



## PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

| Part 1: Information                             |                                                                                     |
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| Awarding Institution                            | UWE                                                                                 |
| Teaching Institution                            | UWE                                                                                 |
| Delivery Location                               | UWE                                                                                 |
| Study abroad / Exchange / Credit recognition    |                                                                                     |
| Faculty responsible for programme               | Faculty of Arts, Creative Industries and Education                                  |
| Department responsible for programme            | Arts and Cultural Industries                                                        |
| Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body Links |                                                                                     |
| Highest Award Title                             | BA (Hons) English and History                                                       |
| Default Award Title                             | N/A                                                                                 |
| Fall-back Award Title                           |                                                                                     |
| Interim Award Titles                            | BA English and History<br>Dip HE English and History<br>Cert HE English and History |
| UWE Progression Route                           |                                                                                     |
| Mode of Delivery                                | SW, FT, PT                                                                          |
| ISIS code/s                                     | <b>ISIS2: QV31</b><br>QV31(FT), QV3A(SW)<br>With Foundation Year                    |
| For implementation from                         | September 2019                                                                      |

## Part 2: Description

The educational aims of Programme are to:

- provide a current curriculum which offers depth within and breadth across the subject areas through distinctive modules based on staff expertise;
- provide students with a thorough knowledge of English literary culture by exposing them to canonical and non-canonical texts from the Renaissance to the twenty-first century;
- develop students' critical practices that stress the crucial balance between close reading and theoretical/contextual models of interpretation;
- extend students' knowledge of the historical and intellectual frames of reference from which literature emerges;
- offer a distinctively varied learning and assessment portfolio which encourages the development of analytic skills, creative expression and critical argument;
- provide a supportive and responsive framework for students' academic and personal development;
- provide intellectually challenging and student-focused teaching that is informed and enriched by staff research;

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- offer distinctive and varied teaching practices, including individual tutorials, student-led seminars, lectorials, lectures, workshops and virtual learning environments;
- foster a progressive academic culture in which students mature and develop independence over the course of their degree;
- offer a compulsory curriculum that develops outward-facing, employable students who are fully conscious of the value of their subject-specific knowledge and skills;
- encourage students to practice their subject-specific knowledge and skills in real working environments through the employability strategy;
- offer modules that engage and connect with cognate programmes across the faculty, facilitating integrated learning opportunities;
- offer opportunities that address UWE's wider agenda, such as sustainability, childhood and the creative industries;
- understand the basic concerns of History as a discipline, which deals with the ideas, motivations, and interactions between individuals, organisations and societies in the past;
- to share the common critical, conceptual and analytical skills developed by all graduates of the History programme;
- introduce a comprehension of the development of the discipline and the variety of approaches adopted by its practitioners;
- to engage in reading and evaluation of primary sources of various kinds; to feel confident in contributing to intellectual debates; to analyse and evaluate the arguments of others; and to formulate and effectively communicate their own arguments in both oral and written modes;
- to envisage themselves as contributing to the cultural life of the academic community and beyond

**Description of any Distinctive Features**

English modules offer diverse opportunities to engage creatively with texts, for example, writing soliloquies and sonnets. The employability orientated English Independent Project is an optional level three module designed to provide pathways to future careers. Students can choose from: Dissertation; Research-based Creative Writing; Module Design; Anthology; Criticism and Review; Work Experience; Group Project.

History modules offer distinctive modes of assessment – including the making of short documentary films (part of the compulsory level one *Sources for Courses* module) and designing websites (part of the core level two *Project Management in History* module). There are opportunities to develop these skills in the level three *Applied Historical Research* module, which offers students a range of forms to choose from in presenting their research projects.

Level 0 consists of four year-long 30 credit modules in which the main focus is on the acquisition both of appropriate academic skills and of an awareness of the relevance to their future pathway in English Literature, English Literature with Writing, English and History, English Language and Literature, History, English and History, History, English Language and Linguistics, Creative and Professional Writing, Media and Cultural Production, Film Studies, Journalism, Journalism and Public Relations, or Media and Journalism. **Academic Skills in Arts and Humanities (UPCNA7-30-0)** will act as a “spine” to the year, supporting the other three modules through a variety of assessment methods, including a reflective journal. Students will be encouraged to develop as reflective learners and to understand the importance of the UWE graduate attributes. The teaching methods are designed to engage students and develop their core skills and confidence.

**Programme requirements for the purposes of the Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR)**

This programme encourages students to produce academic work of the highest caliber by achieving the stipulated learning outcomes for all of their modules. The programme brings together a developed knowledge of literature and history with an application of this knowledge to industry-facing scenarios and real-world tasks. Teaching, learning and assessment across all modules focuses on the development of skills applicable to a variety of careers aimed at the Cultural Industries and beyond. Students are advised to engage in extra-curricular activities, such as joining the English Society. In English, at level 3 the Kate Fullbrook Award is presented to the student who best exemplifies achievement in adversity; the Keith Davey Memorial Prize for the best English Independent Project is awarded to the highest achieving student

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on the module. In History the Trevor Johnson Prize is awarded for the best performance in Single Honours History BA; the Neil Edmunds Prize for best performance in Joint Honours.

**Regulations**

Approved to [University Regulations and Procedures](#)













**Part 4: Programme Structure**

This structure diagram demonstrates the student journey from Entry through to Graduation for a typical **full time undergraduate student** including:

- level and credit requirements
- interim award requirements
- module diet, including compulsory and optional modules

| ENTRY |         | Compulsory Modules                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Optional Modules | Interim Awards                                                                                                                                                      |
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|       | Level 0 | UPCNA7-30-0<br>Academic Skills for Arts and Humanities<br><br>UPCNA8-30-0<br>Bristol, Arts and Culture<br><br>UPCNA9-30-0<br>Thoughts, ideas and myths: past, present and future<br><br>UPCNC9-30-0<br>The Power of Words                                                                                                                                                            | None             | 120 credits at Level 0.<br><br>Successful completion of all level 0 modules required to permit progression to level 1.                                              |
|       | Level 1 | Compulsory Modules<br><br>UPGND7-15-1 Close Reading<br><br>UPGPPU-30-1<br>Literature and Ideas<br><br>UPGNDX-15-1 Imagined Worlds: Utopian and Dystopian Literature<br><br>UPHNE3-15-1<br>British History from the Black Death to the Peterloo Massacre<br><br>UPHNE4-15-1<br>Modern British History<br><br>UPHNE5-15-1 History and Evidence<br><br>UPGNE6-15-1 Working with History | None             | Interim Awards<br><br>Cert HE English and History<br><br>Credit Requirements:<br>240 credits<br>At least 100 credits at level 1 or above.<br>120 credits at level 0 |

|         | Compulsory Modules                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Optional Modules                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Interim Awards                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Level 2 | <p>UPGNCN-15-2<br/>Shakespeare's Heroes and Villains</p> <p>UPGNCQ-15-2<br/>Romanticism and Slavery in the Age of Revolution</p> <p>UPGNCR-15-2 Class and Culture in Victorian Literature</p> <p>UPGNCW-15-2 The Black Atlantic: from the Middle Passage to Hip Hop</p> | <p>Students must choose 60 credits from the following options:</p> <p>UPHPGN-30-2<br/>Project Management in History (If you wish to take <b>UPHPKC-30-3</b> Applied Historical Research at level 3 you must take this module)</p> <p>UPHPLN-30-2<br/>Public History: Representations of the Past 1400 to the present</p> <p>UPHPGX-30-2<br/>Crime and Protest 1750-1930</p> <p>UPHPHE-30-2<br/>The Making of Modern South Africa: Segregation, the State, and the Origins of Apartheid 1820-1948</p> <p>UPHPGQ-30-2<br/>Problems of Power: US History from 1776-Present</p> <p>UPHPHC-30-2<br/>Politics and Society in Ireland since 1750</p> <p>Contd.</p> | <p>Dip HE English and History</p> <p>Credit requirements:<br/>360 credits<br/>At least 100 credits at level 2 or above.<br/>At least 120 credits at level 1 or above.<br/>120 credits at level 0</p> |

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|  |  |  | <p>UPHPGL-30-2<br/>Men and Women in Imperial Britain c. 1700-1800</p> <p>UPHAVM-30-2<br/>War and Memory: Public History and Politics in Europe since 1945</p> <p>UPHPJ4-30-2<br/>The First English Empire - Britain, Ireland and France, c. 1000-1540</p> <p>UPHN5V-30-2<br/>Divine Right, Regicide and Revolution: Politics in Tudor and Stuart Britain, 1509-1689</p> <p>UPHPHB-30-2<br/>Themes in the Social and Political History of Fascism: Europe, 1890-1945</p> <p>UPHPHP-30-2<br/>Britain's Second Empire: The Transformation from Empire to Commonwealth, 1820-1965</p> |  |
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**Placement Year (taken between years 2 and 3)** For students on the sandwich route. – a significant period of paid employment or self-employment. A typical placement lasts for 26 weeks or more. During this time students must complete the 30 credit level 3 module, Professional Development on Placement UPNNA5-30-3.

This module assesses the student's personal development, from the experience of placement and their ability to identify issues relevant to their Placement's organisational context and to then frame, scale and position a critical work-based enquiry relevant to the specialism of the degree.

This provides a rich process in which student can make links between theory and practice, reassess themselves and confront the challenges of carrying out a role in a new organisation whilst knowing that they will have the opportunity to be supported if there is a problem and that they will be returning to the programme for a further period of reflection and learning after the placement is completed.

**To be eligible for Placement students would normally be expected to have passed a minimum of 210 credits**

**Placement learning:** may include a practice placement: (Please note this should not be confused with Placement Year)

Students choosing the Level 3 history option module **History in the Public Space** will be expected to participate in a placement equivalent of 20 days' work experience. This may operate as a block, or as one day per week depending upon the requirements of the placement organisation. Placement as a block enables students to carry out the work outside of the teaching timetable (e.g. during vacations) whilst a one day per week placement allows students to take other modules without interference. The exact timing of the placement will be decided before allocation to students so that they are fully aware of commitment requirements.

As there is no expectation that students will be paid for their work, placements will normally take place in the Bristol area. Placement organisations will be made aware that any additional travel should be covered at their own expense.

|         | Compulsory Modules | Optional Modules                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Interim Awards                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Level 3 | None               | <p>Students must take 60 English and 60 History credits from:</p> <p><i>Students who have completed a Placement (and passed the relevant modules) are required to select 30-60 credits from English, and 30-60 credits from History up to a maximum credit value of 90 credits</i></p> <p>UPGPPD-30-3<br/>English Independent Project<br/>(if you choose this module you must not take UPHPKC-30-3 Applied Historical Research)</p> <p>UPGPPR-30-3<br/>Children's Fiction since 1900</p> <p>UPGPTF-30-3<br/>Contemporary British Fiction</p> <p>UPGP6K-30-3<br/>Crime and Detection in Nineteenth-Century Literature</p> <p>UPGPPA-30-3 Contemporary American Narrative</p> <p>UPGPFS-30-3<br/>Gothic Literature</p> <p>UPHPKC-30-3<br/>Applied Historical Research<br/>(if you choose this option you must not take UPGPPD-30-3 EIP).</p> <p>UPHPL4-30-3<br/>History in the Public Space</p> <p>UPHPL5-30-3<br/>Mafias, Mythologies, and Criminal Networks: The United States and the Globalization of Crime</p> <p>contd</p> | <p>BA English and History</p> <p>Credit requirements: 420 credits</p> <p>At least 60 credits at level 3 or above.</p> <p>At least 100 credits at level 2 or above.</p> <p>At least 140 credits at level 1 or above.</p> <p>120 credits at level 0.</p> |

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|  |  |  | <p>UPHPLH-30-3<br/>Arc of Crisis: Great Power Rivalries in the Near East 1821-1991</p> <p>UPHPJY-30-3<br/>Stalin and Stalinism</p> <p>UPHPKQ-30-3<br/>Crowds, Disorder and the Law in England, 1730-1820</p> <p>UPHPJC-30-3<br/>The Collapse of Empire and Colonial War: British and French Decolonization, 1918-1965</p> <p>UPHN5U-30-3<br/>Resistance to Fascism and Nazism in Western Europe: the Spanish Civil War and Occupied France, 1936-45</p> <p>UPHAVQ-30-3<br/>Youth and Youth Culture in Modern Britain</p> | <p><b>HIGHEST AWARD:</b><br/>BA(Hons) English and History<br/>Credit requirements: 480 credits<br/>At least 100 credits at level 3 or above.<br/>At least 100 credits at level 2 or above.<br/>At least 140 credits at level 1 or above.<br/>120 credits at level 0.</p> |
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**Part time:**

The following structure diagram demonstrates the **ideal** student journey from Entry through to Graduation for a typical **part time student**.

|                  | Compulsory Modules                                                                                                   | Optional Modules | Interim awards                                                                                                                |
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| Level 0 Year 1   | <p>UPCNA7-30-0<br/>Academic Skills for Arts and Humanities</p> <p>UPCNA8-30-0<br/>Bristol, Arts and Culture</p>      | <i>None</i>      | <p>120 credits at Level 0.</p> <p>Successful completion of all level 0 modules required to permit progression to level 1.</p> |
| Level 0 Year 1.2 | <p>UPCNA9-30-0<br/>Thoughts, ideas and myths: past, present and future</p> <p>UPCNC9-30-0<br/>The Power of Words</p> |                  |                                                                                                                               |

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|  | Compulsory Modules                                                                                                                                              | Optional Modules                                       | Interim Awards                                                                                                                                                                     |
|  | Year 2.1<br>UPGND7-15-1 Close Reading<br>UPGNDX-15-1 Imagined Worlds<br>UPHNE5-15-1 History and Evidence<br>UPHNE6-15-1 Working with History                    | None                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|  | Year 2.2<br>UPGPPU-30-1 Literature and Ideas<br>UPHNE3-15-1 British History from the Black Death to the Peterloo Massacre<br>UPHNE4-15-1 Modern British History | None                                                   | Cert HE English and History<br>Credit Requirements: 240 credits<br>At least 100 credits at level 1 or above.<br>120 credits at level 0                                             |
|  | Compulsory Modules                                                                                                                                              | Optional Modules:                                      | Interim Awards                                                                                                                                                                     |
|  | Year 3.1<br>UPGNCN-15-2 Shakespeare's Heroes and Villains<br>UPGNCQ-15-2 Romanticism and Slavery in the Age of Revolution                                       | (students must choose 30 credits from History modules) |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|  | Compulsory Modules                                                                                                                                              | Optional Modules<br>60 credits                         | Interim Awards                                                                                                                                                                     |
|  | Year 3.2<br>UPGNCR-15-2 Class and Culture in Victorian Literature<br>UPGNCW The Black Atlantic: from the Middle Passage to Hip Hop                              | Students must choose 30 credits from History modules   | Dip HE English and History<br>Credit requirements: 360 credits<br>At least 100 credits at level 2 or above.<br>At least 120 credits at level 1 or above.<br>120 credits at level 0 |

|          | Compulsory Modules | Optional Modules<br>60 credits                                                           | Interim Awards                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Year 4.1 | none               | Students must choose 30 credits from English modules and 30 credits from History modules | BA English and History<br>Credit requirements: 420 credits<br>At least 60 credits at level 3 or above.<br>At least 100 credits at level 2 or above.<br>At least 140 credits at level 1 or above.<br>120 credits at level 0 |

|          | Compulsory Modules | Optional Modules<br>60 credits                                                           | Interim Awards                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Year 4.2 | none               | Students must choose 30 credits from English modules and 30 credits from History modules | <b>HIGHEST AWARD:</b><br>BA(Hons) English and History<br><br>Credit requirements: 480 credits<br>At least 100 credits at level 3 or above.<br>At least 100 credits at level 2 or above.<br>At least 140 credits at level 1 or above.<br>120 credits at level 0. |

### Part 5: Entry Requirements

The University's Standard Entry Requirements apply

### Part 6: Reference Points and Benchmarks

Description of **how** the following reference points and benchmarks have been used in the design of the programme:

[Strategy 2020](#)

[QAA UK Quality Code for HE](#)

National qualification framework  
Subject benchmark statements

[University strategies and policies](#)

The learning outcomes that underlie the educational aims of the UWE undergraduate English programme are broadly in line with QAA Benchmark Statement (2007) and FHEQ qualification

**Part 6: Reference Points and Benchmarks**

descriptors (2008). Learning outcomes are level-specific, increasing in terms of sophistication and complexity with each level. The learning outcomes of UWE English increasingly involve creative opportunities in line with the QAA Benchmark Standards (2007). In the case of the English Independent Project, which has several types of assessment, specific learning outcomes clearly express the equivalence of the range of projects. Assessments operate within QAA Benchmarking guidelines and within the regulatory framework offered by the University's 'Academic Regulations and Procedures' and 'The Academic Quality Management and Enhancement Framework.' Staff research feeds into modules at various levels, and in particular at level three, where modules are created in line with staff expertise as well as what will develop and be of practical use to our students in the workplace. Students are encouraged to attend staff research papers and activities. We have consulted closely with Careers, and part of the programme development was informed by a UWE Learning and Teaching Fellowship project run by a member of the team. Employability skills are developed across modules through appropriate methods of teaching and learning to improve students' employment prospects.

History provision is underlain by the QAA Benchmark Statement (2007) and the (2008) FHEQ qualification descriptors. Level-specific learning outcomes increase in terms of sophistication and complexity with each level. QAA Benchmarking guidelines and the University's 'Academic Regulations and Procedures' and 'The Academic Quality Management and Enhancement Framework' govern assessment. Staff research feeds into modules across levels 1-3: especially at level three, where modules align with staff expertise. Students are encouraged to attend staff research papers and activities. These are offered under the aegis of the Regional History Centre. We consult closely with colleagues in careers/volunteering concerning module development. Employability skills are developed across modules through appropriate methods of teaching and learning to improve students' employment prospects.

What methods have been used in the development of this programme to evaluate and improve the quality and standards of learning? This could include consideration of stakeholder feedback from, for example current students, graduates and employers.

- Formal and informal student feedback (e.g., Student Representative Staff Forum, Module Evaluation);
- Focus groups with current students;
- Ongoing consultation with Careers;
- Feedback from Academic Review in 2012 (the English Programme was reviewed), for which the panel included current and former students as well as external colleagues;
- Case studies as part of a UWE Learning and Teaching fellowship project - a University wide feedback study;
- Consultation with academic peers.



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| Date of last Periodic Curriculum Review  |                                           |         |   |                                   |