



# BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH HONOURS IN HISTORY

This is a credit-based award.

These award regulations should not be read in isolation. It is important that you read them in conjunction with the following documents.

- [Introduction to \*The Award Regulations\*](#)
- [General Award Regulations](#)
- [Schedule A to \*The Award Regulations\*](#)

If you wish to print the regulations governing your award, you are advised to print *all* these documents.

## BA–His 1 DEGREE NAME

**BA–His 1.1** The University offers the Bachelor of Arts with Honours in History, referred to as the BA (Honours) History. Holders of this award are permitted to use the letters BA (Hons) Hist (Open) after their names.

## BA–His 2 REGISTRATION

**BA–His 2.1** To register as a student, you must satisfy Student Regulation OU 8. There is no academic entry requirement.

**BA–His 2.2** To qualify for the award, you must ensure that your credit is linked to it. You can do this as part of the course registration process or make a separate request later.

## BA–His 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

**BA–His 3.1** If you qualify for the award before or at the end of 2005, the University will award you the BA (Honours) History if you have a minimum of 360 credit points from approved courses provided that:

- (a) at least 180 credit points are from specified core history courses, and of

these 180 points at least 120 points are from specified core history courses at Level 3 and 60 points are from specified history courses above Level 1

- (b) at least 30 credit points are from specified Level 3 project courses
- (c) at least 10 credit points are from a specified residential school
- (d) 60 credit points are from the group of specified interdisciplinary humanities courses
- (e) at least 80 credit points are from specified complementary courses
- (f) no more than 30 credit points are from 10- and 15-point courses.

**BA–His 3.2** If you qualify for the award after the end of 2005, the University will award you the BA (Honours) History if you have a minimum of 360 credit points from approved courses provided that:

- (a) at least 120 credit points are from specified core history courses, and of these 120 points at least 60 points are from specified core history courses at

Level 3 and 60 points are from specified history courses at Level 2

- (b) at least a further 120 credit points are from a specified range of history options courses, and of these 120 points at least 60 points are from courses at Level 3 and 60 points are from courses above Level 1
- (c) at least 60 credit points are from the group of specified interdisciplinary humanities courses
- (d) the balance of no more than 60 credit points are from other Open University courses
- (e) no more than 30 credit points are from 10-point courses.

**BA–His 3.3** Exceptionally, the Programme Committee may award you the degree if you qualify for it at the end of 2005 or later but have included more than 60 points from specified complementary courses required under the previous structure.

**BA–His 3.4** The Senate may permit you to qualify for the degree if you have at least 360 credit points of which not less than 240 are from successfully completed specified courses and not more than 120 are points of transferred credit.

**BA–His 3.5** The credit for this award must include from Open University courses a minimum amount of credit that meets the conditions of Student Regulation OU 3.3; that minimum amount is 120 points. If you already have an Open University BA degree conferred without Honours, the minimum amount of credit is reduced to 60 points.

#### **BA–His 4 CREDIT TRANSFER**

**BA–His 4.1** The credit transfer scheme for the BA (Honours) History is governed by General Award Regulation GA 6.

**BA–His 4.2** Any award of transferred credit towards the specified interdisciplinary humanities courses must take the form of full-rate transferred credit.

**BA–His 4.3** If you qualify for the award before or at the end of 2005, any award of transferred credit towards the specified complementary courses must take the form of

full-rate transferred credit and/or collaborative course credit.

**BA–His 4.4** If you qualify for the award after the end of 2005, any award of transferred credit towards

- (a) the history option courses must take the form of specified collaborative course credit
- (b) the other Open University courses component, as given in regulation BA–His 3.2 (d), must take the form of full-rate transferred credit and/or collaborative course credit.

**BA–His 4.5** The maximum award of transferred credit towards the BA (Honours) History is 120 points.

#### **BA–His 5 HONOURS DEGREE CLASSIFICATION**

**BA–His 5.1** The BA (Honours) History is classified as follows:

- first class
- upper second class
- lower second class
- third class.

**BA–His 5.2** For the purpose of classifying your degree, the University will use a minimum of 120 and up to 240 credit points from your best grades on specified Open University or collaborative scheme history courses and interdisciplinary humanities courses at Level 2 or higher. At least 120 of these credit points must be from courses at Level 3. The class of the award must be in accordance with the scheme of classification prescribed by the Senate.

**BA–His 5.3** If you have qualified for the award of a degree conferred with honours and have been offered a classification and have declined, any subsequent changes to the scheme of honours degree classification cannot result in you being offered an honours degree classification lower than that which you were previously offered.

**BA–His 6 DURATION OF STUDY**

**BA–His 6.1** The credit required for the award of the BA (Honours) History must be obtained during the time that the degree is available. Courses do not need to be studied consecutively.

**BA–His 6.2** Credit from particular courses may cease to be countable towards the BA (Honours) History at a specified point in time after their final presentation.