Based in the Department of War Studies, our MA History of War examines the social, cultural and operational aspects of war from broad historiographical and interdisciplinary perspectives. With close links to the Department of History and the Institute of Contemporary British History, you can study most aspects of the history of armed conflict and society from the late medieval period to the present day.

**Key benefits**

- The Department of War Studies is internationally recognised as a global centre of excellence and is highly regarded by the British Academy, the Arts and Humanities Research Council and the Economic and Social Research council as a high-calibre training institution.
- It is one of the only university departments in the world devoted exclusively to the study of war as a human phenomenon. A remarkable diversity of research interests, disciplinary approaches, opinion and background exists in the department among both staff and students, reflecting the variety and complexity of the issues raised by war and the study of war.
- You are taught by experts and pioneers in their fields who are often at the forefront of world events as they happen. Our stellar academic cohort bring not only a wealth of knowledge but also an extensive and continually growing network of links with other departments, think-tanks, organisations, policymaking bodies and institutions.
- Situated close to the seat of government, the City, Imperial War Museum, National Maritime Museum, Royal Courts of Justice and Inns of Court, you have unique opportunities to network with key high-profile visitors, from academics to government ministers, ambassadors and generals.
- Our MA courses are designed to enhance your analytical, conceptual, research and critical thinking skills which will increase your employability and aid professional career development.

**Course details**

Our course challenges you to examine war from broad historiographical and interdisciplinary perspectives, taking as a given that the history of warfare cannot be isolated from the study of general history. It encompasses more than what usually falls into the category of military history to include war from the viewpoint of combatants, societies, economies and cultures across the landscape of modern history, and in the spirit of war studies draws on the literature and methodology of other academic disciplines where appropriate.

Our MA History of War aims to equip you with the knowledge, understanding and skills you require to progress to advanced research in the field. To that end, it has been created with a compulsory module focused on research and analytical skills which will increase your employability and aid professional career development.

**History of War MA**

2018 entry

**Duration:** full-time: one year, part-time: two years

**Study mode:** full-time, part-time

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prepares you for future doctoral research into the history of warfare and related fields. It can also be taken as a free-standing master’s degree if you are interested in warfare in the past and the intellectual, methodological and practical skills essential to its study.

**Teaching**
The following table will give you an idea of what a typical academic workload might look like as you progress through your studies:

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<th>Module</th>
<th>Lectures, seminars and feedback</th>
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<td>Per 40 credit module</td>
<td>Typically 2 hours per week over two 10-week terms. This can be split into 1 lecture + 1 seminar or combinations thereof.</td>
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<td>Dissertation module</td>
<td>12 hours of training workshop/supervision.</td>
<td>588 hours for dissertation.</td>
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Typically, one credit equates to 10 hours of work.

**Assessment**
- Most 20 to 40-credit modules are assessed through a combination of essays (3000-6000 words), presentation, oral vivas and/or exams.
- The dissertation module assessment will be based on a 100% dissertation assignment (up to 15,000 words).

**Regulating body**
King’s College London is regulated by the Higher Education Funding Council for England.

### Course structure
Courses are divided into modules, and students on this course take modules totalling 180 credits.

**Required modules**
You are required to take the following modules:
- History of War (40 credits)
- Dissertation (60 credits)

**Optional modules**
In addition, you are required to take 80 credits from a range of optional modules that may typically include:
- Ancient Greek Conceptions of War, Order & Justice (20 credits)
- Clausewitz: Ideas & Legacy (40 credits)
- Conflict Simulation (40 credits)
- Diplomacy, Intelligence & Armaments Competition: The Origins of the Second World War 1931-1941 (40 credits)
- Mind, Body & Spirit in the First World War (40 credits)
- Navies & Sea Power 1793-2000 (40 credits)
- Past & Present of British Intelligence (40 credits)
- Or others from around 50 modules offered within the Department of War Studies

If you are studying part-time, in your first year you will take 40 credits of required taught modules and 40 credits of optional modules. In your second year you will take your dissertation (60 credits) and a further 40 credits of optional modules.

King’s College London reviews the modules offered on a regular basis to provide up-to-date, innovative and relevant programmes of study. Therefore, modules offered may change. We suggest you keep an eye on the course finder on our website for updates.

### Location
This course is primarily taught at the King’s College London Strand and Waterloo Campuses. Please note that locations are determined by where each module is taught and may vary.

### Career prospects
War Studies Graduates go on to work for NGOs, the FCO, the MOD, the Home Office, NATO, the UN or pursue careers in journalism, finance, academia, the diplomatic services, the armed forces and more. Recent posts held by our alumni include Threat Analyst, Director of Political Violence Forecasting, Research Advisor at NATO Defence College, Foreign Policy Fellow.
Fees and funding

Full-time and part-time tuition fees – UK
The UK tuition fees for the 2018–19 academic year are available on the course web page.

Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King’s terms and conditions.

Full-time and part-time tuition fees – EU
Current regulations allow some students to pay UK tuition fees on the basis of their EU citizenship or residency. Until these eligibility criteria are changed, the EU tuition fee will remain the same as the UK tuition fee.

The UK tuition fees for the 2018–19 academic year are available on the course web page.

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Full-time and part-time tuition fees – International
The International tuition fees for the 2018–19 academic year are available on the course web page.

Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King’s terms and conditions.

Deposit
When you receive an offer for this course you will be required to pay a non-refundable deposit to secure your place. The deposit will be credited towards your total fee payment.

The UK/EU deposit is £500.

The International deposit is £2,000.

For further information, please visit the fees and funding section of our website:
www.kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/fees-and-funding/index.aspx

Additional costs
In addition to your tuition fees, you can also expect to pay for:
• books if you choose to buy your own copies
• library fees and fines
• personal photocopies
• printing course handouts
• society membership fees
• stationery
• travel costs for travel around London and between campuses
• graduation costs.

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