



# BA (Hons) History & Heritage



## What is the degree about?

This is an exciting new degree from University College Isle of Man (UCM) and the University of Chester. UCM is one of the few places in the world where you can study for an undergraduate degree in History & Heritage.

If you want to learn more about life in the past, about how the past influences us today, and about the development of the modern heritage industry, then the History & Heritage degree is for you.

Modules on a variety of aspects of history and heritage (from the local to the international) will encourage you to reflect critically on significant historical events and themes, and on the way in which heritage is constructed and managed today.

It's a wide-ranging degree which will cover aspects of history and heritage ranging in period from ancient times to the late 20th century and, geographically, encompassing the Isle of Man, the UK, Europe, and the wider world.

You can choose to study full-time (3 years) or part-time (6 years), giving you the flexibility to manage your studies around the rest of your life.

We welcome applications from both school-leavers and mature students.

*"This is such an interesting degree and you learn so much even in your first few weeks. I am so glad I took the plunge and did it, and I'm excited to see what the second year brings." (Andrea)*

## A University of Chester degree



As a University of Chester student, you will also have access to a range of Chester facilities, such as their online library resources, and their careers service.

As an Associate College of the University of Chester, we have a close working relationship with the University's Department of History and Archaeology. If you wish, you can choose to transfer to Chester's History degree programme after your first or second year.

UCM Students on a fieldtrip to Chester

# What will I study?

You will study a variety of subjects relating to the history and heritage of the Isle of Man, Britain, Europe, and the wider world. Each year, you will study a number of core modules, and you will also be able to choose from a range of optional modules.

The Isle of Man is an ideal place to study history and heritage. The Island has a strong sense of its own history, both locally, and globally in terms of the Island's historic connections with the outside world. The Island also has a unique heritage and a strong and growing heritage industry.

You will also have the opportunity to learn from the experts. Lectures will be given by those who are directly involved in the study of history and heritage and those who work in the heritage industry.

## History

The primary focus of the degree is on history. You will study a range of core modules that will introduce you to history as an academic discipline, enable you to explore some of history's most significant events, and will help you to develop your skills as independent historical researchers.

Optional modules cover a wide range of topics, including American civil rights, the English Civil War, Manx history and heritage, ancient Greece and Rome, the Russian Revolution, the Celts, nineteenth-century crime and punishment, the evolution of the welfare state, the French Revolution, and folklore.





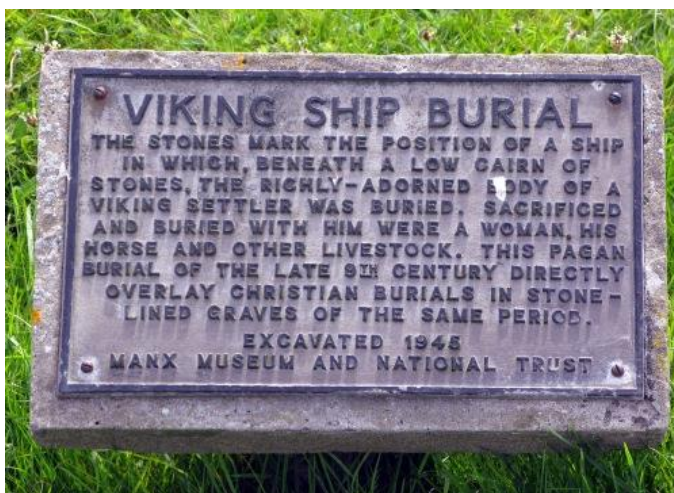
Students will have access to a wide range of resources for the study of history and heritage. In addition to the resources available through the University of Chester and UCM, the Manx National Heritage Library & Archives contains a wealth of documentary material, both printed and manuscript, which will give you the opportunity to examine primary sources first hand. A significant amount of material, including all of the Manx newspapers prior to 1960, is now available online through the iMuseum.

## Heritage

Heritage represents those aspects of our past that are still active today, whether buildings and landscapes, or customs and traditions such as music and dance. This makes it an ideal subject to study in conjunction with history. Heritage gives us a different perspective on the study of history and on the way in which history impacts upon us today.

You will study one core heritage module per year. In addition, a number of the other modules include a heritage element. The heritage modules will allow you to explore questions such as: 'What is heritage?' 'Who decides what constitutes heritage?' and 'What should be protected for future generations?' We will look at some of the big questions and issues in heritage studies today, including heritage and tourism, so-called 'dark' heritage sites such as Auschwitz, and the trade in portable antiquities.

The Isle of Man has a very strong heritage industry which means that we have extensive resources on the Island for the study of heritage. You will have the opportunity to study these local resources first-hand, as a means of getting to grips with global heritage issues.



*"I didn't realise the depth of history, archaeology and culture the Isle of Man has to offer, particularly the wealth of archaeological sites which survive all over the island. The enthusiasm and expertise of the lecturers, and the numerous field trips brought all of this to life, and linked it all together in this one course." (Paul)*

We will be working very closely with Manx National Heritage to deliver some of the sessions on heritage, and will be using their expertise to explore what it is like to work in the heritage industry today.

## Work Placement

In your second year, you will have the option of undertaking a five-week work placement. Taught classes enable you to recognise and develop your current strengths and skills, and to ascertain what types of careers you might enjoy. We will also help you to arrange a work placement with an organisation of your choosing. If you prefer, we can arrange for you to carry out your work placement in Chester, or elsewhere in Europe or the wider world.



If you don't wish to undertake a work placement, you can opt to carry out an independent research project instead. The research project will help to develop your skills as a researcher, and we will guide you through the process of developing a research idea, conducting academic research, and writing up your results.

# First Year Modules

## Core Modules

- ***Constructing History***

This module introduces the study of history. It begins by asking, 'What is history?' and looks at the development of history as an academic discipline and the different ways in which people have approached the study of history.

- ***Turning Points in History: Europe and the Wider World, 1000-2000***

This module provides an overview of the major events in European history over the last thousand years. This will give you a good grounding which you will build on as the degree progresses.

- ***Understanding Heritage***

This module is an introduction to the study of heritage. It introduces heritage as a concept, asking 'What is heritage?' and 'Who does it belong to?' It looks at the development of the heritage industry since the 1970s and uses local and international case studies to examine how heritage is interpreted and presented to the public.

## Optional Modules

You will choose two of the following (not all modules will be available every year):

- ***Greeks, Etruscans, Romans & Celts: Introduction to European Classical Archaeology***
- ***Introduction to the Isle of Man***
- ***The Celts in History and Heritage***
- ***Britain 1945-1990: Attlee to Thatcher - From Consensus to Conflict***
- ***Introduction to Folklore***
- ***The Roots of State Welfare 1830 - 1946***
- ***The Making of Modern Ireland 1603-1923***
- ***The Crusades, 1095-1204***
- ***Martyrs, Missionaries and Mystics: The Age of Reformations c.1450-1650***

# Second Year Modules

## Core Modules

- ***Debates in History***

This module looks at one specific historical event, the Great Depression, and examines not only what happened and why, but looks at the way in which this event has been interpreted in different ways by different historians.

- ***The Role of Heritage***

This module examines some of the key issues in heritage studies, such as the role of museums in society, the popularity of 'dark heritage' sites such as Auschwitz, the interaction between heritage and tourism, the effect on indigenous communities, and the trade in portable antiquities.

## Optional Modules

You will choose one of the following:

- ***Researching History & Heritage***

This module allows you to undertake an independent research project on a subject of your choosing, with guidance from your supervisor.

- ***Enhancing your Employability through Work-Based Learning***

This module helps you to identify the skills that you already have and those which you wish to gain, and to identify what type of job you might want to go into. It culminates with a five-week work-placement in a setting of your choosing.

You will also choose two of the following (not all modules will be available every year):

- ***A History of the Isle of Man: AD979 to the Present***
- ***Ancient Greece – A Collision of Cultures***
- ***Europe in the Age of Revolutions***
- ***Seeking the Promised Land: Black America, 1865-1977***
- ***The Supernatural in the Early-Modern World***
- ***Oral History***
- ***Key Thinkers of the 18<sup>th</sup>-Century Enlightenment***
- ***Crime and Poverty: Controlling the 19<sup>th</sup> Century City***

# Third Year Modules

## Core Modules

- ***History & Heritage Dissertation***

An 8,000-10,000-word dissertation on a subject of your choosing.

- ***Heritage in Practice***

This module looks at the experience and practical aspects of working in the heritage industry today. It asks: 'What decisions do you have to take?' 'What other organisations do you have to engage with?' 'How do you engage different audiences at your heritage sites?' 'What are the economic realities of managing a heritage resource?' A number of the sessions will be delivered by experts from Manx National Heritage.

## Optional Modules

Choose three of the following (not all modules will be available every year):

- ***Reconstructing Identity: The Celtic Revival in Britain, Ireland, and the Isle of Man***
- ***Serfs, Soldiers, and Revolutionaries: The People of the Russian Revolution, 1917-1921***
- ***Ancient Rome – Aspects of Empire***
- ***The English Revolution: Causes, Course and Consequences***
- ***Language, Nationalism and Identity***
- ***Critical Reflections on the French Revolution***
- ***Historical Sources: The English Revolution***
- ***Land, Poverty, and Conflict: The Scottish Highlands, 1790-1925***
- ***The New Scandinavia***



## How will I study?



You will engage in various types of study throughout your degree. These include lectures, seminars (involving group discussions), individual tutorials (which allow you to discuss issues with your module tutor), field trips to sites around the island, library and archive sessions, working on research projects (either on your own or as part of a group), and independent study.



*"It was one of the best things I have ever done. I wish I could do it again. It gave me new skills in technology and presentation, and allowed me to meet great staff and fellow students." (Lucy)*

First-year students learning some geophysics

In your first year, you will spend around 12 hours per week in class (full-time). In addition, you will need to do a significant amount of independent study. This may include reading to prepare for lectures or seminars, preparing presentations for seminars, working on group projects with your fellow students, or preparing your assignments.



## How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed through various types of assignments. Most modules have more than one kind of assessment. For some modules, you may have to write an essay and sit an exam; for other modules you may have to write a book review, or prepare an analysis of an historical document. Other forms of assessment include oral presentations, blog postings, portfolios, and projects.

The variety of assessments helps you to develop a whole range of different skills throughout your degree.

## Why Study at UCM?

UCM has a thriving Higher Education community of around 300 students.

Studying on-Island isn't better or worse than studying at a UK University – it's just different. And it does have some advantages. It allows you to maintain your family and social networks, and continue with, or find, part-time employment, while also engaging in new activities through UCM.

*“The best thing for me doing the course on the IOM is that I didn't have to go through the process of looking for a new house or flat to live in or move into student accommodation. Everything here is right on my doorstep which helps a lot”  
(Manos)*





## Resources

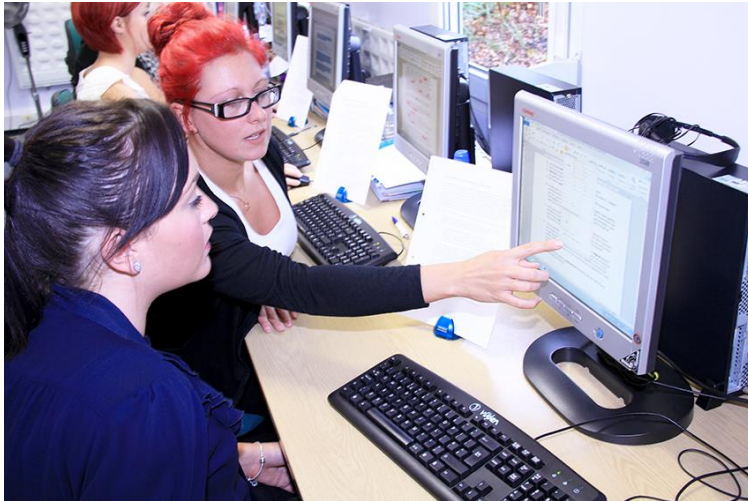
As a student of both UCM and the University of Chester, you will enjoy the best of both worlds, including access to a wide range of academic resources that are available at both institutions.

UCM has dedicated study space for students, which includes computer and internet access (including wifi). It also has a well-equipped library, with friendly staff that are always willing to help you find what you need.



You will have access to a variety of online student resources through the University of Chester. The University library has a wide range of online material, including online journals, ebooks, and academic databases.

The University's online learning environment gives you direct access to module information and resources, and enables you to check and submit coursework electronically. You will also have access to Chester's extensive careers service.



*"I enjoy studying at the Isle of Man College because it allows me to be near my family and continue to live on the Isle of Man. I find it's better to study in smaller groups, which is not always possible in the UK." (Kate)*

## **High Success Rate**

Students at UCM have a very high success rate, with 71% of students graduating with either a 1<sup>st</sup> class or a 2:1 degree. This is partly due to our excellent tutors and extensive academic resources, but is also a result of our small class sizes, which means that students get a very high level of individual academic support throughout their degree.



*"I have got a tremendous amount from the course and this was helped by the very high standard of the teaching staff." (David)*



## Get Employed

Employability is built into the degree at every level, giving you the skills you need to prepare to enter the workplace.

In a second year optional module, you will receive specific training to help you determine what kind of career you might like, culminating in a five-week work placement.

*“Studying on Island opens up doors for future employment, built into the course are opportunities to meet potential employers and get yourselves known ... it’s not just about ‘getting a degree’. You get lots of support and teaching groups are small.” (Jenny)*

Studying on the Isle of Man also gives you the opportunity to connect with potential employers. Typically, 91% of UCM students found relevant employment on or before graduating.



*“The benefits of doing your degree on the Island are that you do work experience so, if you want to build your career here, you already have strong ties within the business community.” (Haydn)*

## **Boost Your CV**

Studying at UCM will also give you the opportunity to add to your CV by getting involved in numerous activities and events.

You can make your voice heard by joining the Student Council, or by becoming a Student Representative, or you could even stand for election as Student President.

You can also study for the Duke of Edinburgh Award at UCM, giving you the chance to develop additional life and work skills. This makes a great addition to any CV.

UCM hosts numerous fundraising events for charities on and off the Island. Our Student Engagement Officer is always ready to consider new fundraising ideas.

## **Enjoy a Varied Social Life**

As well as maintaining your social life outside of UCM, you will have the opportunity to engage in a whole new range of activities.



UCM has a Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator who helps promote our healthy ethos, and provides a range of specialist confidential services for students. There is also a weekly physical activity programme that includes boxing, kettlebells, yoga, and table tennis.

UCM has a number of sporting teams, including badminton and football (men's and women's).

You can also get involved in the annual HE Challenge which pits different subject areas against each other in a 'University Challenge' style competition.



If you have any ideas for activities that you would like to develop at UCM, our Student Engagement Officer will be able to help you.

## **Academic and Welfare Support**

UCM has a dedicated Academic Support Centre with highly-trained staff available to provide guidance on academic writing and research and study skills, and to provide individual support where required.

UCM's Student Welfare Officer provides support for a wide range of personal and financial issues and works with students on their personal development and self-management skills. This can help you with issues such as work-life balance, managing stress or anxiety, and financial budgeting.



History & Heritage students on a field-trip to The Grove Museum of Victorian Life

## What will I gain from my degree?

Through your studies you will acquire not only specific knowledge and skills relating to history and heritage, but also the general transferrable skills which are highly valued and sought by employers. These include problem solving, analytical and interpretive skills, intellectual rigour and critical thinking, independence and creativity, presentational and communication skills (both oral and written), computing and IT skills, and effective time management.

*"I've learned how to look at issues in more depth and from more than one perspective; not to take 'evidence' and 'facts' at face value; and that there really are lessons to be learnt from history." (Pauline)*

The optional five-week work placement will give you the skills you need to enter the workplace and develop your career.

Project-related assignments and group-work will help you to develop important skills in team-working and in project development and management.



*"For me, the qualities of my degree focus on the skills I gained. These include writing and vocabulary skills, being able to form a reasoned conclusion by acknowledging both sides of an argument, researching, and problem solving. All of these skills are extremely relevant to a wide range of careers." (Amy)*

## What are my career prospects?

The skills gained by history and heritage graduates are highly valued in the workplace and a degree in history and heritage will open up a world of employment possibilities. It will also equip you to undertake further academic study.

If you're not quite sure yet what sector you want to go into, a degree in history and heritage will provide you with the skills you need to find work in a range of different areas.

History and heritage graduates routinely find employment in business, management, law, the media, marketing, government, public relations, civil service, education, and heritage & tourism.

*“Many of my friends have gone into the Marketing sector, as many skills transfer very well. I myself have gone into journalism as I now work at Manx Radio. I also know many people who have done conversion courses to Law because, again, the skills learned fit extremely well into that sector.”*  
(Amy)





## What qualifications do I need?

If you have recently or are about to leave school with A-Levels, you will need 96 UCAS points.

Mature applicants (over 21) will be considered on the basis of their previous academic achievements, work experience, or professional qualifications. Please contact UCM for further details.

## Fees

Information about fees can be found on the UCM website. Student Services are happy to provide guidance on financial matters to prospective students.

Most school-leavers will be eligible for a grant from the Isle of Man Government that will cover the cost of tuition fees. Grant-holders do not need to pay the student contribution that is required when studying at UK universities.

Some students may also be eligible for a maintenance grant.

Please visit the Isle of Man Government's Student Awards webpage for further information about the grants available.

## How to Apply

For further information about the BA (Hons) History & Heritage, or to apply:

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Email us: [HE@ucm.ac.im](mailto:HE@ucm.ac.im)

Telephone us: [648365](tel:648365)

Application forms can be downloaded from the programme webpage and should be submitted directly to UCM.