

Department of History
Summary of Year Group Meeting with Returning Final Year Students
October 2018

Inclusivity and respect

The department subscribes fully to the university's dignity, inclusivity and respect agenda. I urge all students to read the Dignity at Warwick policy, which can be found at <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/equalops/dignityatwarwick/>

That link includes a route for reporting instances when you feel that the actions of another student or member of staff have broken the university's stated policy. The department is comprised of members from across the globe and every conceivable background in terms of gender, class and ethnicity. We do not tolerate any behaviour, in person or online, that undermines the ability of any student to be a full member of our community.

Strike action

Although very disruptive to teaching in the second half of last year, there was no apparent correlation between module marks and the strike action at any level of the undergraduate programme.

The overall average mark for 2nd year History modules in 2017/18 was 66.1, compared to 65.7 in 2016/17, 65.5 in 2015/6 and 66.3 in 2014/5. The average individual module marks fell within a range of 61.9 and 70.5, compared to 61.7-70.6 in 2016/17; 62.6-69.4 in 2015/16; and 62.8 -69.3% in 2014/15.

The set of 15 CAT modules that were most disrupted by strike action and those disrupted by significant long-term staff medical leave all fell within the range of 64.5-68.9.

Having analysed this data carefully and while recognising the significant disruption that students faced last year, the department concluded that there was no observable effect of the strike action on marks.

Student involvement in our academic community

All students are part of the department's academic community and we encourage you all to get involved in the activities that we host throughout the year.

These events are listed on the department's student events calendar (<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/history/students/undergraduate/calendar/>). You can download the calendar by following the 'icalendar' link.

More specifically, Professor Mark Philp is running a staff & student research project, 'To the Barricades! A Collaborative Research Project on Contesting Power Across Europe 1815-1850.' He is looking for students to participate in the project, particularly to be involved in a project website, summer research projects in 2019 and a workshop and concert on political protest songs to be held on 24 November. More details can be found at

https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/ehrc/events/barricades/ or by contacting Mark on email at mark.philp@warwick.ac.uk

Assessment and course details

You can find a breakdown of the year for each degree at

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/history/students/modules/syllabi/>

You have already completed a significant proportion of your degree; the 2nd year is weighted equally with the final year when we decide on your overall marks and degree classification. How we assess each module, our 20-point marking scale, our policies about plagiarism and proofreading, and other information about assessment can be found at:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/history/students/assessment/>

For single honours students taking the 'Historiography' core module, we have developed a new assessment option for this module in response to student feedback.

Student careers and skills

We encourage all students to take full advantage of the expert support and events organised by Student Careers and Skills. Their website is at:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/careers/>