

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

## Appendix VI: Timetables 2025-2027

MSc Total 180 SCQF Level 11 credits (1800 hours)

<b>Notes</b>	<b>The course is ONLINE ONLY and uses the Strathclyde VLE called MyPlace. There are mandatory online tutorial sessions throughout the course.</b>		
<b>M1 Professional practice and methodologies 1 (LL927)</b>	<b>M3 Repositories, geography and administration 1 (LL945)</b>	<b>M5 Property, law and inheritance 1 (LL944)</b>	
<b>M2 Civil and church records 1 (LL943)</b>	<b>M4 Family history studies and overseas records 1 (LL915)</b>	<b>M6 Heraldry and Latin 1 (LL942)</b>	

Semester 1 Starts Friday 19 Sep 2025 – NOTE: There will be an optional online induction period which will provide access to MyPlace (the University's virtual learning environment) beginning 12 September 2025.

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	Assignment Due
M1 C1	Introduction	Friday 19 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	Wed 1 Oct	C1A Mon 06 Oct
M1 C2	Genealogical practice	Fri 19 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		Wed 8 Oct Wed 15 Oct	C2A Mon 13 Oct

### A1 – First Assessment due by Mon 27 Oct 2025– Construction of various genealogical reports (released 04 October)

M2 C3	Civil records and census substitutes	Fri 10 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	Wed 29 Oct	C3A Mon 27 Oct
M2 C4	Church records	Fri 10 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 10 Nov	

### A2 – Second Assessment due by Mon 24 Nov 2025– A 4-generation ancestor study (released 17 October) Optional in person student event (Glasgow/Edinburgh): TBA November 2025

<b>M3 C5</b>	<b>Searching and repositories</b>	<b>Fri 07 Nov</b>	<b>C5.1</b> Catalogues, genealogical literature and journals		<b>C5.2</b> Using archives (including Scottish, English and private and family archives)		<b>C5.3</b> Copyright law, freedom of information and data protection laws	<b>C5.4</b> Local directories, newspaper archives, photographic archives	<b>Wed 19 Nov</b>	<b>Mon 24 Nov</b>
<b>M3 C6</b>	<b>Administrative and commercial organisation</b>	<b>Fri 07 Nov</b>	<b>C6.1</b> Local government, burghs and counties	<b>C6.2</b> Maps (incorporating tithe maps and apportionments)	<b>C6.3</b> Burghs, burgesses and guilds in Scotland and England		<b>C6.4</b> Money & coinage, weight & measure	<b>C6.5</b> Dates and calendars	<b>Wed 3 Dec</b>	<b>Mon 08 Dec</b>

### A3 – Third Assessment due by Weds 07 Jan 2026– A 4-generation descendant study (released 14 November)

<b>M4 C7</b>	<b>Personal records</b>	<b>Fri 21 Nov</b>	<b>C7.1</b> Education & occupations	<b>C7.2</b> Armed forces	<b>C7.3</b> Surnames	<b>C7.4</b> Genetic genealogy: autosomal testing	<b>C7.5</b> Genetic genealogy: Y-DNA testing	<b>Wed 10 Dec</b>	<b>Wed 07 Jan</b>
<b>M4 C8</b>	<b>Social organisation; overseas records</b>	<b>Fri 21 Nov</b>	<b>C8.1</b> Feudalism, nobility and landed gentry	<b>C8.2</b> Demography, family origins, social framework, class distinction, family and community studies	<b>C8.3</b> Irish records	<b>C8.4</b> Emigration / immigration	<b>C8.5</b> USA sources	<b>C8.6</b> Canadian sources	<b>Wed 7 Jan</b> <b>Mon 12 Jan</b>

### A4 – Fourth Assessment due by Mon 26 Jan 2026– A narrative report (released 05 December)

<b>M5 C9</b>	<b>Property and law - England</b>	<b>Fri 02 Jan</b>	<b>C9.1</b> Palaeography 2	<b>C9.2</b> Wills and inheritance: England and Wales	<b>C9.3</b> Land records in England and Wales	<b>C9.4</b> Ecclesiastical law in England	<b>C9.5</b> Other English records, charters, etc.	<b>Wed 14 Jan</b>	<b>Mon 26 Jan</b>
<b>M5 C10</b>	<b>Property and law - Scotland</b>	<b>Fri 02 Jan</b>	<b>C10.1</b> Landholding and land records in Scotland	<b>C10.2</b> Courts and legal systems in Scotland	<b>C10.3</b> Wills, testaments and inventories in Scotland	<b>C10.4</b> Other Scottish documents and Legal Scots		<b>Wed 11 Feb</b>	<b>Mon 09 Feb</b>

### A5 – Fifth Assessment due by Mon 16 Feb 2026– A transcription/palaeography/inheritance of land & genetic genealogy exercise (released 02 January)

<b>M6 C11</b>	<b>Heraldry</b>	<b>Friday 23 Jan</b>	<b>C11.1</b> Genealogical and historical context, origins and intentions of heraldry		<b>C11.2</b> Heraldic devices, composition and law		<b>C11.3</b> Heraldic registers and visitations; heraldic literature	<b>Wed 18 Feb</b>	<b>Mon 23 Feb</b>
<b>M6 C12</b>	<b>Latin and palaeography</b>	<b>Friday 23 Jan</b>	<b>C12.1</b> Latin for genealogy and family history		<b>C12.2</b> Latin translation for real		<b>C12.3</b> Palaeography 3	<b>Wed 25 Feb</b>	<b>Mon 09 Mar</b>

### A6 – Sixth Assessment due by Mon 09 Mar 2026 – An options exercise: client study/palaeography/heraldry (released 23 January) Learning Log due by Mon 16 Mar 2026

**NOTE: Semester one ends 09<sup>th</sup> March. The University closes TBC (poss: Monday 22 December 2025, reopens Monday 05 January 2026). This timetable is subject to change.**

## Semester 2: starts Friday 13 March 2026

<b>M1 (LL914)</b>	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.
<b>M2 (LL925)</b>	There are seven tutorial topics, each of which has an Assignment. In addition, a learning log must be completed and submitted.
<b>M3 (LL913)</b>	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.
Note that materials are typically available on a Friday, to be discussed at a Tutorial session. Assignments for submission are normally on a Monday.	

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 13 March 2026	Genetic Genealogy Released Friday 13 March 2026 Due Tues 07 Apr	Introduction to Études and documents Released Friday 13 March 2026 (no assignment)		Wed 11 Mar  Wed 18 Mar
D2	Reflective exercise – Due Tues 07 April	Irish records in depth Released Friday 13 March 2026 Due Mon 27 Apr	Document Étude 2 (Scottish) [This is a group project] Released 13 March 2026 Group agreement Due Mon 31 Mar Due Mon 14 Apr	Optional in person student visit (London) TBA but usually June.	Wed 25 Mar
D3	Critical reading/Literature searching & reviews Part 2 materials released 10 April 2026	U.S. and Canada sources Released Friday 13 March 2026 Due Mon 11 May	Document Étude 1 (English) Released 13 March 2026 Due Tues 06 May	Brief Research Proposal (500 words) Submit Mon 06 July	Wed 8 Apr
D4	Critical Reading Exercise – Due Mon 11 May	British Empire sources Released Friday 13 March 2026 Due Tues 26 May	Area or House/building Étude Released 13 March 2026 Due Tues 26 May		Wed 22 Apr
D5	Literature Search – Due Mon 18 May	Australian and NZ sources Released Friday 24 April 2026 Due Mon 09 June	Client Report Étude Released 13 March 2026 Due Mon 22 June	Learning log Submit Mon 27 Jul	Wed 06 May
D6	Research Methods/Questions/Scoping Part 3 materials released 08 May 2026	European, Jewish sources Released Friday 24 April 2026 Due Mon 22 June	Options Étude Released 13 March 2026 Due Tues 21 July		Wed 20 May
D7	Brief Research Proposal - Due Mon 06 July	Heraldry/mediaeval genealogy Released Friday 24 April 2026 Due Mon 13 July			Wed 10 June
	This timetable is subject to change				

**MSc in Genealogical, Palaeographic and Heraldic Studies 2025-27** – This tier of the MSc is worth 60 SCQF Level 11 credits (600 hours) on its own. This starts in Semester 3 (Fri 18 Sept 2026) 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.
<b>Semester 3 starts</b>	Fri 18 Sept	Probably: 23 Sept 2026	Joint tutorial session introducing the dissertation semester
Research plan & Ethics Form (1500 words)	Mon 05 Oct		
Personal prof. development plan	Mon 09 Nov		
Draft literature review	Mon 23 Nov		
Interim report	Mon 11 Jan 2027		
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 22 Feb 2027		
Dissertation (12,000-16,000 words)	Tues 30 Mar 2027		
Dissertation submission form	Tues 30 Mar		
Record of contacts (supervision log)	Mon 05 Apr		
Learning/research log	Mon 05 Apr		
Examinations Board meets early June			
Graduation (July)			