

**Faculty of Arts
Department of History
Study-units on offer**

Undergraduate Diploma in Maltese History in Context

These study-units can only be registered by students enrolled for the Undergraduate Diploma in Maltese History in Context Course.

These study-units are offered on alternate years.

ARC1020 - The Beginnings: Prehistoric Malta - 4 ECTS

Dr Huw S Groucutt (Co-ord.), Professor Nicholas Vella

An overview of the development of prehistoric human settlement and culture in the Maltese islands from the earliest recorded human presence in the Neolithic to the arrival of the Phoenicians.

Serviced by Department of Classics and Archaeology

ARC1021 - Ancient Malta: Phoenician, Punic and Roman - 4 ECTS

Dr Maxine Anastasi (Co-ord.), Professor Timothy Gambin, Professor Nicholas Vella

An overview of the development of human settlement and culture in the Maltese islands during the ancient historical period, tracing the earliest presence of the Phoenicians, the subsequent Punic culture, and the Roman presence on the island until Late antiquity.

Serviced by Department of Classics and Archaeology

ART1070 - Art in Malta from the Late Medieval to the Modern - 4 ECTS

Professor Keith Paul Sciberras (Co-ord.), Dr Frederica Agius, Dr Nicola Ann Petroni, Dr Mark Sagona, Professor Charlene Vella

This is an introductory survey course that spans the story of art in Malta, discussing protagonists, artworks, context and critical frameworks.

Serviced by Department of Art and Art History

HST1050 - Maltese History in Context: An Overview - 4 ECTS

Professor Emanuel Buttigieg (Co-ord)

Ranging from prehistory to the contemporary, this study-unit provides the basic chronological foundations to understand Maltese history in a wider framework.

HST1051 - Archives in Malta - 2 ECTS

Dr Joan Abela

Explores the evolution of Maltese archives and their contemporary role as vital research tools in the creation and dissemination of knowledge.

HST1052 - Studying History - 4 ECTS

Professor Emanuel Buttigieg (Co-ord)

Develops key history skills, emphasising diverse approaches, critical analysis of sources, and effective writing strategies.

HST1053 - The Maltese Middle Ages - 4 ECTS

Mr Charles Dalli

An introduction to the history of Malta and Gozo in the medieval centuries, based on the main primary documents.

HST1054 - Hospitaller Malta: The Island of the Knights - 4 ECTS

Professor Victor Mallia-Milanes

This is an overall view of early modern Malta under the rule of the Knights of St John.

HST1055 - Malta and the Mediterranean in the 19th Century - 4 ECTS

Professor Dominic Fenech

Deals with Maltese nineteenth-century history within its Mediterranean context.

HST1056 - Twentieth-century Maltese History in Context - 4 ECTS

Professor Dominic Fenech

Deals with Maltese twentieth-century history within the context of relevant external historical developments.

HST1057 - Stone and Wooden Walls: Military and Naval History - 4 ECTS

Dr Fleur Brincat, Mr Liam Gauci

Offers an overview of Malta's military history, highlighting the island's significant sieges, the evolution of its fortifications, and its rich maritime history, with a particular emphasis on the early modern period.

HST1058 - Maltese Personalities and their Family History - 4 ECTS

Professor Simon Mercieca

Examines how families and notable Maltese figures shaped the nation.

HST1059 - Cultural Transformation in Postcolonial Malta - 4 ECTS

Dr Simone Azzopardi

Examines the economic, cultural and social transformation in post-independence Malta, driven by globalisation and modernisation.

HST1060 - Feminist History - History of Women in Malta - 2 ECTS

Dr Joan Abela

Provides an overview of the history of feminism and the history of women in general with particular focus on Malta.

HST1061 - Jews and Judaism in Malta - 4 ECTS

Dr Sarah Azzopardi Ljubibratic

Traces the history of Jewish communities in Malta from antiquity to the present day, exploring their development within European Jewish history.

GEO1011 - The Geography of the Maltese Islands: A Geo-Historical Approach - 4 ECTS

Professor John A. Schembri (Co-ord), Dr Keith Buhagiar, Dr Ritienne Gauci

The integration of Geography and History to the environment of the Maltese Islands including geographical tours to local area.

Serviced by Department of Geography

YEAR 1

CHN1014 - An Overview of Chinese History - 4 ECTS

Mr Stephen Cachia

An introduction to Chinese history till the end of the 19th century

Serviced by Department of Middle Eastern and Asian Languages and Cultures

HST1010 - Medieval Europe I - 6 ECTS

Mr Charles Dalli

An introductory course covering the main themes in European history between the end of Antiquity and the dawn of the modern world.

HST1011 - Structure and Change in Malta's Economic History - 4 ECTS

Professor John Chircop

Malta's economic history, from 1800 to the late twentieth century - from a colonial dependency to post-independence integration in the global economy.

HST1017 - Themes of Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Maltese Political History - 4 ECTS

Professor Dominic Fenech

Explores important themes, landmarks, trends and processes in Maltese history during the period of British rule and beyond.

HST1019 - The Craft of History - 2 ECTS

Professor Emanuel Buttigieg, Dr Simone Azzopardi

Develops key history skills, emphasising diverse approaches, critical analysis of sources, and effective writing strategies.

HST1021 - Europe in Early Modern Times c.1450-c.1789 - 4 ECTS

Professor Emanuel Buttigieg

An overview of a short but intensive period of European history, with various insights that have a contemporary flavour.

HST1022 - The Order of St John 1530-1798: A Cultural History Approach - 2 ECTS

Professor Emanuel Buttigieg

A novel approach to the history of the Order of St John, based on perspectives from cultural history.

HST1023 - Introduction to Maltese Historical Demography - 2 ECTS

Professor Simon Mercieca

A study of the Maltese population across centuries.

HST1117 - Themes of Nineteenth Century Maltese Political History - 2 ECTS

Professor Dominic Fenech

Explores important themes, landmarks, trends and processes in Maltese history during the nineteenth century.

Part of HST1017

HST1126 - The Mediterranean in Modern Times - 2 ECTS

Professor Dominic Fenech

Discusses that main developments and trends that explain the transition of the Mediterranean from centrality to periphery in international history during the past half millennium.

HST1217 - Themes of Twentieth Century Maltese Political History - 2 ECTS

Professor Dominic Fenech

Explores important themes, landmarks, trends and processes in Maltese history during the twentieth century.

Part of HST1017

SPA1018 - An Introduction to Latin America - 2 ECTS

Mr Pedro Santamaria

Students will be introduced to contemporary Latin America.

Language of instruction: English.

Serviced by Department of Spanish and Latin American Studies

SPA1019 - An Introduction to Spain - 2 ECTS

Mr Pedro Santamaria

Students will be introduced to the history of contemporary Spain and current issues.

Language of instruction: English

Serviced by Department of Spanish and Latin American Studies

YEAR 2 / YEAR 3

These study-units are offered on alternate years.

ANT2149 - Culture and Society in Contemporary Korea and Japan - 4 ECTS

Professor Jean-Paul Baldacchino

This study unit will provide an overview of the major historical transformations in Korean and Japanese modernity by focusing on social change in the tumultuous 20th century.

Serviced by Department of Anthropological Sciences

CHN2018 - Chinese Cultures and Diasporas - 4 ECTS

To be announced

An introduction to Chinese cultures and communities outside China

Serviced by Department of Middle Eastern and Asian Languages and Cultures

CLA2060 - Latin for Historians - 4 ECTS

Mr Samuel Azzopardi

This study-unit equips History students and others who might need to consult documents fully or partially written in Latin with the tools necessary to approach these texts with understanding and confidence.

Serviced by Department of Classics and Archaeology

HST2003 - The Renaissance and Reformation - 6 ECTS

Professor Victor Mallia-Milanes

A detailed study of the Renaissance and the Protestant Reformation and their long-term impact on the development of early modern Europe.

HST2005 - Contemporary Mediterranean History - 6 ECTS

Professor Dominic Fenech

Studies the variety of developments in and around the twentieth-century Mediterranean and its component parts with an emphasis on the Cold War decades.

HST2006 - Malta Before and After Independence: Aspects of Maltese Social and Political History - 4 ECTS

Dr Simone Azzopardi

Explores Malta's path to Independence, its transition from colonial rule to statehood, and post-colonial developments, analysing political, economic, and cultural shifts within a broader decolonisation framework.

HST2009 - Medieval Malta - 6 ECTS

Mr Charles Dalli

A course covering the main themes in Maltese history from the end of the Roman period to the arrival of the knights of St John, based on the main primary documents.

HST2010 - Social History of Modern Europe - 6 ECTS

Professor John Chircop

Exploring the main themes in the social history of modern Europe, with an emphasis on the historiographic debates.

HST2012 - Reason and Enlightenment in Europe 1650-1789 - 4 ECTS

Professor William Zammit

The study unit broadly examines the political, social, economic, religious and cultural realities that characterised the period 1648 to 1789, with particular emphasis upon the Enlightenment as a movement which concerned itself with all those aspects in different ways.

HST2014 - A History of the Family and Sexual Behaviour - 4 ECTS

Professor Simon Mercieca

Explores changing perceptions of sexual behaviour within European families over time.

HST2015 - Tracing Family History: Archival Depositories, Digital Resources and Genealogical Research - 4 ECTS

Professor Simon Mercieca

Guides students in building their own family history and genealogy.

HST2017 - Anglo-Italian Relations in the Mediterranean: From the Renaissance to the Cold War - 4 ECTS

Dr Simone Azzopardi

Examines the evolving political, diplomatic, military, commercial, and cultural relationship between Britain and Italy from the Renaissance to the Cold War, shaping the Mediterranean world.

HST2018 - France and Germany: Rethinking Interrelations in the Making of Europe - 4 ECTS

Dr Simone Azzopardi

Explores the evolving Franco-Germany relationship, from historical rivalry to European Union partnership, shaping Europe's development through key events like the French Revolution and the world wars.

HST2019 - The Transition from Medieval to Hospitaller Malta in the Sixteenth Century - 2 ECTS

Dr Joan Abela

Provides a better understanding of the transitional period from the medieval to the early modern phase of Malta's history, set within the wider Mediterranean framework.

HST2020 - Archives for Historians - 2 ECTS

Dr Valeria Vanesio

The study-unit is intended to provide students with some insights into various methodologies and tools for research in archives through a series of case-studies mainly related to the Maltese and the Mediterranean context.

HST2021 - Seminars on Twentieth Century Maltese History - 4 ECTS

Professor Dominic Fenech

A seminar class in which students discuss their presentations made on the basis of research carried out in consultation with the lecturer.

HST2025 - The European Union: Historical Considerations - 4 ECTS

Professor Emanuel Buttigieg

An in-depth dive into the process of European integration from the perspective of history, emphasizing the long-term processes that underpin European history and integration.

HST2026 - Global History: Theories and Applications - 4 ECTS

Dr Simone Azzopardi

Introduces students to the method of Global History and present specific examples of its application: it shows how pre-imperialism and imperial expansion contributed to globalisation, analysing economic, political, and social processes through theories of race, class, nationalism, gender, and international relations.

HST2027 - Introduction to Historical Demographic Theories - 4 ECTS

Professor Simon Mercieca

Introduces theories and concepts in demographic analysis and studies.

HST2028 - A History of European and World Populations - 4 ECTS

Professor Simon Mercieca

Examines Europe's population history in a global context.

HST2029 - Global History (c.1492-c.1870) - 4 ECTS

Professor Emanuel Buttigieg

An overview of early modern global history, the era known as 'the first globalisation', when practically every corner of the world became (re)connected.

HST2030 - Demographic and Urban Growth in the Mediterranean from the Late Middle Ages to Modern Times - 4 ECTS

Professor Simon Mercieca

Focuses on the growth and decline of European cities over time.

HST2031 - Iberia and Malta - 2 ECTS

Dr Claudia Garradas

Explores the cultural relations between Malta and Iberia, focusing on the material culture and its importance in studying and researching History.

HST2032 - Mediterranean Encounters between Christians and Muslims 1500-2000 - 4 ECTS

Professor Simon Mercieca

This course studies Christian Europe's encounter with the Arab and Ottoman world through Arabic texts, with Malta as the focal point.

HST2033 - The Eight-Pointed Cross of the Mediterranean - 2 ECTS

Professor Victor Mallia-Milanes

This is a study of the religious-military Order of the Knights of St John and its performance in the Mediterranean from its origins in Jerusalem in c.1070 to its loss of Malta in 1798.

HST2034 - Africa: Milestones in the Continent's History - 4 ECTS

Dr Joan Abela, Dr Simone Azzopardi

Offers a comprehensive exploration of the African continent and its diverse complex history.

HST2035 - U.S. History: 1492 to 1939 - 4 ECTS

Dr Joan Abela, Professor Simon Mercieca

Provides an overview of America's history from European colonisation to the Second World War.

HST2036 – Placement - 4 ECTS

Dr Joan Abela

Gives students an opportunity to experience a work-placement in a setting that meets their career aspirations.

HST2040 - Medieval Europe II - 6 ECTS

Mr Charles Dalli

The course engages participants in a thematic discussion of medieval European history based on primary texts.

HST2061 - China in the World - 4 ECTS

Mr Stephen Cachia

Provides an overview of the main events and issues in China's history in the wider context of global history, and the role played by China in world history.

HST2113 - Venice, the Order of St John and Malta - 2 ECTS

Professor Victor Mallia-Milanes

A detailed study of the relationship between the Republic of Venice, the Order of St. John, and Hospitaller Malta 1530-1798 within the context of the Mediterranean.

HST3004 - Seafaring in the Mediterranean to c. 1900 - 4 ECTS

Dr Joan Abela (Co-ord)

Offers a dedicated focus on Mediterranean maritime history, and highlights the region's centrality in global historical narratives.

HST3006 - Public Memory and Oral History - 4 ECTS

Professor John Chircop

Provides a theoretical and practical introduction to the use of oral history and qualitative research.

HST3010 - Contemporary International Relations for Historians - 6 ECTS

Professor Dominic Fenech

A seminar class on contemporary international relations topics since the end of the Cold War in which students are given readings from journals to prepare for discussion of set themes in each session.

HST3011 - European Industrialisation and Mediterranean Underdevelopment - 6 ECTS

Professor John Chircop

This course offers a review of the historiographic/theoretical debates examining the intricate relation between European industrialisation and underdevelopment in southern Europe/ the Mediterranean 1800-1970s.

HST3012 - Steam: A History of Industrial Power - 2 ECTS

Dr Ing John Charles Betts

The study-unit describes the evolution and impact of a major driving force of the Industrial Revolution, steam power, and the technology developed to harness it for the manufacture of products, generation of power, travel and transport, and military purposes.

HST3015 - Late Medieval Mediterranean History - 6 ECTS

Mr Charles Dalli

The course studies political and economic aspects of late medieval history, with an emphasis on regional transformation, crusader conflict and commercial exchange.

HST3018 - Hospitaller Malta - 4 ECTS

Professor Victor Mallia-Milanes

A detailed study of the Order of St John and the Hospitaller State of Malta between 1530 and 1798.

HST3019 - History of Political Thought - 2 ECTS

Professor Jean-Paul De Lucca

A journey through the history of political ideas, tracing how revolutionary thinkers from Plato to Arendt shape our understanding of justice, power and the state.

HST3020 - Slavery in the Medieval and Early Modern Mediterranean - 4 ECTS

Dr Joan Abela

Aims to discover the broad diversity of Mediterranean slavery over many centuries and in the context of different political, economic and social realities.

HST3021 - European Historiography - 2 ECTS

Professor Simon Mercieca

Introduces prominent European thinkers who shaped history as an academic discipline.

HST3022 - Russia and Eurasia in Global Context - 4 ECTS

Dr Simone Azzopardi

Explores Russia's dynamic history within the Eurasian context, examining its efforts to engage with Europe through territorial expansion, modernisation, and military advances, while maintaining its distinct identity and influence in Asia from the 17th to the 20th century.

HST3023 - The Forgotten Power: Persian/Iranian History in Global Perspective - 4 ECTS

Dr Simone Azzopardi, Dr Omar N'Shea

Explores Iran's central role in global history, focusing on its ancient and modern periods, from early civilisations and the Achaemenid Empire to the Safavids, Islamic Revolution, and contemporary issues like nuclear ambitions.

HST3025 - Trans-Regional Migrations: A Short History of Migration and Mobility from Ancient to Modern Times - 4 ECTS

Professor Simon Mercieca

Studies human migration in Europe and globally, from the Neolithic to the present.

HST3032 - Medieval Island Regions - 6 ECTS

Mr Charles Dalli

The course studies medieval developments in Sicily, Sardinia, Corsica and Majorca, comparing and contrasting their respective trajectories within the wider framework of Mediterranean history.

HST3033 - War and Society in Medieval Europe - 6 ECTS

Mr Charles Dalli

The course studies aspects of medieval military history within the wider European social and political contexts.

HST3040 - Social Welfare and Public Health in Mediterranean Europe 1700-1900 - 6 ECTS

Professor John Chircop

This course explores the evolution of social welfare and public health systems in Mediterranean Europe employing a comparative approach.

HST3075 - Synoptic Study Unit 1 - International and Global History - 6 ECTS

Professor Dominic Fenech (Co-ord)

Seminars and final examination that address the students' knowledge acquired during the whole degree course in a synoptic way, such as to connect knowledge acquired in individual study-units.

HST3076 - Synoptic Study Unit 2 - European History - 6 ECTS

Professor Dominic Fenech (Co-ord)

Seminars and final examination that address the students' knowledge acquired during the whole degree course in a synoptic way, such as to connect knowledge acquired in individual study-units.

HST3077 - Synoptic Study Unit 1 - International and Global History - 6 ECTS

Professor Dominic Fenech (Co-ord)

Seminars and final examination that address the students' knowledge acquired during the whole degree course in a synoptic way, such as to connect knowledge acquired in individual study-units.

HST3078 - Synoptic Study Unit 2 - European History - 6 ECTS

Professor Dominic Fenech (Co-ord)

Seminars and final examination that address the students' knowledge acquired during the whole degree course in a synoptic way, such as to connect knowledge acquired in individual study-units.

HST3089 - Synoptic Study-Unit: Maltese and Mediterranean History - 6 ECTS

Professor Dominic Fenech (Co-ord)

Seminars and final examination that address the students' knowledge acquired during the whole degree course in a synoptic way, such as to connect knowledge acquired in individual study-units.

HST3090 - Synoptic Study-Unit: International History - 6 ECTS

Professor Dominic Fenech (Co-ord)

Seminars and final examination that address the students' knowledge acquired during the whole degree course in a synoptic way, such as to connect knowledge acquired in individual study-units.

HST3097 - Synoptic Study-Unit: Maltese and Mediterranean History - 6 ECTS

Professor Dominic Fenech (Co-ord)

Seminars and final examination that address the students' knowledge acquired during the whole degree course in a synoptic way, such as to connect knowledge acquired in individual study-units.

HST3098 - Synoptic Study-Unit: International History - 6 ECTS

Professor Dominic Fenech (Co-ord)

Seminars and final examination that address the students' knowledge acquired during the whole degree course in a synoptic way, such as to connect knowledge acquired in individual study-units.

HST3099 - Dissertation (Hons) - 12 ECTS

Professor Dominic Fenech (Co-ord)

A piece of original research on a subject of the student's choice carried out under individual supervision by an academic member of the Department.

HST3109 - International Relations between the World Wars - 2 ECTS

Professor Dominic Fenech

Discusses the turbulent period between the two world wars, from the early hopes of a lasting peace to the relapse into war.

SOC2025 - Locating the Global Society - 4 ECTS

Professor Mark Anthony Falzon

The study-unit looks at processes of globalization with an emphasis on their patchiness, contents and discontents, and tangible outcomes.

Serviced by Department of Sociology

SOC2047 - Understanding Nations and Nationalism - 4 ECTS

Professor Mark Anthony Falzon

Using examples from a range of contemporary contexts, the study-unit adopts a bottom-up approach to discuss some of the salient theories of nationalism.

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SPA2019 - Imperial Spain - 4 ECTS

Mr Pedro Santamaria

A unit exploring how Spain became Europe's superpower and how it influenced the world.

Language of instruction: English.

Serviced by Department of Spanish and Latin American Studies

M.A. (by Research) in History/European and Global History

ATS5201 - Methods of Research – 5 ECTS

Mr Charles Dalli

The course discusses key aspects of dissertation research and writing from proposal to final copy for Master of Arts students in the Faculty of Arts.

HST5097 - Research Methods - 5 ECTS

Mr Charles Dalli, Professor John Chircop

An introduction to research methods for the MA by research in History/European and Global History.

HST5099 - Dissertation - 80 ECTS

Professor Dominic Fenech (Co-ord)

A piece of original research on a subject of the student's choice carried out under individual supervision by an academic member of the Department.

N.B. Students are to refer to their individual programme of studies.

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