



History as a New Minor Subject

Details for 24/25

Why take this New Minor Subject?

History is about people. Studying History means studying lives, events and ideas in times and places often very different from our own. History embraces everything from the rise and fall of empires, or the birth of new ideologies, to the contrasting everyday lives of people in a whole range of settings, across time and across the globe. Studying History means developing critical skills, learning to express your ideas and arguments clearly, and becoming self-directed in your studies.

What will I learn?

On this pathway, you will take 60 ECTS in History across Years 2 to 4. Students lay firm foundations in Year 2 when they first join the History as a Minor pathway. You are introduced to History with a combination of 5 ECTS skills modules on 'Doing History' and 5 ECTS modules on specific themes. As a Junior Sophister, you will take two 10 ECTS modules on modern and international history. In the final year of History as a Minor New Subject (Senior Sophister) you study two specialist 10 ECTS modules in-depth, experiencing research-led teaching which explores broader themes.

What will I do?

Senior Fresh

HIU11001: Doing History: Sources (MT)

HIU11002: Doing History: Interpretations (HT)

HIU12022: Early Christian Ireland (MT)

HIU12032: Climate and Environment in the Premodern World (HT)

Junior Sophister,

HIU12031 Life in Modern Ireland (MT) or HIU12028 War and Peace in Modern Europe (MT)

HIU12026 American History: a Survey (HT) or HIU12027 Imperialism to Globalism (HT)

Senior Sophister:

you will study two specialist 10 ECTS modules. These are described as 'List 2' modules, and while the list will vary from year to year, some examples include:

- Race and ethnicity in American thought since 1940
- Medieval Globetrotters: Exploration and World Conquest in the Age of the Black Death
- Atlantic Island: Eighteenth-Century Ireland in Oceanic Perspective
- Global Crisis: Environmental Disasters in World History

- The Troubles, 1968-1998; From Civil Rights to the Good Friday Agreement

For further details on available options in any given year see the History Department webpages for lists of 'List 2' modules <https://www.tcd.ie/history/undergraduate/tsm-history.php>

How will this be assessed?

Most History modules are continuously assessed, though some of the modules you may select in the Junior Sophister year have end-of-semester examinations. Most coursework takes the form of essays, though some modules will also include shorter assessments during termtime.

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