Department of History

Sophister Handbook
2021-22

Joint Honours (Junior Soph)
TSM History (Senior Soph)
Important Information On COVID-19 Restrictions

Modes of Teaching and Learning

In order to offer taught programmes in line with government health and safety advice, teaching and learning in Semester 1 up to reading week for your programme will follow a blended model that combines online and in-person elements to be attended on campus. This blended model will include offering online lectures for larger class groupings, as well as in-person or online classes for smaller groups. The differing modes of teaching and learning for particular modules are determined by your home School. Information on the modes of teaching and learning during the second part of Semester 1 and in Semester 2 will be available closer to the time.

Registered students are expected to be available to attend in-person teaching activities. Any request not to attend in person for exceptional reasons (such as travel restrictions or underlying health conditions) will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the relevant Head of School in consultation with College Health and there is no guarantee that these requests can be facilitated. It will depend on whether the programme learning outcomes and modes of assessment can be met through remote attendance.

For those students not currently in Ireland or planning to undertake travel before the start of term, if they are returning from a country that requires mandatory hotel quarantining or self-quarantining/isolating on arrival in Ireland, they are expected to allow for the period of restricted movement after arrival and prior to commencement of their studies, and therefore should factor this into their travel plans.

We would ask all students to adhere to the safety protocols when on campus for in-person teaching activities or student club and society events, i.e., mask wearing, hand washing, cough etiquette and to maintain social distancing. Please do not congregate outside lecture or tutorial rooms after your classes; we would ask you to exit the building immediately after your event has finished. When term starts on 13 September (or 27 September for first years), students will be permitted on campus for any in-person events that they are involved in. Access to campus will be via a valid student ID card.
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**Introduction**

We are delighted to welcome you back to a new year in the Department of History. While some of you are moving into your final year, others are making the transition from the Fresh to the Sophister stage of the programme, and this handbook will guide you through your studies in the Department in 2021-22. We hope that you will engage fully with the Department this year, not just in modules, but also in our weekly Departmental Research Seminars. Full details of these seminars will be posted on the Departmental web page and on Twitter, and we would certainly encourage you to attend these seminars when your schedule allows.

This handbook provides essential information about your History programme. It supplements information in the University Calendar. In the event of conflict or inconsistency between the General Regulations published in the University Calendar and information contained in our handbooks, the General Regulations prevail. The University Calendar is available at [http://www.tcd.ie/calendar/](http://www.tcd.ie/calendar/)

More detailed information on individual modules is provided in the relevant module guides and on the Department website [https://www.tcd.ie/history/](https://www.tcd.ie/history/). Module guides will also be provided through Blackboard.

As a Department we expect certain things of you:

- to read this handbook carefully
- to read your Trinity e-mails regularly
- to set aside at least 40 hours each week for academic work
- to attend all classes, shared-space, synchronous or asynchronous
- to read for each class and come to seminars prepared to speak
- to know and meet your deadlines
- and, if you have a problem, to speak to someone about it: your module coordinator, year coordinator, Head of Department, or College Tutor. We cannot promise that we can solve your problem, but we will do our best to help.

If you are in any doubt about how the regulations affect you, consult a member of staff in the Department or your College Tutor.

This handbook addresses four main areas:

1. Useful information about the Department
2. Your programme of study
3. Advice and regulations
4. Important dates for 2021-22

**Best of luck with your studies in 2021-22.**
**Section 1: About the Department**

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How to make contact with the Department

- Staff will communicate with you via your Trinity email address. You are expected to check this regularly and to read and act promptly upon all messages sent to you.
- Staff post boxes are located in the Departmental Office (Room 3133).
- Staff usually post office hours, when they are available for consultation, on their door, but as many will be holding office hours synchronously on line, please email them to find out arrangements.
- Departmental notices will be posted on relevant notice boards and on the department website.
- The student information system, Blackboard, and your myzone email accounts are all accessible at [https://www.tcd.ie/students/](https://www.tcd.ie/students/)

Submission of written work

Every Sophister essay and dissertation must be submitted via Blackboard.

Essays and dissertations must be accompanied by:
1. the appropriate cover-sheet attached to the essay
2. the appropriate signed declaration concerning plagiarism. These forms can be found on the Departmental web page
3. submitted via the Blackboard page for the relevant module, by 11.00 a.m. Irish time on the specified date (see the ‘Important dates’ section at the end of this handbook).

For further details on the submission of essays see p. 15 below
Whom to Contact When

- If you are unable to attend a class because of illness or any other reasons, you must, where possible, give prior notice to the lecturer, or leave a message with a member of the administrative staff.

- If you have an academic problem with a particular module, you should discuss it with your module coordinator or the Head of Department.

- If you have other problems affecting your work, you should contact your College Tutor.

- Full details of all student support services are available at [https://www.tcd.ie/students/supports-services/](https://www.tcd.ie/students/supports-services/)

- If you believe you have grounds for an extension on your work, you must contact the relevant coordinator for your year either directly or through your College Tutor. The year coordinators will advise you on all aspects of the programme. They are:

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- Students are elected each year to represent your views, and they participate in Departmental meetings and in Staff-Student meetings. A Staff-Student meeting takes place each term.

- If you need a reference, ask either your College Tutor or your module coordinator.

- If you have any queries about exchange programmes, please contact Professor Seán Duffy


- If you would like to discuss career options visit the Careers Advisory Service in 5-7 South Leinster Street, when it reopens, or see the following webpage: [www.tcd.ie/Careers/](http://www.tcd.ie/Careers/)

Transcripts
Academic Registry will provide you with an official transcript, with your final degree result. If you need a transcript with a breakdown of your marks by module you will need to obtain this from the Departmental Office. Contact the Office at histhum@tcd.ie. You must give at least two weeks’ notice if you want a transcript from the Departmental Office.
Section 2: Your programme of study

Learning outcomes
On successful completion of the Single Honor programme in History students should be able to:

- demonstrate an assured and critical knowledge of historical periods, processes, peoples and places
- employ a set of appropriate methods for the comprehension and analysis of historical periods and processes
- identify and analyse key historical problems
- compare and assess existing historical interpretations
- analyse and evaluate primary materials relevant to the historical problems and periods under examination and conduct independent research among primary materials
- compare and assess primary materials against each other and against secondary commentary
- apply skills of summary, synthesis and generalization
- apply skills of argument, debate and reconciliation
- apply skills of oral, written and visual communication
- demonstrate a reflective and self-reflective appreciation of the problems of historical thinking and writing

Modules and assessment
To achieve these outcomes, we have constructed a varied programme of study. Modules are grouped under the headings List I (2 terms, 10 ECTS per term) and List II (10 ECTS) as well as Researching History (2 modules 5 ECTS each). Lectures begin on the hour and last for 50 minutes. Seminars, depending on your module, will be scheduled in 1 hour or 2-hour slots.

List I modules are taught throughout the year, as two tethered modules that are co-requisites (you must take both). Students spend three hours per week in class for List I subjects. What sets List I modules apart is the degree to which these modules focus on primary sources, that is, historical materials generated during the period under study. Essays for List I modules will require use of primary sources, and examinations will include questions directly related to primary sources studied in class. You will be assessed by:

- Michaelmas term: one written exercise as prescribed by your module coordinator, 40% of mark, and one essay of around 3000 words, 60% of mark.
- Hilary term: one essay of around 3000 words, 50% of mark, and one take-home exam, 50% of mark.
- in addition, you will be asked to undertake additional coursework, needed to gain the 20 credits for these modules but not counting towards the final grade. This coursework, and the feedback arising from it, will be of great help in preparing for assessed essays and exams. This additional coursework may consist of a second essay each term (making four essays over the year) or an equivalent form of work, such as a presentation, a group project, frequent short pieces of writing, etc.
List II modules are worth 10 ECTS and are taught through two hours of classes per week. They are assessed by two essays, one of around 2000-2500 words (40% of mark) and one of around 3000 words (60% of mark).

The use to which classes are put will vary from module to module. Some staff give regular lecture, while others devote more time to textual analysis, debate or seminar discussion. For precise details see the relevant module guides. In general, however, List I modules require more extensive reading, more intensive primary research and more class exercises than List II modules. Whereas most List I subjects cover short periods, most List II modules cover specified themes over longer periods. The range of available modules roughly reflects the research interests (past, present, or future) of teaching staff.

The following table illustrates the pattern of modules for Joint Honours (JH) students in the Junior Sophister year taking 30 ECTS in History:

The following table illustrates the pattern of modules for JH students in the Junior Sophister year taking 40 ECTS in History:

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Students taking 20 ECTS in History do not take the Researching History modules.

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Section 3: Advice and regulations

Credits ECTS
All modules in History carry an ECTS weighting. ECTS stands for European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System, which has been introduced across the College and across Europe as a means of evaluating and accrediting undergraduate modules and courses.

What is ECTS?
The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is an academic credit system based on the estimated student workload required to achieve the objectives of a module or programme of study. It is designed to enable academic recognition for periods of study, to facilitate student mobility and credit accumulation and transfer. The ECTS is the recommended credit system for higher education in Ireland and across the European Higher Education Area.

The ECTS weighting for a module is a measure of the student input or workload required for that module, based on factors such as the number of contact hours, the number and length of written or verbally presented assessment exercises, class preparation and private study time, examinations, and so on as appropriate. There is no intrinsic relationship between the credit volume of a module and its level of difficulty.

The European norm for full---time study over one academic year is 60 credits. The Trinity academic year is 40 weeks from the start of Michaelmas Term to the end of the annual examination period. One ECTS credit represents 20---25 hours estimated student input, so a 10----credit module will be designed to require 200---250 hours of student input, including class contact time, assessments preparation and private reading.

ECTS credits are awarded to a student only upon successful completion of the course year. Progression from one year to the next is determined by the course regulations. Students who fail a year of their course will not obtain credit for that year even if they have passed certain component modules. Exceptions to this rule are one---year and part---year visiting students, who are awarded credit for individual modules successfully completed.

Things to remember about ECTS
It is European: its aim is to facilitate and to improve transparency and comparability of periods of study and of qualifications across the European Higher Education sector.

It is about Credit: it is a student---centred (not a teacher---centred) system based upon a clearly defined body of work (e.g., contact hours + time allocated to study for the preparation and execution of essays, assignments, exams, etc.) required to obtain the credit allocated for the achievement of the objectives of a particular course of study.

It is a System, based on the following principles: the ECTS works on a yearly norm of 60 credits for a full---time course (30 credits for a half---honor subject) over one academic year where one credit represents 20---25 hours estimated student input. The measure of one academic year is 40 weeks from the start of Michaelmas Term to the end of the annual examination period.

It is an Accumulative System. ECTS credits are assigned to modules in multiple units of five. Students are expected to take 60 credits per year. Credits accrue over the four---year cycle. The Trinity four---year honors Bachelor degree is 240 ECTS.
It is about Transferability. By making the student input in different courses offered in different universities comprehensible under the same standard measurement, the system aims to remove the many obstacles which currently obstruct increased mobility in and between the many different educational institutions of the EU and to enhance communications between the universities and other training institutions and the labour market.

In accordance with the spirit of the ECTS, History is studied as part of a student---centred programme. The success of the programme depends largely upon student participation in lectures, tutorials, essay writing and general research and reading.

**Requirements for obtaining academic credit**
In order to obtain credit for each term, you must be enrolled for the required range of modules. You must attend all tutorials or seminars in each module for which you are enrolled, except where medical evidence for absence is submitted. You must complete all preliminary essays and any other written exercises prescribed for each module.

**Progression**
As you progress through the History programme, you are faced with a widening range of intellectual and methodological challenges. Whereas Freshman modules aim to survey national or international histories over long periods, most Sophister modules concentrate on short periods or specific themes. The closer focus of Sophister modules requires more intensive teaching through small classes, and more immersion in documentary sources. The shift from survey to specialist work culminates in the dissertation and research essays which form a major element of Moderatorship.

**Classes and coursework**

**Making the best use of your lectures and tutorials**
- If you cannot understand any aspect of your modules, please feel free to make this clear during or after a tutorial or seminar, after a lecture, or by visiting our offices at times notified on our doors or our synchronous on-line office hours. We welcome comments and questions. Each instructor will indicate the best method of reaching them.
- Mobile telephones are not to be used during shared-space or synchronous classes.
- Please arrive punctually at shared-space or synchronous classes and stay to the end.

**Attendance at lectures and seminars**
You should aim to attend all lectures, whether synchronous (at a specifically timetabled time), asynchronous (posted online for you to watch at another time), or in shared space (a possibility for Hilary term). Lectures are intended to provide analysis of selected topics and an introduction to the issues raised in the reading set for each module. They are not intended as a substitute for reading. There is wide variation in the style of presentation across modules, which reflects the variety of approaches historians take to their research. The value of a lecture depends as much on your responsiveness as on its quality.

**Attendance at seminars is compulsory**
They are designed to allow small groups to discuss selected topics under the guidance of a teacher, and to encourage students to practice the arts of documentary interpretation, critical reading, and lucid exposition. There is no ideal format for a Sophister seminar, and the variation you will experience reflects the wide array of methodological approaches—these range from class presentations and debates to summaries of vying interpretations and textual analyses of extracts taken from set documents. The more you contribute, the better the seminar.
You are required, where stipulated, to have prepared work and set assignments for your seminars. College regulations state that students must take part fully in the academic work of their class throughout the period of the course (Calendar H5) and the ECTS calculation for all modules includes a proportion of credits for attendance and participation. Persistent non-attendance may result in you being returned as non-satisfactory for a given module and may result in being excluded from examinations.

**Essays**

Essays allow us to assess your mastery of relevant primary sources, secondary reading, your ability to supply full and accurate citations, and your critical and analytical skills. The ability to synthesise information in lucid, clearly-argued prose is no less important than your capacity to carry out systematic research or reading. The more you write, the better you will perform. See Guidelines for Writing Essays (pp. 23-24).

You should agree the topic of all your Sophister essays in History in advance with your module instructor. The maximum permitted length of essays is 3000 words.

The footnotes and the bibliography must conform to the style prescribed below and are not counted as part of the word count. **Poor citation may lead to lower grades.**

**Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is an extremely serious matter which carries severe penalties for students. The College has drafted a definition of plagiarism and some rules and guidelines which must be followed.

College now requires all students to complete an online tutorial on avoiding plagiarism ‘Ready, Steady, Write’ at [http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism/ready-steady-write](http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism/ready-steady-write)

All students must sign a declaration when submitting an essay to confirm that they have read the College regulations and taken the online tutorial.

If you are unsure of what the plagiarism regulations require, please contact your class teacher, your College Tutor, your year co-ordinator for History or the Head of Department.

The official College position is set out in the [Calendar](calendar) and the principal points are as follows:

**General**

It is clearly understood that all members of the academic community use and build on the work and ideas of others. It is commonly accepted also, however, that we build on the work and ideas of others in an open and explicit manner, and with due acknowledgement.

Plagiarism is the act of presenting the work or ideas of others as one’s own, without due acknowledgement. Plagiarism can arise from deliberate actions and also through careless thinking and/or methodology. **The offence lies not in the attitude or intention of the perpetrator, but in the action and in its consequences.**

It is the responsibility of the author of any work to ensure that he/she does not commit plagiarism. Plagiarism is considered to be academically fraudulent, and an offence against academic integrity that is subject to the disciplinary procedures of the University.

**Examples of Plagiarism**

Plagiarism can arise from actions such as:

(a) copying another student’s work;
(b) enlisting another person or persons to complete an assignment on the student’s behalf;
(c) procuring, whether with payment or otherwise, the work or ideas of another;
(d) quoting directly, without acknowledgement, from books, articles or other sources, either in printed, recorded or electronic format, including websites and social media;
(e) paraphrasing, without acknowledgement, the writings of other authors.

Examples (d) and (e) in particular can arise through careless thinking and/or methodology where students:

(i) fail to distinguish between their own ideas and those of others;
(ii) fail to take proper notes during preliminary research and therefore lose track of the sources from which the notes were drawn;
(iii) fail to distinguish between information which needs no acknowledgement because it is firmly in the public domain, and information which might be widely known, but which nevertheless requires some sort of acknowledgement;
(iv) come across a distinctive methodology or idea and fail to record its source.

All the above serve only as examples and are not exhaustive.

Plagiarism in The Context of Group Work

Students should normally submit work done in co-operation with other students only when it is done with the full knowledge and permission of the lecturer concerned. Without this, submitting work which is the product of collaboration with other students may be considered to be plagiarism.

When work is submitted as the result of a group project, it is the responsibility of all students in the group to ensure, so far as is possible, that no work submitted by the group is plagiarised. In order to avoid plagiarism in the context of collaboration and groupwork, it is particularly important to ensure that each student appropriately attributes work that is not their own.

Self Plagiarism

No work can normally be submitted for more than one assessment for credit. Resubmitting the same work for more than one assessment for credit is normally considered self-plagiarism.

Avoiding Plagiarism

Students should ensure the integrity of their work by seeking advice from their lecturers, tutor or supervisor on avoiding plagiarism. All schools and departments must include, in their handbooks or other literature given to students, guidelines on the appropriate methodology for the kind of work that students will be expected to undertake. In addition, a general set of guidelines for students on avoiding plagiarism is available at http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism

100 If plagiarism as referred to in General above is suspected, in the first instance, the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), or their designate, will write to the student, and the student’s tutor advising them of the concerns raised. The student and tutor (as an alternative to the tutor, students may nominate a representative from the Students’ Union) will be invited to attend an informal meeting with the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), or their designate, and the lecturer concerned, in order to put their suspicions to the student and give the student the opportunity to respond. The student will be requested to respond in writing stating his/her agreement to attend such a meeting and confirming on which of the suggested dates and times it will be possible for them to attend. If the student does not in this manner agree to attend such a meeting, the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), or designate, may refer the case directly to the Junior Dean, who will interview the student and may implement the procedures as referred to under CONDUCT AND COLLEGE REGULATIONS §2.
101 If the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), or designate, forms the view that plagiarism has taken place, he/she must decide if the offence can be dealt with under the summary procedure set out below. In order for this summary procedure to be followed, all parties attending the informal meeting as noted in §100 above must state their agreement in writing to the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate) or designate. If one of the parties to the informal meeting withholds his/her written agreement to the application of the summary procedure, or if the facts of the case are in dispute, or if the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), or designate, feels that the penalties provided for under the summary procedure below are inappropriate given the circumstances of the case, he/she will refer the case directly to the Junior Dean, who will interview the student and may implement the procedures as referred to under Conduct And College Regulations §2.

102 If the offence can be dealt with under the summary procedure, the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), or designate, will recommend one of the following penalties:

(a) Level 1: Student receives an informal verbal warning. The piece of work in question is inadmissible. The student is required to rephrase and correctly reference all plagiarised elements. Other content should not be altered. The resubmitted work will be assessed and marked without penalty;

(b) Level 2: Student receives a formal written warning. The piece of work in question is inadmissible. The student is required to rephrase and correctly reference all plagiarised elements. Other content should not be altered. The resubmitted work will receive a reduced or capped mark depending on the seriousness/extent of plagiarism;

(c) Level 3: Student receives a formal written warning. The piece of work in question is inadmissible. There is no opportunity for resubmission with corrections. Instead, the student is required to submit a new piece of work as a reassessment during the next available session. Provided the work is of a passing standard, both the assessment mark and the overall module mark will be capped at the pass mark. Discretion lies with the Senior Lecturer in cases where there is no standard opportunity for a reassessment under applicable course regulations.

103 Provided that the appropriate procedure has been followed and all parties in §100 above are in agreement with the proposed penalty, the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate) should in the case of a Level 1 offence, inform the course director and where appropriate the course office. In the case of a Level 2 or Level 3 offence, the Senior Lecturer must be notified and requested to approve the recommended penalty. The Senior Lecturer may approve, reject, or vary the recommended penalty, or seek further information before making a decision. If the Senior Lecturer considers that the penalties provided for under the summary procedure are inappropriate given the circumstances of the case, he/she may also refer the matter directly to the Junior Dean who will interview the student and may implement the procedures as referred to under CONDUCT AND COLLEGE REGULATIONS §2. Notwithstanding his/her decision, the Senior Lecturer will inform the Junior Dean of all notified cases of Level 2 and Level 3 offences accordingly. The Junior Dean may nevertheless implement the procedures as referred to under CONDUCT AND COLLEGE REGULATIONS §2.

104 If the case cannot normally be dealt with under the summary procedures, it is deemed to be a Level 4 offence and will be referred directly to the Junior Dean. Nothing provided for under the summary procedure diminishes or prejudices the disciplinary powers of the Junior Dean under the 2010 Consolidated Statutes.
Submission of essays

All essays must be formatted for A4 paper, with 1 ½ or double-spacing and a wide margin for comments. All quotations, and substantive information taken indirectly from other works, must be acknowledged by means of footnotes giving author, title, place and date of publication, and page number. When citing unpublished sources, students should follow the advice of the module teacher. A bibliography, listing the documentary sources, books, and articles used (including all those acknowledged in footnotes) must be appended to the essay. The Department’s Guidelines for writing essays are found below.

Essays must be submitted on Blackboard via Turnitin, not to your module coordinator or teaching assistant, by 11:00 a.m. on the specified date. (Dates are to be found in the ‘Important dates’ section at the end of this handbook.) They must include a signed coversheet including a declaration concerning plagiarism. Copies of coversheets can be downloaded on the Departmental webpage. Please note 11am is the latest you can submit without incurring a penalty.

Essays may not be posted, e-mailed or handed to academic staff.

Students are required to retain their own electronic copy of all written work. If we do not receive the electronic copy of your essay, you will be deemed not to have submitted your essay and standard penalties for non-submission will be applied.

Deadlines

Deadlines are serious. The deadlines for 2021-22 are available on the final page of this handbook. Deadlines exist so that you can structure your work with maximum efficiency and success. Serious penalties for late submission apply. Extensions will be granted only in exceptional circumstances. Extensions can only be granted by your year coordinators. The year coordinators are:

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No written work will be accepted for assessment after the due date, in the absence of an extension granted in advance by your year coordinator, covering the entire period of delay. Extensions will be granted only in the most exceptional circumstances. Crashed computers, minor mishaps etc. will not be taken as satisfactory grounds for the granting of extensions. No requests for an extension on the day of submission of written work will be considered. An essay deemed to be late by the Head of Department will be given a mark of not more than 40%.

Where no essay is forthcoming you will fail that entire module as a result.
Marking of essays
All work contributing to Moderatorship is scrutinised by two internal examiners and reviewed by an external examiner, who particularly checks borderline or contested cases and who looks out for evidence of inconsistent standards of marking. All items of coursework and examinations contributing to your final grades are marked anonymously.

Feedback
In line with existing practice, it is expected that module teachers will provide individual feedback for students on assessed and non-assessed work. Remember that all work counting towards your final mark is submitted anonymously, using student numbers, and will be marked anonymously.

However, students may choose to waive their right to anonymity for the purpose of receiving feedback on coursework. No record will be kept which could compromise the anonymity of Hilary term essays or of examinations.

When Sophister students waive their anonymity in order to obtain feedback, they may not be informed of their marks, since these are provisional, subject to confirmation by a second examiner within the department, the external examiner and the meeting of the Court of Examiners at the end of the year. However, your course lecturer can give an indication of the kind of mark s/he would have awarded as well as comments.

Essays are returned in individual meetings with your lecturers. Your lecturers will arrange times for you to collect your work and discuss it for about 15 minutes. Times will be notified either by email or on Blackboard – so check both regularly.

It is very important that you attend meetings about feedback on your work. They provide an invaluable opportunity for you to be given individual feedback on the strengths and weaknesses of your written work. Students who achieve high marks are usually those students who take careful note of what is said to them in feedback meetings and act upon the advice as they progress through the degree.

Feedback sessions are also an opportunity for you to ask about any aspects of the topic about which you are unsure but did not wish to raise in class discussion. You may also receive guidance on how to improve your essay writing skills and your capacity for historical analysis. Do not hesitate to ask about the mechanics of writing, as well as about matters of historical interpretation.

In order to benefit as much as possible from these sessions, you should do the following:

- Always keep a copy of your essay or assignment and read through it before coming to the meeting
- Make a note of any questions that you would like to ask – e.g. ‘I don’t understand what Macinnes was arguing in the conclusion to his book’; ‘I wasn’t sure if this point went in the conclusion of introduction’; ‘I really just didn’t know what else to write;’ etc.
- Take notes of the replies to these questions and think about them afterwards.
- When you come to write the next essay, look over your notes and think about how to apply the suggestions for improvement to your next submission.
Examinations
Examinations take place after the end of the second semester for List I modules and are crucial to your success. All examination papers consist of ‘unseen’ questions related to your module work. You are allowed to consult your notes or readings. The function of examination questions is to assess your capacity to develop an argument, breadth of knowledge, analytical skills, and mastery of the readings set for lectures and tutorials. Exam answers are not to be considered full-fledged essays and do not require full citation apparatus; direct quotations or heavy reliance on someone else’s argument should be accompanied by brief references but format is less crucial than in an essay.

The exam paper will include essay questions and documents questions testing your mastery of the primary sources, and the form may vary from module to module. Consult past papers and the module handbooks, keeping in mind that in past years there were two List I exam papers and in 2021-22 there will be one paper which combines elements of both.

Examination preparation
Your success depends largely on your work during the year, and few students perform well on the basis of frenzied final preparations. However, consider the following hints:

• Always prepare more topics than the number of answers required and avoid extensive duplication in different answers, even if overlapping questions are set.

• Since the style and format of papers differ between module teachers, you should examine papers from previous years, in particular since 2019-20, the first year in which exams were offered in a take-home format. If in doubt please consult your module teacher.

• Even if the question is presented simply as a topic, your analysis will be sharpened by breaking it down into linked interrogatives. Begin at the heart of the set question, minimising general ‘introductory’ material.

• In the days before an examination, make a list of key dates, events, personal names, snappy quotations, and/or statistics relating to each topic. You will not be penalised for minor slips, but you will be rewarded for showing mastery of detail.

• Three days are allowed for each exam. This does not mean that you need to work on it for three solid days. You are given far more time than you will need in order that you can choose times when you have access to a quiet workspace, computer, etc.
Examination and essay marking criteria

First class (70-80)

Structure and focus
- Engages closely with the question throughout, showing a mature appreciation of its wider implications.
- The structure of the argument is lucid and allows for the development of a coherent and cogent argument.
- Factual evidence and descriptive material is used to support the writer’s argument, and is both concise and relevant.

Quality of argument and expression
- The writing will be fluent, coherent and accurate.
- The writing will go well beyond the effective paraphrasing of the ideas of other historians. It will show that the writer has a good conceptual command of the historical and, where relevant, historiographical issues under discussion.
- The work will display originality and imagination, as well as analytical skills of a high order.
- The work will demonstrate that the writer can move between generalisations and detailed discussion confidently.

Range of knowledge
- The answer demonstrates in-depth reading and critical analysis of the texts, secondary literature and (where relevant) contemporary sources.
- The answer demonstrates that the writer has a comprehensive knowledge of the subject and a good understanding of the historical period under discussion.
- The writer will demonstrate an ability to evaluate the nature and status of the information at their disposal and identify contradictions and attempt a resolution.

Upper second class (60-69)

Structure and focus
- Work which displays an understanding of the question, an appreciation of some of its wider implications and tries seriously to engage with the question.
- The structure of the answer will facilitate the clear development of the writer’s argument. But towards the lower end of this mark band the candidate will not be able to sustain a consistently analytical approach.
- The writer will deploy relevant evidence to support the argument. But towards the lower end of this mark band, the writer may not explain the full implications of the evidence cited.

Quality of argument and expression
- The answer will be clear and generally accurate, and will demonstrate an appreciation of the technical vocabulary used by historians.
- The answer will deploy the ideas of other historians and try to move beyond them. It will also show some appreciation of the extent to which historical explanations are contested.
- The answer may not demonstrate real originality or imagination, but the writer will present ideas with some degree of intellectual independence, and show an ability to reflect on the past and its interpretations.

Range of knowledge
- The answer will display an extensive, but sometimes uneven, range of knowledge. It will demonstrate evidence of considerable reading.
- The answer will demonstrate a sense of the nature of historical development.
- The writer will demonstrate an ability to move between generalisations and detailed discussions, although there may be a tendency towards either over-generalised or an over-
• particularised response to the question.
• The writer will reflect on the nature of the evidence and sources available to them, and attempt to use it critically.
• The answer will demonstrate a secure understanding of the historical period under discussion.

Lower second class (50-59)

Structure and focus
• The work will display some understanding of the question, but it may lack a sustained focus and only a limited understanding of the question’s wider implications.
• The structure of the work may be determined largely by the material available to the writer, rather than by the demands of the question. Ideas may be stated rather than fully developed.
• The writing may include descriptive and factual material, but without the kind of critical reflection characteristic of answers in higher markbands.

Quality of argument and expression
• The writing will be sufficiently accurate to convey the writer’s meaning, but it may lack fluency and command of the scholarly idioms used by historians. It may be clumsy in places.
• The writing will show some understanding of historians’ ideas. But it may not reflect critically upon them. The problematic nature of historical explanations may not be fully understood.
• The answer is unlikely to show any intentional originality, and may tend towards the assertion of essentially derivative ideas.

Range of knowledge
• The answer will show significant knowledge, but it may be limited or patchy. It will be sound, but may contain some inaccuracies. The range of reading will be limited.
• The answer will show only limited awareness of historical development.
• The writer may show a proneness to present too much narrative or descriptive material, and may present information without reference to the precise requirements of the question.
• Information may be presented uncritically and there will be little attempt to evaluate its status or significance.
• The answer will demonstrate some appreciation of the nature of the historical period under discussion.

Third class (40-49)

Structure and focus
• Work that displays little understanding of the question and the writer may tend to write indiscriminately around it.
• The answer will have a structure, but it may be underdeveloped, and the argument may be incomplete and developed in a haphazard and undisciplined manner.
• Some descriptive material will be deployed, but without any critical reflection of its significance or relevance.

Quality of argument and expression
• The writing may not always be grammatical, and it may lack the sophisticated vocabulary or construction needed to sustain a complex historical argument. In places it may lack clarity and felicity of expression.
• There will be little appreciation of the contested and problematic nature of historical explanations.
• The answer will show no intentional originality of approach.

Range of knowledge
• There will be sufficient knowledge to frame a basic answer, but it will be patchy and limited. There are likely to be some inaccuracies.
• There will be some understanding of historical development, but it will be underdeveloped, and the ideas of historians and others may be muddled or misunderstood.
• There will be an argument, but the writer may be prone to excessive narrative, and the argument may be signposted by bald assertions rather than informed generalisations.
• Information will be employed uncritically as if it was always self-explanatory.
• The answer will demonstrate only a rudimentary appreciation of the historical period under discussion.
Fail 1 (30-39)

Structure and focus
- Work that displays very limited understanding of the question and in many places displays a tendency to write indiscriminately around it.
- The answer will have a weak structure that is poorly developed. There is only a limited and somewhat incoherent argument.
- Only a limited amount of descriptive material will be deployed, usually without any critical reflection on its significance or relevance.

Quality of argument and expression
- The writing will frequently be ungrammatical, and will not be such as is required to sustain a complex historical argument. It will often lack clarity and felicity of expression.
- There will be almost no appreciation of the contested and problematic nature of historical explanations.
- The answer will show no intentional originality of approach.

Range of knowledge
- There will only be sufficient knowledge to frame a very basic answer. It will contain many inaccuracies.
- There will be only a limited understanding of historical development.
- There will be only very limited evidence of an argument.
- Information will be employed uncritically and as if it was always self-explanatory.
- The answer will demonstrate only a very rudimentary and extremely limited appreciation of the historical period under discussion.

Fail 2 (20-29)

Structure and focus
- Work that displays little or no real understanding of the question.
- The answer will have a weak structure, which is poorly developed. There is no coherent argument.
- Only a very limited amount of descriptive material will be deployed, without any critical reflection on its significance or relevance. Some of it will be irrelevant.

Quality of argument and expression
- The writing will be ungrammatical. Ideas will sometimes be presented in note form.
- There will be no appreciation of the contested and problematic nature of historical explanations.
- The answer will show no intentional originality of approach.

Range of knowledge
- There will not be sufficient knowledge to frame an even basic answer.
- There will be no real understanding of historical development.
- There will be little if any evidence of an argument.
- It will contain little relevant information.
- The answer will demonstrate no real appreciation of the historical period under discussion.

Marking of examination papers
Please put only your student number on the examination paper. All examination papers are marked anonymously. All work contributing to Moderation is scrutinised by two internal examiners and reviewed by an external examiner. The internal and external examiners constitute the Board of Examiners, which meets at the end of each year to decide on each student’s progression.

Results
Results will be provided on the web during Trinity Term. The examination period is a particularly busy time for the Department and we try to provide students with their results as promptly as we possibly can. College regulations prohibit us from providing results over the phone or to a third party.

Supplemental examinations
Supplementary examinations for Sophister modules will take place during the Supplementary Examination period in August for all modules.
Non-satisfactory performance
Students who have failed to obtain credit, for any reason listed above, may be returned as ‘non-satisfactory’. You are informed of this through your College Tutor. If you believe that you should not have been so recorded, you should state your case to your College Tutor, who must submit an appeal to the Department by the second Monday of the following term. Students who are recorded as ‘non-satisfactory’ in both Michaelmas and Hilary Terms are not entitled to credit for the year, and may be excluded from sitting the annual examination.

Not rising with the year
Students repeating a year are required to attend seminars and tutorials, submit written work and perform all exercises as if taking the year for the first time. They must take a different combination of modules than their first combination if any module or modules had been partially or fully completed.

Degree classification
Final degree classification is based on marks received for each module examined in Moderatorship part 1 (i.e. third year) and part 2 (i.e. fourth year), including the Dissertation. The respective weighting of parts 1 and 2 varies from programme to programme but greater weighting is always given to the Senior Sophister year and the relative weighting of marks between modules taken in the same year reflects the credit value for each module (e.g. a 20 ECTS module is always worth twice as much as a 10 ECTS module in calculating an overall result).

- For Single Honors History students the results from Junior Sophister year contribute 35% to the final moderatorship result, the results from Senior Sophister year the other 65% of the final result.

The final degree classification is reached either by arithmetical average (bearing in mind the weighting of different years and credits) or by grade profile (bearing in mind the weighting of different years and credits).

Grade profile
A grade profile is calculated by looking at the graded performance across all modules taken in a particular year and giving special emphasis to the predominant grade, in other words the most frequently achieved grade (1st, 2.1, 2.2 etc.), taking into account different credit weightings. For example, if there are four performances in the assessment, of equal credit value, and a candidate achieves three 2.1 marks and one 2.2 mark, but the arithmetic mark is a borderline 2.1/2.2, a 2.1 is awarded based on the grade profile. The Court of Examiners may apply discretion in appropriate circumstances.

Prizes
There are a number of prizes of interest to students in their final year in History and are awarded on the basis of their moderatorship results. These include the Cluff Memorial Prize, the Dunbar Ingram Memorial Prize, and the Lyster Prize. For details of the criteria for the award of gold medals see the College Calendar. Students should also be aware of the Irish Undergraduate Awards. Further details are available at http://www.undergraduateawards.com/

Year abroad
If you have taken your Junior Sophister year abroad, at one of our partner universities, you will be examined or assessed in accordance with the normal practice for students at that institution. The resultant mark (translated into the Trinity marking scheme) will replace that for the annual examination.

Career advice
A degree in History disqualifies you from nothing and reassures employers that you possess a wide range of adaptable skills, including critical reading, accurate writing and familiarity with basic
computing. Particularly if you secure a first or upper second, you may also consider applying for postgraduate studies. For further advice, visit the Careers Advisory Service 7-9 South Leinster Street, after it reopens. Its bulletins and announcements are displayed on Departmental noticeboards. Also see the following webpage: www.tcd.ie/Careers/
Further study

For students interested in pursuing further study, the Department welcomes applications for postgraduate degrees. The Department of History currently offers four taught M.Phil programmes, and these courses can be studied full-time over one year or part-time over two years.

Our M.Phil programmes are in:

- Medieval Studies
- Early Modern History
- International History
- Modern Irish History
- Public History and Cultural Heritage.

The School of Histories and Humanities also offers M.Phil programmes in Gender and Women’s Studies, Art History, and Classics.

For further details see [http://www.tcd.ie/history/postgraduate/taught/](http://www.tcd.ie/history/postgraduate/taught/)

Applications are also welcomed for our research degrees, the M.Litt or the Ph.D. If you have an M.Litt or Ph.D thesis topic in mind certainly discuss it with a prospective supervisor in the Department.

For further details see [http://www.tcd.ie/history/postgraduate/research/](http://www.tcd.ie/history/postgraduate/research/)
Guidelines for writing essays

Preparation
The usual purpose of writing a history essay is to answer a specific question or set of interlocking questions, not to provide a mere chronology of vaguely related events. Where the essay title does not consist of a specific question, you should formulate your own question to limit the topic. You should prepare for an essay by using the reading lists provided by the module lecturer, which are directly relevant to the subject, making use where appropriate also of relevant reference works. In reading, you should attempt to take account of historical controversies surrounding the topic. Before writing the essay, devise an outline with a clear structure. This may be submitted with the essay.

Essays should concentrate on argument and analysis, and not narrative.

An essay which simply narrates a series of events without analysing them will always score a low mark, no matter how well written and presented it is. In assessing essays, teachers take account of attributes such as critical ability, range of reading and analysis, accuracy, structure, expression, presentation and originality of thought. The mark represents a medley of distinct evaluations. An interesting, provocative, but technically flawed, essay might receive the same grade as one which is systematic, faultlessly presented, but dull.

Sourcing information
All direct and indirect quotations, as well as the ideas or opinions of others, must be referenced. Indirect quotations should be extensively reworded, reordered and their contents analysed, in order to avoid suspicion of plagiarism. As a general rule, any information taken from a book/article/website must be sourced. However, it is not necessary to source general information or facts (e.g. Hitler came to power in 1933) which are common knowledge and/or can easily be verified.

Structure
The basic structure of any essay should consist of an introduction, a main part, a conclusion, and a bibliography. The introduction should define a specific question or discuss the question already posed and outline how the student intends going about answering the question. Any terms/concepts requiring definition should be dealt with in the introduction (e.g. ‘Was the First World War a total war?’ requires a definition of what ‘total war’ is.).

The main part of an essay should consist of several central points, which deal with individual aspects of the question posed and lead up to an answer, or a set of possible conclusions based on the evidence. A clear structure will make the argument more coherent and easier to follow.

The conclusion should make a case for the arguments put forward in the essay. The reader does not need a summary of the preceding pages, but to be left thinking about the arguments put forward in a concise and coherent way. The conclusion does not have to be definitive. Often admitting that more questions need to be asked is the most honest conclusion we can make.

The bibliography is dealt with below.
Format and prose

- Pages must be numbered consecutively.
- Text must be spaced at 1½ or double with generous left- and right-hand margins.
- Font size must be 12 point; footnotes must be 10 point.
- Quotations longer than three lines should be separated from the text and indented (reduced font size or single line spacing are optional but must be applied consistently).
- Paragraphs should be limited to less than a page and the development of a single point; single sentence paragraphs should be avoided.
- Write full sentences, do not link two grammatically separate sentences with a comma. (The previous sentence makes this mistake in order to demonstrate it.) All sentences begin with a capital letter and end with a full stop. This applies to footnotes as well as text. Quotations, too, must end with a full stop at some point: the footnote number and the inverted commas are no substitute for the full stop.
- Where possible the active rather than the passive form should be used (again, this sentence makes the mistake in order to demonstrate it).
- Avoid abbreviations (e.g. ‘esp.’ for especially) as much as possible within the text. Where abbreviations are used they should be consistent throughout the essay.
- Use the first person (‘I’, ‘we’) very sparingly if at all.
- Elisions (e.g. doesn’t, isn’t) as well as slang, jargon and an excessive use of metaphors constitute bad style.
- A frequent mistake made is the use of it’s (it is) instead of its.
- Use italics for foreign words and the titles of books, films, etc. within the text.
- Spell out all numbers less than 101, except when used in groups or in statistical discussion. Figures in thousands, such as 5,000, take a comma.
- Note elisions: 156-9, but (for teens) 115-16.
- Dates should be formatted in the following manner: 12 December 1970 (no comma) in the text; 12 Dec. 1970 in footnotes. Elisions: 1834-5, 1816-17, except that in article headings and in citing titles of books and articles use 1834-1835, i.e. without elision. Place a comma before dates in titles of books and articles. Decades: 1850s not 1850’s; eighties not ‘80s. ‘Sixteenth century’ (noun, without hyphen); ‘sixteenth-century’ (adjective, with hyphen).
- ‘From 1785 to 1789’, not ‘from 1785-89’; likewise ‘between 1785 and 1789’, not ‘between 1785-89’.
- Special attention should be paid to spelling and grammar; names, place names, and foreign words are frequently misspelled.
- Re-read your work before submitting it and, if possible, ask someone else to read it as well.
Referencing

Bibliography

Every essay must contain a bibliography, situated at the end of the essay, listing the works consulted. Only works actually consulted should be listed. There are different methods of constructing a bibliography; the main thing is that it is consistent within itself and that sufficient information is supplied to trace the materials listed.

Divide the bibliography into primary sources and secondary sources.

Primary sources

- Primary sources, depending on your field, might include:
  - Manuscript sources (list by order of archive)
  - Official publications
  - Newspapers and periodicals
  - Contemporary printed texts & modern editions of contemporary sources
- As everyone’s range of primary sources will differ consult with your module lecturer as to the most appropriate method of arranging your particular bibliography.
- When listing primary sources (especially medieval) without an apparent author the text should be listed first followed by the name of the editor. Where the author is known the editor of the edition used must also be included. For example, *Die Chroniken Bertholds von Reichenau und Bertolds von Konstanz*, ed. I.S. Robinson (Hanover, 2003).

Secondary sources

Books and articles should be listed as secondary sources.

Books

When citing a book, observe the following order:
- author’s surname
- author’s first name
- Editors should be identified as such by placing ‘(ed.)’ after their name (e.g. Roger Griffin (ed.)). For more than one editor use ‘(eds)’.
- title in *italics*
- place and date of publication (The place of publication is the town and not the country (e.g. London and not England or Great Britain; Princeton, NJ, not just New Jersey.)
- edition used and date of first edition (if not first edition), for example:
- The common abbreviation for page is ‘p.’, for pages ‘pp.’ (e.g. p. 3 and pp. 3-5).

Articles in books

When citing a book chapter, observe the following order:
- author’s surname
- author’s first name
- title of the chapter
- editor’s or editors’ full name or names
- title of book
• place and date of publication
• edition and date of first edition (if not first edition)
• page numbers of the full chapter

For example:

Articles in journals
When citing a journal article, observe the following order:
• author’s surname
• author’s first name
• title of article
• name of journal
• volume, number, and year of journal
• page numbers of article
• edition and date of first edition (if not first edition)

For example:

Websites
When citing a website, observe the following order:
• name of website
• exact website address in brackets (URL)
• date of access

For example:
Trinity College Dublin (http://www.tcd.ie) [accessed: 1 September 2018].

**Always check with your module lecturer that the websites you are consulting are reputable and authoritative sources of information.**

Issues will arise in your bibliography because of the individual nature of your research. Consult your module lecturer if you are in doubt about any issues of presentation or citation.
Footnotes

References must be inserted as consecutively numbered footnotes after the relevant text passage. References must be consistent and unambiguous, containing precise page references, not only for direct quotations but also for indirect ones. Poor citation may lead to the impairment of grades. **Some module lecturers have preferred style sheets. Popular ones in the Department are the rules for contributors to the journals *Irish Historical Studies* and *The Historical Journal.*


Once you settle on a style sheet use it consistently in your work.

These are just some general guidelines, but consult your module lecturer about their preferred style sheet.

- The **first reference** to a particular work should contain the same information as the bibliographic entry with just two differences:
  1. the order of the author’s name is reversed, so author’s first name and then surname
  2. and you must include specific page references

For example: David Fitzpatrick, *Harry Boland’s Irish revolution* (Cork, 2003), 57.

- Subsequent references to the same source should use an abbreviated form (author’s surname, abbreviated title, page number(s)). Where references are identical (or only refer to different page or volume numbers) and follow one another immediately, the second and following ones may be abbreviated with ‘Ibid.’ (i.e. ‘just there’) or by a short title: Simms, Kings to Warlords. Do not use ‘ibid.’ where there is more than one reference in the preceding note. Use ‘idem’ to denote a repetition of the immediately preceding author’s name, where only a different book or article title (and page references) needs to be recorded. Use ‘passim’ to denote that a topic is referred to periodically throughout the source cited. Do not use ‘op. cit.’ or ‘loc. cit.’ Only use ‘cf.’ when it really does mean ‘compare’; otherwise use ‘see’.

For example:

5. Geary, ‘Carey McWilliams’, 933.

- Use abbreviations (e.g. for archive repositories) only if the abbreviation has been explained in the initial reference
- Footnotes should not in general be discursive. Occasionally, they may be used to provide further explanatory information which is of secondary importance to the point being made and would disrupt the flow of the argument.
Guidelines for writing a dissertation
*Full guidelines will be provided on the dissertation Blackboard page.
*You should also consult with your supervisor on all matters relating to your dissertation.

Presentation
The dissertation must not be less than 8,000 words and not more than 10,000 words in length. Grades may be impaired if dissertations are shorter or longer. The text must be supported by a table of contents, classified bibliography, and systematic references to sources in the form of footnotes or endnotes. In place of a dissertation, students may be permitted to undertake an editorial project, comprising a transcribed text of up to 10,000 words, fully annotated, and an introduction of 3,000---5,000 words. Word counts do not include footnotes, appendices, and bibliography.

Before embarking on research, work out a strategy for taking notes accurately, methodically, and retrievably. Remember that your dissertation will require far more notes than a term essay. Double check the accuracy of transcription as you go, clearly distinguishing between quotations and summaries, and marking the precise page or folio number of every entry. The use of keyword headings will aid filing and retrieval.

Unless taking the form of an editorial project, your dissertation should be divided into an appropriate number of chapters, each of which should be given a precise title. There is no set number of chapters as this will differ depending on your subject matter and the approach you take. Deciding on the structure of your dissertation is one of the biggest challenges of the process and will be driven by the nature of your primary research. Expect your structure to change and adapt in response to your primary research.

Quotations from secondary sources, whether direct or indirect, should be brief and wholly relevant (use ... to indicate omitted passages). To avoid the suspicion of plagiarism you must not only use your own words, but also refrain from paraphrasing extended passages from any single work. In the case of primary sources which are not readily available, longer extracts may be included in support of a detailed textual commentary. You may reproduce entire documents or extended extracts in an appendix, with appropriate references in the text. All quotations must follow the original precisely, in wording, spelling, and capitalisation.

Precise page references must be given for all direct quotations, and also for closely paraphrased passages. When a passage is re-quoted from a secondary text, that text must be cited in addition to the original source. References may be given in notes at the foot of the page. Please do not follow the common but distracting practice of interpolating references in the text, unless your supervisor has approved this system. Footnote citations may use abbreviated titles, but must indicate the precise location of every primary source cited (such as folio number within MSS, or page and column number in a newspaper). In short, give enough information to allow the reader to trace the passage cited.

Poor citation may lead to the impairment of grades.

The introduction is vital in terms of framing your dissertation, and establishing what your dissertation is trying to do. It is also important in terms of establishing how your research relates to wider scholarly debates in your field. The introduction will set the tone for the work and is, therefore, key to explaining the rationale behind the work and approach. It can do a considerable amount in terms of convincing the examiner about the nature of your approach.

Conclusions often become summaries - you do not want this to happen. The examiner has read the
dissertation; they do not want a summary of it now. The conclusion is a chance to drive home your central arguments, to draw together what your chapters have done, and to leave the examiner with the key points and the key questions that still remain.
Basic formatting

The dissertation must include:

• a title page
• a table of contents
• a signed declaration confirming that the dissertation is all your own work. This declaration should not be bound in to the body of the dissertation and should be submitted separately.
• a bibliography
• systematic referencing of sources by footnotes throughout

It must be formatted in the following fashion:

• Dissertations must be 1 ½ or double-spaced.
• If a printed version is required (this depends on College’s arrangements for Hilary term), use only one side of the A4 page.
• Leave generous margins to allow for binding.
• Begin each chapter, the bibliography, appendices (if you have any) on a new page.
• Number the pages correctly:
  o the title page should not have a number.
  o preliminary pages - table of contents, list of abbreviations, list of illustrations, list of appendices etc., depending on the nature of your dissertation, should be numbered in Roman numerals.
  o the first page of the introduction should be your page 1.

Begin the footnotes in each chapter at number 1. In other words, the numbering of footnotes should not continue on from chapter to chapter.

Depending on the nature of your dissertation you may include appendices, illustrations, graphs, maps, etc. Include them to add to the argument not just for the sake of including them.

If you do include any of these items you may then require a list of illustrations, maps, appendices, etc., in the preliminary pages of the dissertation after the title page.

Also, if you have a considerable number of abbreviations or acronyms in your text or footnotes, you might include a list of abbreviations at the start of the dissertation. If you do not have enough to warrant a full list then include the abbreviation in parentheses after the first reference in the text or footnote. For example: '...entry to the European Economic Community (E.E.C.)...'.

Referencing

(see pp. 24-6 above)

• If some of your primary sources or secondary sources are not dealt with in any of the footnote examples outlined already in this handbook, and if there does not seem to be an appropriate example to adapt to encompass them, then seek guidance from your supervisor. The governing principle for all footnotes is that someone reading your text should be able to find the exact source you have consulted. Clarity and consistency are the key things to remember when footnoting.
• If citing primary sources viewed on the internet, always give the full provenance of the document, as if you read it in a library or archive. Include the full web address and the date on which you consulted it.
• Poor citation may lead to lower grades.
• As everyone’s range of primary sources will differ consult with your supervisor as to the most appropriate method of arranging your particular bibliography. In the case of primary sources such as manuscripts, newspapers or rare publications, you must supply the name of the relevant library or archive, and where appropriate the MSS or call number.
Submitting your dissertation

- Dissertations must be submitted electronically, and in hard copy depending on College’s pandemic guidelines during Hilary term. If we are not back to full shared-space teaching you will not be required to submit a hard copy.
- Dissertations must be submitted anonymously. Only use your student number and do not include your name. Your student number should appear on the title page of the dissertation.
- A separate signed declaration should also be submitted stating that the dissertation is all your own work. This should not be bound in with the dissertation in order to maintain the anonymity of your work.
- If hard copy is required, please submit two identical hard copies to the main history department office. Please make sure that these hard copies are securely bound. There are a number of methods of doing this – ring-bound, heat-bound, hard-bound. Whichever method you choose just make sure it is securely bound.
- The electronic copy must be submitted by the deadline through TurnItIn on Blackboard.
## Section 4: Important dates

### SINGLE HONORS STUDENTS

All essays due at 11:00 on the relevant date

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