

MSc in Genealogical, Palaeographic and Heraldic Studies (full time – 18 month)

Appendix VI: Timetables 2024-2026

MSc Total 180 SCQF Level 11 credits (1800 hours)

Notes The course is **ONLINE ONLY** and uses the Strathclyde VLE called MyPlace. There are mandatory online tutorial sessions throughout the course.

M1 Professional practice and methodologies 1 (LL927)	M3 Repositories, geography and administration 1 (LL945)	M5 Property, law and inheritance 1 (LL944)
M2 Civil and church records 1 (LL943)	M4 Family history studies and overseas records 1 (LL915)	M6 Heraldry and Latin 1 (LL942)

Semester 1 Starts Friday 20 Sep 2024 – NOTE: There will be an optional online induction period which will provide access to MyPlace (the University's virtual learning environment) beginning 13 September 2024.

SESSION	Materials and Release dates						Note that materials are typically available on a Friday, to be discussed at the next Tutorial. Assignments for submission are normally on a Monday. Where Fridays/Mondays are Scottish public holidays, this has been taken into account.		Tutorial Days	Assignments Due	
M1 C1	Introduction	Friday 20 Sep	C0 Welcome and admin. Course introduction, IT, e-mail and MyPlace (VLE)	C1.1 Aims and objectives of genealogical research	C1.2 Ethics (including adoption)	C1.3 Analysis of evidence & genealogical standards	C1.4 Search strategies	C1.5 Palaeography 1	C1.6 Research planning	Fri 27 Sept	C1A Mon 07 Oct
M1 C2	Genealogical practice	Fri 20 Sep	C2.1 Gathering family information	C2.2 Recording genealogical data; producing reports and charts	C2.3 Referencing, record keeping and indexing	C2.4 Genealogy software	C2.5 Client reports	C2.6 Business practice/Professional bodies		Fri 04 Oct Fri 11 Oct	C2A Mon 14 Oct

A1 – First Assessment due by Mon 28 Oct 2024– Construction of various genealogical reports (released 04 October)

M2 C3	Civil records and census substitutes	Fri 11 Oct	C3.1 UK censuses before and after 1841 (except Ireland)	C3.2 Census substitutes	C3.3 Statutory registration in Scotland	C3.4 Using Statutory Civil Registers (SRs) (Scotland)	C3.5 Civil registration in England and Wales	C3.6 Using English and Welsh civil registration records		Fri 25 Oct	C3A Mon 28 Oct
M2 C4	Church records	Fri 11 Oct	C4.1 Old Parish Records in Scotland	C4.2 Records of other Scottish churches	C4.3 Using church records in England and Wales	C4.4 Death records (Burial records and Monumental Inscriptions)	C4.5 Principles of DNA testing		No tutorial		C4A Mon 11 Nov

A2 – Second Assessment due by Mon 22 Nov 2024– A 4-generation ancestor study (released 18 October) Optional in person student event (Glasgow/Edinburgh): 4-5 November 2024

M3 C5	Searching and repositories	Fri 08 Nov	C5.1 Catalogues, genealogical literature and journals		C5.2 Using archives (including Scottish, English and private and family archives)	C5.3 Copyright law, freedom of information and data protection laws	C5.4 Local directories, newspaper archives, photographic archives		Fri 15 Nov	Mon 25 Nov
M3 C6	Administrative and commercial organisation	Fri 08 Nov	C6.1 Local government, burghs and counties	C6.2 Maps (incorporating tithe maps and apportionments)	C6.3 Burghs, burgesses and guilds in Scotland and England	C6.4 Money & coinage, weight & measure	C6.5 Dates and calendars		Fri 29 Nov	Mon 09 Dec

A3 – Third Assessment due by Weds 08 Jan 2025– A 4-generation descendant study (released 15 November)

M4 C7	Personal records	Fri 22 Nov	C7.1 Education & occupations	C7.2 Armed forces	C7.3 Surnames	C7.4 Genetic genealogy: autosomal testing	C7.5 Genetic genealogy: Y-DNA testing		Fri 06 Dec	Wed 08 Jan
M4 C8	Social organisation; overseas records	Fri 22 Nov	C8.1 Feudalism, nobility and landed gentry	C8.2 Demography, family origins, social framework, class distinction, family and community studies	C8.3 Irish records	C8.4 Emigration / immigration	C8.5 USA sources	C8.6 Canadian sources	Fri 10 Jan	Mon 13 Jan

A4 – Fourth Assessment due by Mon 27 Jan 2025– A narrative report (released 06 December)

M5 C9	Property and law - England	Fri 03 Jan	C9.1 Palaeography 2	C9.2 Wills and inheritance: England and Wales	C9.3 Land records in England and Wales	C9.4 Ecclesiastical law in England	C9.5 Other English records, charters, etc.		Fri 17 Jan	Mon 27 Jan
M5 C10	Property and law - Scotland	Fri 03 Jan	C10.1 Landholding and land records in Scotland	C10.2 Courts and legal systems in Scotland	C10.3 Wills, testaments and inventories in Scotland	C10.4 Other Scottish documents and Legal Scots			Fri 14 Feb	Mon 10 Feb

A5 – Fifth Assessment due by Mon 17 Feb 2025– A transcription/palaeography/inheritance of land & genetic genealogy exercise (released 03 January)

M6 C11	Heraldry	Friday 24 Jan	C11.1 Genealogical and historical context, origins and intentions of heraldry		C11.2 Heraldic devices, composition and law	C11.3 Heraldic registers and visitations; heraldic literature		Fri 21 Feb	Mon 24 Feb
M6 C12	Latin and palaeography	Friday 24 Jan	C12.1 Latin for genealogy and family history		C12.2 Latin translation for real	C12.3 Palaeography 3		Fri 27 Feb Diploma intro.	Mon 10 Mar

A6 – Sixth Assessment due by Mon 10 Mar 2025 – An options exercise: client study/palaeography/heraldry (released 24 January)

Learning Log due by Mon 17 Mar 2025

NOTE: Semester one ends 14th March. The University closes TBC (poss: Monday 23 December 2024, reopens Monday 06 January 2025). This timetable is subject to change.

Semester 2: starts Friday 14 March 2025

M1 (LL914)	Methods of Professional Enquiry is a University requirement for those undertaking postgraduate study. This Unit provides practical skills in record keeping, analysis of evidence, and academic research methods, standards and writing. There are formative assignments which are milestones towards the Dissertation.
M2 (LL925)	There are seven tutorial topics, each of which has an Assignment. In addition, a learning log must be completed and submitted.
M3 (LL913)	This module concerns itself with the understanding, transcription and (occasionally) translation of important classes of older documents. There are five Études. The Area Étude could be a parish, registration district, street, village, etc, across time or a focus on an aspect of ancestral tourism; the House/Building Étude could be an occupied building of any sort, across time, in any location chosen; the Options Étude is a choice from an emigration/immigration, heraldry, DNA or palaeography study. The Client Report Étude involves finding a “client” for whom you will construct a professional Family Report. The others are set Document Études.

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SESSION	Materials and Release dates			Milestones	Tentative Tutorial Days
	M1 Methods of professional enquiry LL914	M2 Genealogy, heraldry and social history 2 (LL925) - Tutorial topics	M3 Documents, palaeography and research studies 2 (LL946)		
D1	Archive administration & intro to academic research Part 1 materials released 14 March 2025	Genetic Genealogy Released Friday 14 March 2025 Due Mon 07 Apr	Introduction to Études and documents Released Friday 14 March 2025 (no assignment)		Fri 21 Mar 2025
D2	Reflective exercise – Due Mon 07 April	Irish records in depth Released Friday 14 March 2025 Due Mon 28 Apr	Document Étude 2 (Scottish) [This is a group project] Released 14 March 2025 Group agreement Due Mon 31 Mar Due Mon 14 Apr	Optional in person student visit (London) TBA but usually June.	Fri 28 Mar
D3	Critical reading/Literature searching & reviews Part 2 materials released 11 April 2025	U.S. and Canada sources Released Friday 14 March 2025 Due Mon 12 May	Document Étude 1 (English) Released 14 March 2025 Due Tues 06 May	Brief Research Proposal (500 words) Submit Mon 07 July	Fri 12 Apr
D4	Critical Reading Exercise – Due Mon 12 May	British Empire sources Released Friday 14 March 2025 Due Tues 27 May	Area or House/building Étude Released 14 March 2025 Due Tues 27 May		Fri 25 Apr
D5	Literature Search – Due Mon 19 May	Australian and NZ sources Released Friday 26 April 2024 Due Mon 09 June	Client Report Étude Released 14 March 2025 Due Mon 23 June	Learning log Submit Mon 28 Jul	Fri 09 May
D6	Research Methods/Questions/Scoping Part 3 materials released 09 May 2025	European, Jewish sources Released Friday 26 April 2024 Due Mon 23 June	Options Étude Released 14 March 2025 Due Tues 22 July		Fri 23 May
D7	Brief Research Proposal - Due Mon 07 July	Heraldry/mediaeval genealogy Released Friday 26 April 2024 Due Mon 14 July			Fri 13 June
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MSc in Genealogical, Palaeographic and Heraldic Studies 2024-26 – This tier of the MSc is worth 60 SCQF Level 11 credits (600 hours) on its own. This starts in Semester 3 (Fri 23 Sept 2022) but there are “Milestones” within Semester 2. The major submission is the Dissertation itself (12,000-16,000) words plus a consolidated learning log, both to be submitted in early March but with mileposts to reach along the way. There is online tutor guidance on academic writing, study and research skills, etc.

MSc SUBMISSION DATES Semester 3			This timetable is subject to change
All materials released during Semester 2	Due dates	Tutorial Days in Semester 3	
			Tutorial sessions in the dissertation semester are mainly one to one sessions with your MSc tutor. Days and times to be set up in agreement with tutor and student.
Semester 3 starts	Fri 19 Sept	Probably: 26 Sept 2025	Joint tutorial session introducing the dissertation semester
Research plan & Ethics Form (1500 words)	Mon 06 Oct		
Personal prof. development plan	Mon 10 Nov		
Draft literature review	Mon 24 Nov		
Interim report	Mon 12 Jan 2026		
Optional submission of dissertation outline and/or draft chapters (up to 2 further chapters beyond the lit. review) as these are written, but usually no later than the indicated date here...	Mon 26 Jan 2026		
Dissertation (12,000-16,000 words)	Mon 02 Mar 2026		
Dissertation submission form	Mon 02 Mar		
Record of contacts (supervision log)	Mon 09 Mar		
Learning/research log	Mon 09 Mar		
Examinations Board meets early June			
Graduation (July)			