



Get ready for BA(Hons) History

We hope that you are looking forward to starting at UWE Bristol. As your Programme Leaders, we warmly welcome you onto BA(Hons) History.

We have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us. We look forward to meeting you.

Rose Wallis and Martin Simpson
Programme Leaders

Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 15 September for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the [Starting Block webpage](#) for more details.

Your [timetable](#) will be available to you via [MYUWE](#) (login required) once you have started the registration process. Please visit the '[Understanding your teaching timetable](#)' webpage to find out when your timetable will be published.

Preparing and arrival

You can find everything you need to know about registration, Starting Block and the start of teaching on our [Preparing and Arrival](#) webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the [library](#), [study skills](#), [academic support](#), [health and wellbeing support](#) and much more.

Registration

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the [MYUWE](#) platform where you can register. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Registration for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our [Registration](#) website.

ID card - upload your photo now

We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to [MYUWE](#). To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive login details. For help, go to our [student card guidance](#).

Engage with your programme

Read around your subject

A key skill which is required to achieve a high level of success on the history programme is the ability to think critically about key issues and practices. To help you to enhance these skills and be ready to engage with your studies, you should start to read and research around your subject before you arrive. Explore the [Library](#) web pages to see the wide range of resources available to you once you become a UWE Bristol student.

In the first year of your history degree, you will be taking modules that reflect the breadth of research expertise in our team, exploring themes in Global, European, and British History from the Early Modern period to the present, as well as introducing you to the practice of becoming an historian. The best way to prepare for your degree is to read history books which interest you! We encourage you to read as widely as possible about any period of history that you find interesting – it is only by reading that you discover what kinds of history you like.

UWE History colleagues have created a [list of reading recommendations](#), including general interest history books, important primary texts, introductory textbooks, fiction, and online resources, documentaries and podcasts.

You are not expected to purchase the books on the list, nor to read exhaustively from them before you start your undergraduate studies; they are intended to give you an idea of the kinds of material you might engage with during your degree at UWE.

Connect with others

Keep in touch via the UWE History [community blog](#) or feel free to contact us directly as programme leaders. The student-led UWE History society also has a Twitter account: [@HistoryUwe](#)

Be prepared

Access support

Check the information on our [Disability Support web pages](#) so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact us as your programme leaders.

Get equipped

The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use in your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact the [Student Money Service](#) for advice and guidance.

See the UWE website for detailed information on [choosing your IT equipment](#) including [recommended specifications](#).

For the history programme we recommend the **Core Specification**.

International students

[The Global Student Support Team](#) offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you to adapt to your new environment.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the course, please contact the Programme Leaders:

Rose Wallis via email at Rose2.Wallis@uwe.ac.uk

Martin Simpson via email at Martin.Simpson@uwe.ac.uk

Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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