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## MA in Medieval History: Culture, Text, Image

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Join us to explore the past, understand the present, and shape your future.

## MA in Medieval History: Culture, Text, Image

Located at the ends of the earth, the peoples of medieval Ireland and Britain produced a civilisation of remarkable dynamism and creativity.

You will investigate how the peoples of the Isles forged their identities, and imagined and expressed their relationship with the wider world. In lectures, seminars, and site visits you will discover the range and diversity of the sources and explore themes of real and imagined communities and journeys, encounters with the exotic 'Other', and perceptions of the sacred. Our key interests cover: cultural contact between Ireland, Britain, continental Europe and the Near East; religious encounters between Christianity and Islam; gender and models of sanctity; language and images of authority; identity formation; space and travel; geographical and social marginality.

The MA begins with essential historical contexts and progresses to specialised modules that provide you with key interpretative and analytical skills. An integral part of the MA is instruction and experience in applied skills that allow you to create and publish an online exhibition and develop your expertise in public history. The programme also allows you to pursue your interests in historical languages and take specialised courses relevant to your research.

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## Why Choose this Course?

- The programme is designed to give students a thorough grounding in research skills while providing maximum freedom to follow their own research interests.
- This course will appeal to students wishing to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the culture of the medieval West, and especially of medieval Ireland and Britain.
- Students will encounter medieval sources that are being radically reinterpreted in the light of exciting new research by programme lecturers.
- Students will have the opportunity to apply their knowledge of the period and their interpretative skills in the working environment of the library's Special Collections. They will produce and publish an online exhibition.

## Skills & Career Paths

- The course will equip you with the essential skills that enable you to understand and interpret the history and culture (written and visual) of the past.
- It will introduce new and innovative methodologies that bring fresh insights into medieval times, and that allow us to reconstruct in considerable detail how people understood their world, and how they lived their lives.
- There are modules that explore and apply research methods, and also modules that train you in how these methods and skills can be used by graduates in their employment.
- An essential part of the MA is instruction and experience in applied skills that allow you to create and publish your research online, and to develop your expertise in public history. The MA will guide you in developing your ability to engage with that wide audience through training in presenting your ideas both orally and in writing.
- Our graduates choose academic and non-academic career paths. They pursue doctoral study with scholarship support, work as university lecturers and teachers, are employed in the heritage sector, financial services and as project managers.

## Application Information

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