

Appendix VI: Timetables 2026-2027
Year 1 part time MSc (1-year Postgraduate Certificate) 60 SCQF Level 11 credits (600 hours)

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)		
SESSION		Materials released	1	2	3	4	5	6
M1 C1	Introduction	Friday 02 Oct. 2026	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
M1 C2	Genealogical practice	Friday 09 Oct.	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 and professional bodies
A1 – First Assessment due by Monday 23 November 2026 – Construction of various genealogical reports (released 16 Oct. 2026)					<i>Optional in person student event (Glasgow/Edinburgh) : TBA November 2026</i>			
M2 C3	Civil records and census substitutes	Friday 30 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
M2 C4	Church records	Friday 13 Nov.	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	
A2 – Second Assessment due by Wednesday 06 January 2027 – A 4-generation ancestor study (released 20 Nov. 2026)								
M3 C5	Searching, repositories and copyright	Monday 04 Jan. 2027	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		
M3 C6	Administrative and commercial organisation	Friday 15 Jan.	C6.1 Local government, burghs and counties	C6.2 Maps and geographic resources	C6.3 Burghs, burgesses and guilds in Scotland and England	C6.4 Money & coinage, weight & measure	C6.5 Dates and calendars	
Learning Log - interim submission due 01 February 2027								
A3 – Third Assessment due by Monday 15 February 2027 – A 4-generation descendant study (released 04 Jan. 2027)								
M4 C7	Personal records	Friday 29 Jan.	C7.1 Education & occupations	C7.2 Armed Forces	C7.3 Surnames	C7.4 Genetic genealogy: Autosomal testing	C7.5 Genetic genealogy: Y-DNA testing	
M4 C8	Social organisation; overseas records	Friday 26 Feb.	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
A4 – Fourth Assessment due by Tuesday 30 March 2027 – A narrative report (released 12 Feb. 2027)								
M5 C9	Property and law - England	Friday 12 Mar.	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.	
M5 C10	Property and law - Scotland	Friday 02 Apr.	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		
A5 – Fifth Assessment due by Monday 10 May 2027 – A transcription/palaeography/inheritance of land & genetic genealogy exercise (released 02 April 2027)								
M6 C11	Heraldry	Friday 30 Apr.	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			
M6 C12	Latin and palaeography	Friday 21 May	C12.1 Latin for genealogy and family history	C12.2 Latin translation for real	C12.3 Palaeography 3			
A6 – Sixth Assessment due by Monday 14 June 2027 – An options exercise: client study/palaeography/heraldry (released 07 May 2027)								
Learning Log due by Monday 21 June 2027			Exam board - early September 2027			NOTE: Programme may be subject to change		
Timetable version release date		30 January 2026	Each session has an assignment due approx. 2-3 weeks after the session release date.			Page 1		

Appendix VI: Timetables 2026-2027
Year 2 part time MSc (1-year Postgraduate Diploma) 60 SCQF Level 11 credits (600 hours)

	M1 Methods of professional enquiry and project 2 (LL914) This module has interim submissions throughout the year.	M2 Genealogy, heraldry and social history 2 (LL925) tutorial topics	M3 Documents, palaeography and research studies 2 (LL946)
	Session One “Methods” materials released 02 October 2026 Introduction to academic research; family history to history	Genetic genealogy Released 02-Oct-2026 due 26-Oct-2026	Introduction to Études and documents Released 02-Oct-2026 (no assessment)
<i>Optional in person student event (Glasgow/Edinburgh): TBA November 2026</i>			
	Archive Administration Materials released 02 October 2026	Irish records in depth Released 02-Oct-2026 due 16-Nov-2026	Document Étude 1 (Scottish) This is a group project Released 02-Oct-2026 due 16-Nov-2026
		U.S. and Canada sources Released 02-Oct-2026 due 07-Dec-2026	Document Étude 2 (English) Released 02-Oct-2026 due 11-Jan-2027
	Session Two materials released 27 November 2026 Literature reviews; contextualization; research questions	British Empire sources Released 02-Oct-2026 due Weds. 06-Jan-2027	Area OR House/building Étude (choice) Released 02-Oct-2026 due 01-Feb-2027
Learning log - interim submission due 25 January 2027			
		Australian and NZ sources Released 04-Dec-2026 due 25-Jan-2027	Client Family Report Étude Released 02-Oct-2026 due 01-Mar-2027
	Session Three materials released 29 January 2027 Research design; data analysis; presentation	European and Jewish sources Released 04-Dec-2026 due 15-Feb-2027	Options Étude Released 02-Oct-2026 due Tues. 30-Mar-2027
		Heraldry/mediaeval genealogy Released 04-Dec-2026 due 08-Mar-2027	
	Project (Final) due 28 June 2027		
Learning log - submission due 05 July 2027			
	Marks to Exam Board by mid-August 2027	Exam Board - early September 2027	Award ceremony early November 2027 (TBA)
Notes	The course is ONLINE ONLY and uses Strathclyde's Virtual Learning Environment which is called 'MyPlace'.		
M1	Methods of Professional Enquiry is a University requirement for those undertaking postgraduate study. As well as integrating aspects of the subjects above, this Unit provides practical skills in academic research, analysis of evidence, and professional ethics, standards and practice. The Assessment is the Final Research Project, but each session has Assignments, which are milestones towards the Project.		
M2	There are seven tutorial topics, each of which has an Assignment. In addition, a learning log must be completed and submitted.		
M3	This module deals with the understanding, transcription and (occasionally) translation of important classes of older documents and other areas of genealogical research. These, and additional materials, will all be available from the session prior to submission date. There are five Études. The Area Étude could be a parish, registration district, street, village, etc, across time; the House/Building Étude could be an occupied building of any sort, across time, in any location chosen; the Option Étude offers a choice between an emigration/immigration study; a genetic genealogy study; an in-depth palaeographic study; or a heraldic study. The Client Family Étude involves finding a "client" for whom you will construct a professional Family Report. The others are set Document Études, one is a group project.		
Dates	The timetable is based on the standard academic year with time at the end to focus on the final research project. Time is built in for the Christmas/New Year break.		NOTE: Programme may be subject to change

The Year 3 of the part time MSc (the dissertation year) begins 02-Oct-2026 with the dissertation due Tuesday, 01 June 2027. There are interim submission dates for research proposals, drafts and reports. This year is 60 SCQF Level 11 credits (600 hours). See the separate timetables for the full time MSc and the modular versions of the PG Certificate and Diploma.