Postgraduate Courses in History
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Welcome to the University of Leicester

We believe that our world-changing research produces high quality teaching – and will inspire you to go further.

At Leicester we consider education and knowledge to be a power for good. We’re all about pushing the boundaries and discovering ways to improve and change the world for the better.

For example staff from our School of History are involved in a major multidisciplinary research project assessing how the history of Britain has been affected by the dispersal of people from their ancestral homelands. The study investigates how these events have shaped past and present identities in the British Isles. This unique research brings together the latest expertise and ideas in different disciplines, including genetics, computer simulations, cross-generational ‘social remembering’, linguistic variation in Early Anglo-Saxon England and ideas of home and homelands versus exile, exclusion and foreignness.

But this is not just about what we do – this is also about you. We know our work is better in a shared academic community that includes you. Where you’re coming from and your journey up to this point will have given you your own personal perspectives and ideas. Your experience, energy and willingness to ask the difficult questions benefits you and us.

At Leicester you’ll be working with our leading academics who are at the forefront of their disciplines. By sharing their enthusiasm you’ll be immersed in a stimulating and innovative learning environment, which will enable you to realise your potential and to compete alongside the very best.

Over half of our students are studying at postgraduate level so we understand your needs and concerns whatever your subject or mode of study.

Welcome to the School

The School of History has an outstanding reputation for teaching and research across a wide range of chronological and geographical periods. The expertise of our staff enables us to offer a diverse teaching programme and support a large research community. The School is home to two internationally-known postgraduate research centres which deliver our specialist MAs:

- Centre for English Local History: established in 1948, the Centre pioneered the national comparative approach to local history. It is the only specifically postgraduate research centre of its kind in Britain and is unique among provincial universities for its holdings in local, regional, and family history
- Centre for Urban History: founded in 1985, it has become a major international centre for interdisciplinary research and postgraduate teaching, offering students the only MA in Urban History in the UK

Staff in the School are also heavily involved in four multidisciplinary research centres: the Centre for American Studies; the Stanley Burton Centre for Holocaust and Genocide Studies; the Medieval Research Centre; and the Centre for Medical Humanities. This cutting-edge research feeds directly into our teaching, ensuring you will be learning from those leading developments in your field.

In the following pages you will find details of the various postgraduate degree programmes we offer, along with a selection of the diverse modules available and research supervision expertise. Information is also provided about life as a history student at Leicester and other aspects of studying and living in Leicester, including the opportunity to be involved with the hugely popular and successful New History Lab.
Why study History at the University of Leicester?

Inspiring Teaching based on World-Class Research

Our teaching is directly informed by our cutting edge research. In The Guardian league table for 2014 Research Excellence Framework Leicester was placed in the top 10 history departments. With 85% of its research rated 3/4* Leicester is placed 6th among UK History departments. This means you will be taught by academics at the forefront of their fields creating a vibrant learning atmosphere. By sharing in their enthusiasm and bringing your own personal perspectives, you will be part of an exciting and reciprocal learning environment.

Great Choice

We are one of the largest history departments in the UK. This allows us to offer a choice of degrees, including specialist degrees in Urban History and English Local History and Family History as well as the wide-ranging MA and MRes History courses. Our expertise is broad with active research in subjects and periods ranging from the 5th century to the contemporary world, from local history to globalisation.

International Reputation

Leicester historians have written some of the best histories of recent years and regularly advise and appear on radio and television. Our specialist research centres maintain international reputations in Urban History, English Local History, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, American Studies and Medieval History. The University of Leicester is ranked in the top 1% of universities in the world by the QS World University Rankings, Taiwan World University Rankings and THE World University Rankings.

Flexible Study

Our postgraduate degrees offer a great deal of flexibility as all courses are available on a full- or part-time basis.

International Students

We welcome applications from international students for all our postgraduate masters’ degree courses and research degrees. Students from several countries including Brazil, China, France, Germany, Iraq, Italy, Kuwait and the United States have studied with us in recent years. Staff in the department have expertise in many regions of the world and can support masters dissertations and PhD research projects that use archives in these areas. Students interested in China, India, and South America will find supervisors with relevant language skills and experience of using archives local to these areas as well as knowledge of related UK-based resources for research. In addition, students interested in global history will find expertise among staff who research the economic, social, political and cultural interactions that have made the world the place it is today. For those who are not native English language speakers the English Language Teaching Unit provides in-sessional language training support during your studies.

The International Office can provide all the information you need about applying for one of our degrees, including English Language requirements. Information is available at www.le.ac.uk/international

Friendly Environment

At Leicester we believe we offer a special experience to our students by combining a reputation for the quality of our work with a genuinely friendly environment. The School has dedicated postgraduate facilities which help ensure you will be joining a thriving postgraduate community and an annual Postgraduate Conference that gives students the opportunity to share their research.

Funding Opportunities

Research students can apply for funding through the Midlands 3 Cities Doctoral Training Partnership, www.midlands3cities.ac.uk/midlands-3-cities/index.aspx. Other funding opportunities for research students, including AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Awards and University scholarships are regularly available. A range of funding opportunities are available for masters courses, including discounts for University of Leicester alumni. All current funding opportunities are advertised on the University and School websites.
Career Enhancement

A postgraduate degree can offer you a very strong competitive advantage. Research has shown that career choices and your future salary can be considerably enhanced by postgraduate qualifications. A postgraduate degree in history provides you with a wide range of skills that will give you a very strong competitive advantage in today's job market. These skills include:

• Critical analysis of textual, visual, and material evidence
• Statistical analysis and database design
• IT skills
• Advanced written and oral presentation skills
• Time management and independent working on an extended research project

As a postgraduate student in the School you will also have the opportunity to be involved in the planning of meetings and conferences, as well as possible opportunities for teaching to undergraduate students. These opportunities, along with subject-specific skills, compliment the range of transferable skills you will develop and are all highly valued by employers in the graduate job market.

Dedicated Facilities

Our Salisbury Road campus contains dedicated postgraduate facilities within the Marc Fitch Historical Institute, five minutes walk from main campus. The institute contains workspaces and essential resources for advanced research, including:

• Map room which contains a complete coverage of England and Wales Ordnance Surveys and a large collection of historical maps and prints
• Marc Fitch Library, covering all aspects of local history and areas of England
• A specialist urban history library

The Centres for English Local History and Urban History are housed in Salisbury Road. The School also has a strong presence on the main campus. The School office and the multidisciplinary centres attached to the School are located in the Attenborough Tower. The greater part of the third floor of the main university library is dedicated to history.

Multi-Media Archival Collections

The East Midlands Oral History Archive (EMOHA) contains oral history recordings from Leicestershire & Rutland and looks after the archives of BBC Radio Leicester. EMOHA provides advice, training and support for organisations, students and other individuals who are interested in developing their own projects. In particular, as well as running its own projects, it provides training to many Heritage Lottery Fund projects across the region. [www.le.ac.uk/emoha](http://www.le.ac.uk/emoha)

History students have gone on to work in a variety of fields:

• PhD research and academic career
• Civil Service and local government
• Planning and housing administration
• Teaching and adult education
• Project management
• Heritage industry
• Media
• Criminology/social research
• Archives and records
• Business and management
Stanley Burton Centre Holocaust Resource Room

The Stanley Burton Centre has its own Holocaust Resource Room in the Attenborough Tower where members can meet to co-ordinate and develop activities, as well as host events. The room contains primary sources, books, journals, DVDs and CD-ROMs as well as offering its own computing facilities for the Centre’s students. The room is run by a team of student volunteers who supervise the use of the collection, catalogue resources, compile a newspaper collection on topics relevant to the Centre and are involved in other related activities.

www2.le.ac.uk/centres/stanley-burton-centre

Library

The award-winning David Wilson Library is a stunning light, airy five-storey building providing state-of-the-art facilities. Self-service loan and return, group study rooms, hundreds of PCs, wireless access throughout, staffed Help Zones, 24-hour opening during term time, plus a bookshop and café create a study environment second to none.

We invest over £6m a year in the Library. It includes access to over a million printed volumes and our Leicester Digital Library of tens of thousands of journals, over 350,000 e-books and the Leicester Research Archive of research papers and theses from members of the University. You can use the Digital Library from anywhere you have an Internet connection.

There are also Librarians for each subject area, who can provide detailed advice for your discipline and help you make the most of the resources available in the Library and on the web.

In 2012 the Library won the prestigious Times Higher Education Outstanding Library Team award, and it has received the Customer Service Excellence award since 2010. www.le.ac.uk/library

Special Collections and Archives

The University Library has extensive collections of rare books, manuscripts, historical photographs, engraved portrait prints and private archives. These collections include:

- Medieval manuscripts and Incunabula (books printed before 1501).
- Early modern printed material, including civil war pamphlets, engraved portraits, and a large collection of Bibles.
- The largest collection of topographical and local history books outside the copyright libraries.
- The University of Leicester Archives.
- Substantial archival holdings on modern Leicester including the Sue Townsend, Joe Orton and Leicester Mercury archives.
- The Transport Collection with over 500 items related to the history of all forms of transport, with an emphasis on British railways.

The University Library also subscribes to a large number of electronic collections. www.le.ac.uk/specialcollections
MA in History

In this degree, you will have the opportunity to pursue a broad range of historical topics. The nature of the programme means that you can choose to expand the breadth of your historical knowledge by selecting from options which have a wide chronological range and an international scope. We also provide you with the knowledge and understanding of research methods and practices in history, and you will gain the necessary training and experience to continue research at doctoral level.

Course Structure
The degree is divided equally between two core research training modules and two optional history modules, plus a 15-20,000 word dissertation.

Semester One
You take the core module ‘Historical Research Methods’ which provides you with a thorough grounding in research methods, plus one optional module.

Semester Two
You take the core module ‘Social Theory and History’ where you learn about the key theoretical traditions that have influenced the writing of history in the twentieth century, plus an optional module.

In recent years (subject to availability) optional modules have included:

Medieval Options
- Mastering Medieval Sources (including a Latin course)
- The Crusades in the Eastern Mediterranean, 1095-1291
- Anglo-Saxon England and the Continent

Early Modern Options
- The Local Identities and Paleography of Early Modern England 1500-1700
- Patients and Practitioners: Responding to Illness in Early Modern England

Modern History
- The Holocaust: A Genocide: Mass Murder in Comparative Perspective
- Victorian Society
- After the Holocaust – History and Memory in Postwar Germany
- Global Cities: The View from Asia
- Heritage in the Workplace

You may also take optional modules offered by other MA degrees within the School.

Duration and Entry Requirements
One year full-time or two years part-time. An upper second class honours degree or its equivalent is preferred. Applications are also invited from those who do not possess the normal admission requirements but who can show enthusiasm and competence by having attended relevant certificated courses, by submitting published work or by writing qualifying essays to a first degree standard.
Dissertation

This is an important opportunity for you to develop your research expertise by exploring an approved research topic of your own choosing under the direction of a supervisor. Recent dissertation topics have included:

- The impact of the Civil War on everyday life in the East Midlands, 1640-1660
- The Catholic Threat to (the Governments of) England and Scotland, 1570-1603
- A study investigating the changing motivations in the perpetration of white-on-black violence during the antebellum, reconstruction and segregation periods
- Reactions to the Russian Revolutions in Britain, 1916-1918
- The Women of the Special Operation Executive: Recruitment, Training and Patronage

Part-time students

The requirements of the course are spread over two years, with students taking a core research training module in each year. You take ‘Historical Research Methods’ in semester one of the first year and an optional module in semester two. In the first semester of your second year you take another optional module followed by the module ‘Social Theory and History’ in the final semester. As with full-time students you will complete a 20,000 word dissertation in your second year. All modules are taught to full- and part-time students together ensuring that part-time students are integrated into the postgraduate community. Some modules are available in the evening for those who need to fit their studies around working hours and other commitments.

“Regardless of whether you are considering the course as a supplement to your first degree, or as a platform to further study, I strongly recommend the MA at Leicester. I found it to be wide-ranging, challenging and comprehensive – yet also relaxed and enjoyable.

Richard, MA History
The MRes in History offers you the opportunity to develop your research skills at the same time as deepening your historical knowledge. The course provides training in historical research methods and skills, and the support necessary to carry out an extended piece of writing which provides a clear pathway to continuing research at doctoral level.

**Duration and Entry Requirements**

One year full-time or two years part-time. An upper second class honours degree or its equivalent is preferred. Applications are also invited from those who do not possess the normal admission requirements but who can show enthusiasm and competence by having attended relevant certificated courses, by submitting published work or by writing qualifying essays to a first degree standard. MRes applicants submit a research proposal.

**Course Structure**

The course consists of two taught modules and an extended dissertation.

**Semester One**

- ‘Historical Research Methods’ which provides you with a thorough grounding in research methods, plus either
  - ‘Literature Review’ where you will explore the historiography of your chosen dissertation area and extant literature, or
  - A module. If taking an option you would choose a module running within the MA in History programme (see p.7)

**Semester Two**

You would carry out the work for your extended research topic.

**Dissertation**

The core aspect of the MRes is the extended piece of research. The dissertation consists of a maximum of 30,000 words and allows you to pursue a major independent research project under the direction of a supervisor from within the School.

**Part-time students**

The requirements for the course are spread over two years. During the first year students take the module ‘Historical Research Methods’ in semester one and either ‘Literature Review’ or an optional module in semester two. In the second year students spend both semesters working on their dissertation under the direction of a supervisor.

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**The MRes History gave me more flexibility with the extended dissertation to shape the course into my own personal degree.**

Rebecca, MRes History
MA in English Local History and Family History

The MA is based within the Centre for English Local History. It is the most comprehensive course of its kind, providing training in the ‘Leicester’ approach to local, regional and contextual family history. The Leicester approach is interdisciplinary and is concerned with the interaction between society and landscape and uses comparative methods to test hypotheses and interpretations, which might include comparisons with places outside the British Isles. Staff specialisms reflect the diversity of regions and approaches covered by the MA. The course will particularly appeal to those interested in social, cultural, economic and landscape history.

Duration and Entry Requirements

One year full-time or two years part-time. An upper second class honours degree or its equivalent is preferred. Applications are also invited from those who do not possess the normal admission requirements but who can show enthusiasm and competence by having attended relevant certificated courses, by submitting published work or by writing qualifying essays to a first degree standard.

Funding Opportunities

The School and College regularly offer fee bursaries for our MA programmes. The Friends of the Centre for English Local History offer a number of bursaries each year. English Local History students can also apply to the Hoskins Duffield Fund for assistance with their expenses incurred while studying. Further information is available on the School’s website.

Course Structure

Students take four core modules, a field course and write a dissertation. Students can opt to substitute one of the core modules with an MA History optional module.

- Medieval Landscapes, 400-1500
- The Local Identities and Palaeography of Early Modern England, 1500-1700
- Understanding English and Welsh Communities and Cultures, 1800-2000
- Field course – comparative study of landscapes as artefacts of historic cultures (broadly defined to include, e.g. religion, work, leisure, class) in Devon

Dissertation

This provides students with the opportunity to develop their research expertise by exploring an approved research topic of their own choosing under the direction of a supervisor. The dissertation consists of a maximum of 20,000 words. Recent dissertation topics have included:

- The status of women in Surrey, c. 1235-1348
- A different world? Reconstructing the peasant environment in medieval Elton
- The Transformation of a Yeoman Society: Windermere, 1640-1841
- Capital punishment and the press in Northamptonshire, 1780-1834
- The evolution of secularisation of the funeral in Leicester and Leicestershire, 1830-2010
- Identity and integration: a study of the Polish community in Leicester

Part-time students

The requirements for the course are spread over two years. As with full-time students you complete a 20,000 word dissertation.

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MA in Urban History

Taught within the Centre for Urban History, this is the only MA in Urban History in the UK. The MA is a highly-regarded and well-established degree programme which attracts students from around the globe.

The MA offers a broad interdisciplinary introduction to the study of the city from classical antiquity to modern times. The course will have strong appeal to social, economic and cultural historians, planning specialists, geographers, art historians and all those with an interest in the study of the city and of individual communities.

Course Structure

**Semester One**
All students take two core modules.
- ‘Historical Research Methods’: this provides you with a thorough grounding in research methods and is essential for students wishing to go on to study a research degree.
- The City in History

**Semester Two**
During the second semester you choose two options. In recent years (subject to availability) optional modules have included:
- Urban Topography: Image and Reality 1540-1840
- Global Cities in the View from Asia
- Heritage in the workplace
- Conservation, Heritage and Planning

**Dissertation**
This is an important opportunity for students to develop their own research expertise while working on an approved topic under the direction of a supervisor. The dissertation consists of a maximum of 20,000 words. Recent dissertations demonstrate the range of research undertaken by MA Urban History students:
- Survival Strategies: The Body, the Patient and the Druggist.
- Female Friendly Societies and the Lives of Widows and Spinsters.
- The Construction of London’s Chinatown, 1900-1990.

**Duration and Entry Requirements**
One year full-time or two years part-time. An upper second class honours degree or its equivalent is preferred.

**Funding Opportunities**
The School and College regularly offer fee bursaries for our MA programmes. Please see the School website for current details. The Centre for Urban History also assists students in a broad range of academic activities including conference attendance.

**Part-time Students**
The requirements for the course are spread over two years. During the first year students take the module ‘Historical Research Methods’ in semester one and an optional module in semester two. In the second year you take the module ‘Concepts in Urban History’ in the first semester and another optional module in the second. As with full-time students you complete a 20,000 word dissertation.
MA in Urban Conservation

The programme aims to provide you with academic knowledge and professional experience in urban conservation and heritage. The course contains input from professional practitioners and employers and you will engage in both practical field work and classroom based study.

You will become familiar with a range of approaches to the conservation of cities and their application in both policy and research contexts. You will also be supported in gaining practical experience of project management and contemporary policy in urban conservation together with research skills in policy-related aspects of the field. The programme aims to equip you with the knowledge and skills necessary to work in urban conservation.

The course will have a strong appeal to social, economic and cultural historians, planning specialists, geographers, art historians and all those with an interest in the study of the city and the practice of planning and conservation.

Duration and entry requirements

One year full-time or two years part-time. An upper second class honours degree or its equivalent is the normal entry requirement although we also welcome applications from those with experience of the field.

Funding opportunities

The School and College regularly offer fee bursaries for our MA programmes. Please see the School website for current details.

The Centre for Urban History also assists students in a broad range of academic activities including conference attendance.

Course Structure

You will study four optional modules, plus you will write 20,000 word dissertation. The optional modules available to be chosen are:

- The City in History
- New Approaches to Landscapes, Building and Objects
- Conservation in Practice
- Conservation, Heritage and Planning
- Heritage in the Workplace
- Urban Sustainability and Renewal

Dissertation

This is an important opportunity for students to develop their own research expertise while working on an approved topic under the direction of a supervisor. The dissertation consists of a maximum of 20,000 words.

Part-time students

The requirements for the course are spread over two years. As with full-time students you complete a 20,000 word dissertation.

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The School provides opportunities for doctoral research in a wide range of subjects in British, European and Global history in the medieval, early modern and modern periods. The specialist research interests of staff cover a variety of chronological periods and geographical areas. There are particular concentrations of expertise in:

- American History
- Medieval History
- Modern and Contemporary British and European History
- English Local History
- Urban History
- Holocaust Studies
- The Wider World, in particular its cultural, imperial, commercial and economic settings

Information about staff and their research interests can be found at www2.le.ac.uk/study/research/phd/history/supervision.

Degree Structure
Students can carry out postgraduate research leading to the award of either a PhD or MPhil. An MPhil is a research-based degree of one or two years’ duration (two to four years part-time) for which students produce a 50,000 word thesis based on original research. PhD degrees have a registration period of two to four years’ full-time (three to six years part-time) and require an 80,000 word thesis.

All students are allocated a primary and secondary supervisor, and receive regular input from other members of academic staff during regular progress review meetings.

Doctoral Training
All doctoral research students in the School undertake the Research Design and Practice module of the College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities Doctoral Training Programme and have access to a range of bespoke research training opportunities provided by the Leicester Learning Institute and the University Library. Many students also attend specialist training opportunities provided outside the university. Students not resident in Leicester have access to online training material and are encouraged to participate in our annual Postgraduate Conference alongside campus-based students. Those students who wish to contribute to teaching in the School are able to attend appropriate training.

Facilities for research students
PhD and MPhil students in the School have access to desk space in Salisbury Road.

Funding Opportunities
Research students can apply for funding through the Midlands 3 Cities Doctoral Training Partnership, www.midlands3cities.ac.uk/midlands-3-cities/index.aspx. Applications for this scheme are usually submitted in early January to start the following October. If you wish to apply for this scheme you need to contact the department as soon as possible to ensure that we can support your application for these highly-competitive awards effectively. Other funding opportunities for research students, including AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Awards and University scholarships are regularly available. All current funding opportunities are advertised on the University and School websites. Grants and bursaries for conference and research expenses are available from a range of sources and our students have a strong record of success in securing external funding for these activities.
Being a postgraduate student gave me time to focus intensively on something I was really interested in. This is a luxury and I appreciate every moment of it!

Siobhan, PhD student

Developing your Research proposal

When you apply for a Research Degree you will usually need to submit a research proposal that demonstrates that your project is a viable one. Guidance on what to include in your proposal is available at www2.le.ac.uk/study/research/how-to-apply/research-proposals/arts-humanities

Staff in the School are happy to help you develop your research proposal. Students should contact the Postgraduate Administrator who will direct you to a suitable member of staff.

Examples of current MPhil/PhD projects:

- The experience of war widows and orphans in the Midlands during the mid-seventeenth century
- Welfare outside the workhouse – Outdoor relief under the New Poor Law, 1834-1930
- Penal Sakhalin: Forging identity in the Euro-Asian Borderlands
- The construction history of war memorials in Leicestershire and Rutland
- Convict Connections: The British Empire and the Establishment of the Swan River Colony
- The British Officer in the Indian Army, 1861-1945
- Miracles, Magic and Incorruptible Bodies: Defining the Boundaries of the Natural in Post-Tridentine Legal-Medicine
- Inner Cities and Globalisation: the Example of Rheims and Leicester

If you are applying for a Collaborative Studentship where the project has already been defined you should check the further particulars for details of what is required.
Supporting You

Careers
Our Career Development Service is well positioned to offer you guidance and support at any time during your time with us. Their huge range of programmes and awards is specifically designed to make the most of your talents and skills – and help you get ahead in your chosen career.

In a competitive jobs market having that little bit extra can make all the difference. At Leicester you can develop that extra dimension through a variety of employability programmes and awards. In addition, the Career Development Service offers all kinds of one-to-one consultations, workshops and Webinars covering interview and assessment centre skills, CVs, covering letters and application forms and much more. You can also meet a range of employers and discover directly the careers paths that are open to you through regular events.

www.le.ac.uk/careers

Computing
The School is committed to enhancing the quality of teaching through the use of computing applications. All modules are supported by material on the Blackboard Virtual Learning Environment. The University has over 1100 computers for student use in designated user areas across campus.

Personal Tutor
Help and advice is available to all students throughout their degree programme, both with academic work and with any problems that may affect your study. Students are allocated a personal tutor who is there to provide support and guidance and who will be concerned with both your academic and personal welfare.

Student Development Zone
The Student Learning Centre provides free one-on-one consultations, workshops and resources to help students enhance their academic and transferable skills.

Special needs
The School welcomes applications from students with special needs. Students with special needs may wish to contact the University before applying for a course to discuss their requirements.

Please contact the AccessAbility Centre on:
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w: www.le.ac.uk/accessability
We’re discovering that Botany Bay wasn’t unique.

Where will your studies transport you?

Research in our School of History has revealed that transportation of convicts from Europe and Asia to distant penal colonies continued for more than 500 years and covered much of the globe. The social and economic impact of this practice is still being felt today.

Discover more: www.le.ac.uk/discover
The New History Lab at Leicester is an academic society run by and for postgraduates and generously funded by the School of History. Our aim is to create a vibrant postgraduate community hosting talks from world-leading academics in a friendly and informal environment. Since we were set up in 2008, the Lab has gone from strength to strength, welcoming postgraduates for the perfect blend of tea, cake and history.

The Lab meets every other Friday during term time, and hosts special summer labs for those of us who can’t resist a bit of cake and a chat. The format is well established; first we meet up for a catch-up over tea and homemade cake, a seminar or workshop on history, and then to New History Lab’s local pub, The Marquis of Wellington. We believe in the importance of a postgraduate community for PhD and Masters students to offer support, advice and cake. We try to see history afresh and make the lab work for what we need, including sound advice and good community.

Committee members and attendees are welcomed from departments all over the university as well as neighbouring institutions and non-academic folk. We keep the format fresh by hosting a huge variety of labs – including historic pub crawls, career workshops, quizzes on historic Leicester, and film screenings. The subjects of our seminars range from the history of football to the medieval origins of Star Wars to historical reenactors. All in all, there is something for everyone.

We hope to see you at our first lab – look out for the posters, join our Facebook group or follow us on Twitter (@NewHistoryLab). Our website is: newhistorylab.org
The iconic Percy Gee Students’ Union building provides a warm, welcoming and friendly environment for all students. There is everything a busy student needs, whether that’s getting an early morning pick-me-up at Starbucks, grabbing lunch at the Union Diner, or stocking up on study essentials at Ryman.

At the heart of the Students’ Union is the Square – a huge atrium and terrace area – it’s the perfect place for relaxing and catching up with friends.

Throughout the year, all manner of social and academic-related events are arranged through the SU – fundraising activities, health awareness campaigns, fashion shows, charity events and, of course, a superb nightlife.

As a postgraduate you are encouraged make your voice heard. Annual elections vote in members of the Students’ Union Executive, who oversee its strategic and political direction.

Being a part of a society is a sure way of getting involved in the University community.

Societies offer a chance to meet like-minded people, have fun and try something new. Whatever you’re into there will be a society for you – there are over 200 at Leicester.

The Students’ Union is home to groups in sport, media, politics, performing arts, music, volunteering, fundraising, plus the specialist and zany.

For more information please visit: [www.leicesterunion.com](http://www.leicesterunion.com)
Your city

Leicester is a lively and diverse city and the tenth largest in Britain. It has all the activities and facilities you would expect, with a friendly and safe atmosphere. The city centre is just a short walk from campus so you'll never be far from the action.

Leicester’s diverse heritage is reflected in a dazzling array of festivals and cultural experiences including the largest Diwali celebrations outside India, the UK’s longest running Comedy Festival and the University’s hugely successful book festival – Literary Leicester.

Recent developments have led to the opening of the world class Curve Theatre and Phoenix Square Independent Arts Centre in the new Cultural Quarter, which complement Leicester’s existing array of cinemas, theatres, museums and galleries.

Leicester is a city of sporting excellence. Sports fans can enjoy Premier League football with Leicester City and watch top-class rugby at Welford Road, home of the mighty Leicester Tigers. The Leicester Riders are a formidable presence in the British Basketball League (BBL), and during the summer months, Leicestershire County Cricket Club compete in the county championship and T20 Blast competition.

The sparkling Highcross complex features 110,000 square metres of retail therapy, bars, cafés and restaurants. For those with independent tastes Leicester Lanes houses a variety of boutiques and specialist shops.

As you would expect from a true student city, there is a huge range of bars, clubs and live music venues that cater for all kinds of tastes. Food lovers are treated to a fantastic selection of restaurants, with specialities available from every corner of the world.