plus one from:

Technology and Social Justice

Queer Futures

People Power, Community Engagement and Collective Action

Confronting the Climate Crisis

The Power of Ideas

Artistic Fusions

Futures Beyond Borders

Optional Modules

- + The Use and Abuse of History
- + From Rebellion to Revolution: The War for the Throne, 1199-1265
- + Participation, Splendour and Violence: The Italian City-States, c.1100-1350
- + Paradise Lost: Colonisation and the Jamaican Environment, 1655-1838
- + Victorian Bodies: Sex, Gender, Race and Power in Global Britain
- + Forging India: South Asia from Empire to Nation, 1829 – 1964
- + From Balfour to Brexit: Britain as a Great Power since 1914
- + Fascism, Revolution and War in Spain: The Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939
- + A Global History of the Cold War
- + Critical Studies of War and Security
- + Environment and Development
- + Security, Strategy and Technology
- + Russia and China
- + Politics of Latin America and Africa
- + Policymaking in the Real World
- + The Politics of Crises and the Future of Governance

See website for further optional modules.

History and Politics

BA (Hons)

Studying history and politics allows us to understand the places, people and decisions that shape major political moments.

This degree enables you to use the analysis of history to inform the political debate around critical contemporary global challenges. The first year gives you a core grounding in the key themes of modern British and global history and enables you to connect this to contemporary political debates and policy priorities.

The second year provides you with highly employable skills in historical and political analysis enabling you to carry out your own enquiries. It explores diversity in the evolution of the relationship between the individual and the state over time and its impact on contemporary politics in comparative context including China, USA, Europe and Africa.

The final year emphasises independent learning as you are given the opportunity to apply your research skills to study the topics that most interest you in greater critical depth through year-long special subject modules in history and the politics dissertation project.

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Placement year degrees

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Year 1

Core Modules

Revolutions in History

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Controversy in History

Why do historians disagree about how to interpret the past? What issues divide them and why? You will study real-life examples of historical debate introduced by our experts and you'll learn to build and articulate your own persuasive arguments.

Modern Britain

You will go beyond conventional narratives to uncover a history that's both national and global, and where the personal and the political intersect.

Parties, Populism and Protest

Learn how to analyse highly contemporary political events and trends, and develop the vital critical skills required to be able to put them into context.

Policy Lab: Becoming a Policymaker

On this module you will act as policy advisors, learning how to solve complex problems and produce practical recommendations to government for policy change.

Thinking Globally

What does it mean to think in and about the world? This module will draw on disciplines from across the School of Global Affairs to think about the very different ways in which the world can be imagined.

Year 2

Core Modules

Human and Environment

Examine how people have understood nature and their place within it over time and across cultures by investigating climate change, environmental disasters, and massive landscape transformations.

Theories of Power and the State

This module gives you a firm grasp of the competing theories of power and how they relate to the state, enabling you to critically apply key concepts in political debate.

Understanding Political Research

In this module, you'll gain skills for independent research in politics. Design your own project, learn qualitative and quantitative methods and analyse a large political dataset to test for statistically significant relationships using various techniques

Plus one from:

Employability, Purpose and Social Impact

Global Challenges and Collaborative Solutions

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Taking an Idea and Making it Happen

Optional Modules

- + Inventing Rights
- + Information and Misinformation
- + Philosophy, Politics and Economics: Issues and Intersections
- + Government and Leadership in an Unstable World
- + Politics of Policy

Final Year

Core Modules

Politics Dissertation

Investigate an area of politics that is of particular interest to you by carrying out a detailed research project. The topic may be inspired by a module you've taken, or it may be less directly linked to course work but of special appeal to you.

Plus one from:

Technology and Social Justice

Queer Futures

People Power, Community Engagement and Collective Action

Confronting the Climate Crisis

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Artistic Fusions

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Optional Modules

- + The Use and Abuse of History
 - + Vikings and Sea-Kings: The Irish Sea Region, 794–1079
 - + Intelligent Design? Science, Religion and the Idea of Design in Nature, 1450–1800
 - + Victorian Bodies: Sex, Gender, Race and Power in Global Britain
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 - + Dangerous Thoughts: Soviet Dissent, Human Rights and the Cold War
 - + Russia and China
 - + Politics of Latin America and Africa
 - + The Politics of Borders and Migration
 - + Democracy Under Pressure
 - + Parliamentary Studies
 - + Policymaking in the Real World
 - + Politics of the Middle East and Asia Pacific
- See website for further optional modules.



Careers and employability

A Lancaster University history degree is a gateway to an exciting and rewarding career. History graduates are able to think critically, analyse evidence, structure an argument and communicate effectively. A degree in history offers you the combination of specialised knowledge and a comprehensive understanding of the world in which we live.

Careers service

Our careers service has connections with top graduate recruiters, high growth businesses and employers across diverse sectors. There are regular careers fairs, workshops and networking opportunities.

You can be matched with an employer or a graduate for one-to-one advice and take part in workshops such as writing a CV, developing a LinkedIn profile or succeeding at psychometric testing. We have a vast range of online resources as well as an exclusive job search portal. Our team of friendly, experienced careers professionals are always on hand to help and advise.

Graduate destinations

Our graduates go on to a wide variety of successful careers, including:

- + Government
- + Armed forces
- + Banking and finance
- + Business and marketing
- + Creative industries, including computer gaming
- + Journalism
- + Teaching
- + Academia
- + Heritage and museums

Many of our students take their skills to the next level by continuing with postgraduate studies.



Lydia graduated 2022

BA (Hons) History

Lydia graduated with a first-class BA Honours degree in History in 2022. During her studies she combined her passions for history and gaming to developing a game that explores the history of the plague in early modern Italy.

Lydia wrote a distinction-winning dissertation on the 16th/17th-century priest Matteo Ricci's translations and interpretations of Confucius in her final year.

Since completing her degree, Lydia has started a career in the gaming industry as a Quality Assurance Tester at Sports Interactive, the world's leading developer of football management simulations. In this role, she's applying the skills in research, project management and communications that she developed at university in one of the world's most rapidly expanding industries.





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