

MA History (Part- Time)

1. Objectives

This programme will:

- (i) provide opportunities to History graduates to acquire a thorough and deeper understanding of selected themes in modern world history;
- (ii) enable students to develop and apply research skills, methods, theoretical concepts and techniques of conducting and writing up independent historical, historiographical or conceptual research projects;
- (iii) enhance and reinforce capacity building in Historical studies.

2. General Entry Requirements

In accordance with the University General Entry Requirements for admission to undergraduate degree programmes.

3. Programme Requirements

- at least a Second Class Degree in History or a Joint degree in History from a recognised University
- a GPA not less than 2.5 out of 4 or equivalent, from a recognised higher education institution.

OR alternative qualifications acceptable to the University of Mauritius

4. Programme Duration

	Normal (Yrs)	Maximum (Yrs)
<i>Master's Degree</i>	2	4
<i>Postgraduate Diploma</i>	2	4
<i>Postgraduate Certificate</i>	1	2

5. Credits per Year: As per University Regulation.

6. Minimum Credits Required for the Award:

	Core Modules	Elective	Dissertation	Total
Master's Degree	18	12	12	42
Postgraduate Diploma	15	12	-	27

7. Assessment

Each module will carry 100 marks and will be assessed as follows (unless otherwise specified).

Written examination of 2-3 hours duration and continuous assessments carrying 30-40% of total marks.

Continuous assessment may be based on field work, seminars and should include at least two (2) assignments/tests per year per module.

An overall total of 40% for combined continuous assessment and written examination components would be required to pass the module, without minimum thresholds within the individual continuous assessment and written examination.

8. Submission Deadline for Dissertation

- First Draft: End of July in the Final Year
- Final Copy: Last week day of August in the Final Year by 4.00 pm at latest

9. Plan of Study

Students are required to submit at the end of Semester I, a Plan of Study for their whole Programme of Studies, indicating the list of elective modules and in which semester each of them will be taken.

10. Reservation

The University reserves the right not to offer a given elective module (if the critical number of students is not attained and/or for reasons of resource constraints). Additional electives may also be offered subject to approval of Faculty Board.

11. Programme Plan

Year 1			
Code Core	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
HIST 5001Y	Comparative Labour Systems	1½+0	3
HIST 5002Y	Historiography and Methodologies	3+0	6
Electives- Choose any 2 from the following			
HIST 5003Y	Mauritius: Political and Constitutional Development since 1947	1½+0	3
HIST 5004Y	Urbanization and Patterns of Human Settlement in Mauritius	1½+0	3
HIST 5005Y	Contemporary South Asian Society and Culture ²	1½+0	3
	Postgraduate Module*		3
Year 2			
Code Core	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
HIST 6000	Dissertation	-	12
HIST 6001Y	Decolonisation in the South West Indian Ocean	1½+0	3
HIST 6002Y	International History of the Cold War (1945-1991)	3+0	6
Electives- Choose any 2 from			
HIST 6003Y	Geopolitics of the Indian Ocean	1½+0	3
HIST 6004Y	Nationalism, Communism and Conflict in East Asia, 1919-1954	1½+0	3
HIST 6005Y	Family and Community History	1½+0	3

Note: * Any Postgraduate Elective module (3 Credits) offered by any other Department within the Faculty subject to approval by both departments concerned.

10. COURSE OUTLINE

HIST 5001Y- COMPARATIVE LABOUR SYSTEMS

This module will examine theoretical approaches to comparative history and focus on one theme that lends itself well to comparative studies: labour systems since these cut across centuries, geographical spaces and economic and social structures. Themes to be explored include concepts of free labour, political economy of slavery and indenture, postemancipation society and economy, contemporary labour migration demography, caste, class and race issues, post-independence outcomes, reparation issues.

HIST 5002Y- HISTORIOGRAPHY AND METHODOLOGIES

This module will be divided into 2 parts. In the methodologies part, basic historical techniques will be reviewed such as compilation of bibliographies, assessment of the use of sources by historians, use of the internet and the construction of historical databases. One assignment will be a project that will assess skills of the student in relation to the proposed dissertation. In the 'historiography' section, the nature of historical enquiry and writing on Mauritius will be examined and the methods and approaches to history will be scrutinised. Debates will be held on relevant issues and scholars will be invited to join in the discussions.

HIST 6001Y- DECOLONISATION IN THE SOUTH WEST INDIAN OCEAN

This module will investigate the decolonisation of the islands of the South West Indian Ocean from both an insular and comparative perspective. It will focus on British and French imperial strategies, the emergence, nature and relative strength of nationalism, decolonisation crises, the impact of the Cold War and the creation of the BIOT.

NB: Part of the module may be taught in French by lecturers from the Francophone universities of the region.

HIST 6002Y- INTERNATIONAL HISTORY OF THE COLD WAR (1945-1991)

This module will present an advanced survey of the origins, course and conclusion of the Cold war. It will focus on both the Eastern bloc and Western countries and explore the impact of their rivalries on third world countries. It will also take in account general themes such as the roles of ideology and technology and particular stress will be placed on key turning points and crises.

ELECTIVES

HIST 5003Y- MAURITIUS: POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT SINCE 1947

This module will investigate the political and constitutional development in Mauritius since 1947. The major themes will include democratization and decolonization; the emergence of mass politics; constitutional instruments; the evolution of the party system; issues of class, ethnicity and gender; local government; proportional representation; Rodrigues' autonomy.

HIST 5004Y- URBANISATION AND PATTERNS OF HUMAN SETTLEMENT IN MAURITIUS

This module will introduce students to a variety of approaches to studying patterns of urbanisation and human settlement in Mauritius including written sources, oral history and ethnographic research methods. The module will be divided into three parts: (1) development of villages largely without state assistance during the indenture and pre-war period; (2) state sponsored forms of housing development after World War 2; (3) and private sector led development in the more recent period, focusing in particular on IRS schemes and the construction of large shopping centres. Students will be expected to carry out a research project on some aspect of Mauritius's urban history as part of their assessment for this module.

HIST 5005Y- CONTEMPORARY SOUTH ASIAN SOCIETY AND CULTURE

This module will examine the history of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh and Sri Lanka through the prism of focused studies on the impact of British rule from the establishment of the rule of the British East India Company to the independence of India. The major themes will include the economic, social and cultural impact of British rule, responses to British rule, and a discussion of key issues in post-colonial South Asia, such as globalisation, contemporary economic, political, legal, social, environmental, cultural and strategic problems, the impact of the diaspora on foreign policy.

HIST6003Y- GEOPOLITICS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN

This module will examine contemporary issues relating to the Indian Ocean region using a historical perspective: the impact of war in the Middle East, the interplay of religions, economy and politics, the Chagos issue, ethnic conflicts, emergence of new regional economies, globalisation and regional integration, and the role of small island states in the new configuration.

HIST 6004Y- NATIONALISM, COMMUNISM AND CONFLICT IN EAST ASIA, 1919-1954

This module will investigate the emergence of contemporary East Asia from 1919 to 1954, focusing on the interplay between internal and international tensions, the civil war in China, autarky and militarism in Japan, Sino-Japanese antagonism, the diplomacy of Great powers, the outbreak, course and impact of the Second World War, the occupation of Japan, Chinese nationalism and communism.

HIST 6005Y- FAMILY AND COMMUNITY HISTORY

This module will explore approaches, problems and methods used in researching local family and community history based on the prior experience of families. It will also examine the links and relationships among families relating to property ownership, ethnicity and colour. It will avoid the narrow, genealogical approach to family history but instead consider family and community history as part of national history.

HIST 6000- DISSERTATION

Every student has to submit a dissertation of 10,000 – 14,000 words. In the dissertation the student will be expected to demonstrate a good command of the latest literature on the subject as well as the related concepts and theories. The student will show evidence of original research having been conducted, how the research advances existing historiography on the subject and demonstrate interpretation and analytical skills.

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