



PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information	
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
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 Dip HE English and History Cert HE English and History
UWE Progression Route	
Mode of Delivery	SW, FT with foundation year
ISIS code/s	ISIS2: QV31 QV31(FT), QV3A(SW)
For implementation from	September 2020

Part 2: Description
<p>The educational aims of Programme are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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.

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.

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

This programme encourages students to produce academic work of the highest calibre 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 3: Learning Outcomes of the Programme																																							
<i>Learning Outcomes:</i>	UPGND7-15-1	UPGPPU-30-1	UPGNDX-15-1	UPHNE3-15-1	UPHNE4-15-1	UPHNE5-15-1	UPHNE6-15-1	UPGNCN-15-2	UPGNCQ-15-2	UPGNCR-15-2	UPGNCW-15-2	UPHNFK-15-2	UPHNFL-15-2	UPHNH4-15-2	UPHNFN-15-2	UPHNFP-15-2	UPGNFT-15-2	UPHNFS-15-2	UPHNFV-15-2	UPHNFW-15-2	UPHNG9-15-2	UPGPPD-30-3	UPGPPR-30-3	UPGPFS-30-3	UPGPTF-30-3	UPGPPA-30-3	UPGPPP-30-3	UPHPKQ-30-3	UPHPKC-30-3	UPHN5U-30-3	UPHPJC-30-3	UPHPLH-30-3	UPHPL5-30-3	UPHPL4-30-3	UPHPJY-30-3	UPHAVQ-30-3	UPGP6K-30-3		
to understand, apply and develop concepts	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
to synthesise different types of information	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
to evaluate primary and secondary evidence	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
(C) Subject/Professional/ Practical Skills																																							
the ability to apply appropriate techniques of literary criticism to the written interpretation and analysis of texts	X	X	X					X	X	X	X											X	X	X	X	X	X										X		
the ability to design and produce a substantial piece of independent research or personal writing													X									X					X		X										
knowledge of the conventions of literary research and presentation, including citation and referencing	X	X	X					X	X	X	X											X	X	X	X	X	X											X	
the ability to work, communicate and participate in groups	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
acquiring complex information of diverse kinds, from a variety of sources (library, internet, corpora, discussion with peers)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
the ability to use and present material clearly, and to reason and argue effectively, both orally and in writing, using the appropriate register and style and with proper referencing	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
the ability to research topics using electronic and hard-copy sources	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
the ability to make concise and structured presentations		X												X				X	X		X	X		X		X			X		X	X	X	X		X	X		

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
	Level 0	UPCNA7-30-0 Academic Skills for Arts and Humanities UPCNA8-30-0 Bristol, Arts and Culture UPCNA9-30-0 Thoughts, ideas and myths: past, present and future UPCNC9-30-0 The Power of Words	None	120 credits at Level 0. Successful completion of all level 0 modules required to permit progression to level 1.

		Compulsory Modules	Optional Modules	Awards
	Level 1	UPGND7-15-1 Close reading UPGPPU-30-1 Literature and Ideas UPGNDX-15-1 Imagined Worlds: Utopian and Dystopian Literature UPHNE3-15-1 British History from the Black Death to the Peterloo Massacre UPHNE4-15-1 Modern British History UPHNE5-15-1 History and Evidence UPGNE6-15-1 Working with History	None	Cert HE English and History 120 credits

	Compulsory Modules	Optional Modules	Interim Awards
Level 2	UPGNCN-15-2 Shakespeare's Heroes and Villains UPGNCQ-15-2 Romanticism and Slavery in the Age of Revolution UPGNCR-15-2 Class and Culture in Victorian Literature UPGNCW-15-2 The Black Atlantic: from the Middle Passage to Hip Hop UPHNFK-15-2 History in Practice UPHNFL-15-2 Making History OR UPHNH4-15-2 Mediated Histories: Film	Students must choose 30 credits from History options: UPHNFN-15-2 Exploring the Slum: Poverty and Urban Society in 19th and 20th Century Britain UPHNFP-15-2 - Sex and the Social Order. Gender and Sexuality in Modern Britain UPHNFS-15-2 Pirates, Merchants, Colonisers: Britain and the World c 1497-1688 UPHNFT-15-2 Chocolate, Spices and Slavery: The World Comes to Britain c 1497-1688 UPHNFV-15-2 Crime and the Courts: Law, Criminal Justice and English Society from the 18th Century UPHNFW-15-2 Punishment: Penal Policy in England UPHNG9-15-2 The Global Sixties: Utopia and Protest	Dip HE English and History 240 credits

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
Level 3	None	<p>Students must take 60 English and 60 History credits from: <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 English Independent Project (if you choose this module you must not take UPHPKC-30-3 Applied Historical Research)</p> <p>UPGP6K-30-3 Crime and Detection in Nineteenth-Century Literature</p> <p>UPGPPA-30-3 Contemporary American Narrative</p> <p>UPGPFS-30-3 Gothic Literature</p> <p>UPHPKC-30-3 Applied Historical Research (if you choose this option you must not take UPGPPD-30-3 EIP).</p> <p>UPHPL4-30-3 History in the Public Space</p> <p>UPHPL5-30-3 Mafias, Mythologies, and Criminal Networks: The United States and the Globalization of Crime</p> <p>contd</p>	BA English and History 300 credits

		<p>UPHPLH-30-3 Arc of Crisis: Great Power Rivalries in the Near East 1821-1991</p> <p>UPHPJY-30-3 Stalin and Stalinism</p> <p>UPHPKQ-30-3 Crowds, Disorder and the Law in England, 1730-1820</p> <p>UPHPJC-30-3 The Collapse of Empire and Colonial War: British and French Decolonization, 1918-1965</p> <p>UPHN5U-30-3 Resistance to Fascism and Nazism in Western Europe: the Spanish Civil War and Occupied France, 1936-45</p> <p>UPHAVQ-30-3 Youth and Youth Culture in Modern Britain</p>	<p>HIGHEST AWARD: BA(Hons) English and History 360 credits</p>
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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 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

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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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