

Career opportunities

The programme's graduates have been especially successful in securing funding from national and international sources for additional academic research. But the MA in European History also equips you with skills and experience which can be transferred to a number of areas: history, politics, education, diplomacy and international affairs, and journalism. The programme provides its graduates with:

- the ability to complete the degree in one year (full-time) or two (part-time);
- an opportunity to complete a major piece of original research, working in close collaboration with a recognised expert in the field;
- the chance to develop their writing and presentation skills, working sometimes on their own, sometimes as part of a team;
- a university qualification and a set of transferable skills that can be used in other settings and careers, outside academia, notably education, politics, international affairs, and journalism;
- the tools, knowledge and contacts with which to compete successfully for the academic funding necessary to sustain a PhD.



Entry requirements

Students who have an honours degree with a 1:1, a 2:1 or high 2:2 grade in History will be offered a place. Other applications will be considered depending on life experience and available spaces. Applicants must have a recognised degree equivalent to Irish university primary degree level.

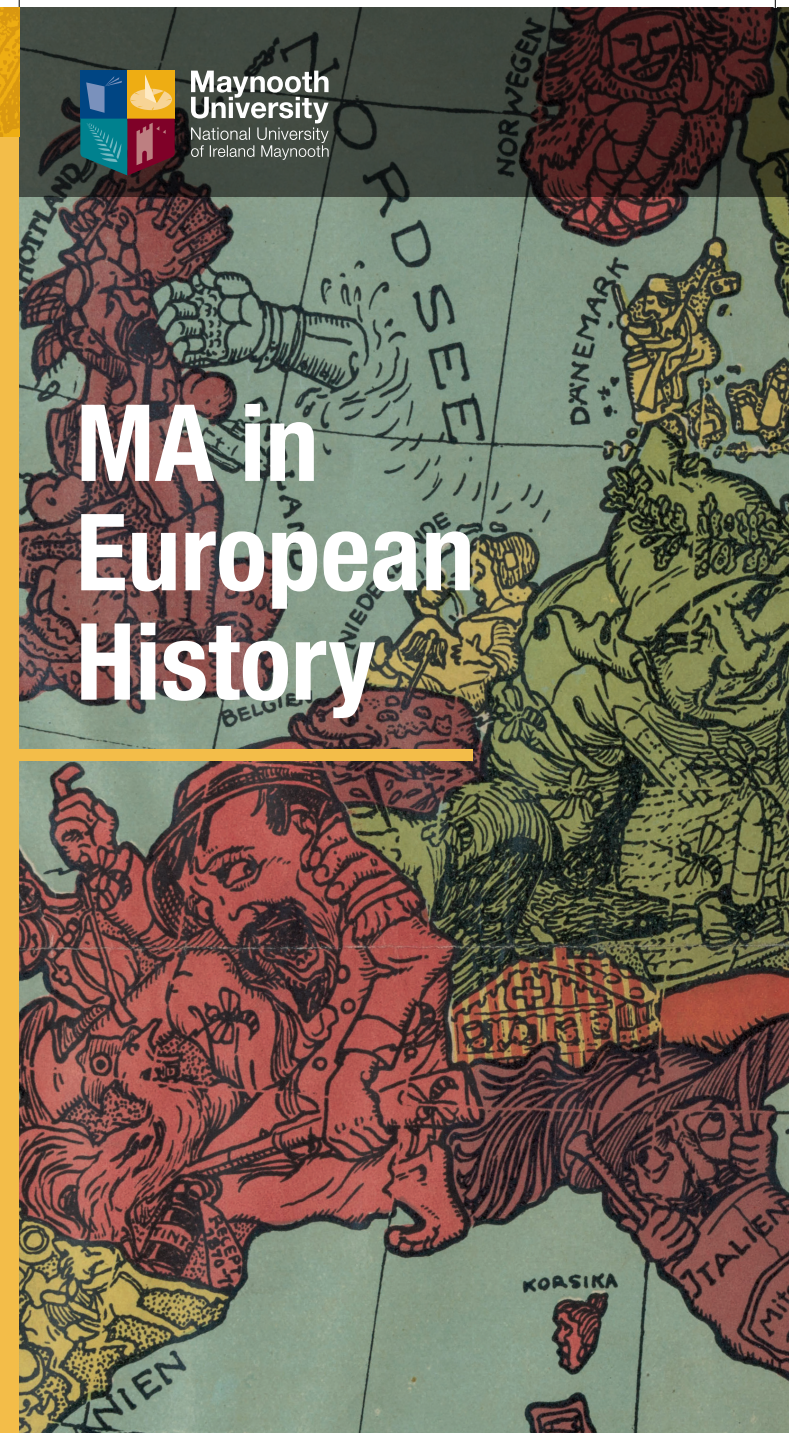
Key details

- Apply online: www.pac.ie/maynoothuniversity
- CAO/PAC codes: MHP66/MHP67
- Closing date: 30 June 2023
- MU TOEFL code: 8850
- Qualification: Master of Arts Degree
- Award type and NFQ level: Taught Masters (9)
- Commences: September 2023
- Course duration: 1 year full-time/2 years part-time

For more information

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MA in European History



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The importance of European History

In a 2018 speech, President Michael D. Higgins noted that 'knowledge and understanding of History is intrinsic to our shared citizenship; to be without such knowledge is to be permanently burdened with a lack of perspective, empathy and wisdom'. What the Irish President said of Ireland applies to Europe as well. If we are to consider Europe our common home, and take advantage of all the possibilities it has to offer – if we are to be active citizens of Europe – then we must know and understand its past. This is a past which, because of its unique and sometimes tragic trajectory, puts its students in contact with the rest of the world, and confronts them with profound political, social, economic and cultural questions.



The Department of History at Maynooth

Maynooth University's Department of History has European history – dating back to the early modern



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period – as one of its core strengths. Many of its lecturers specialise in Western, Central and Eastern European affairs across different time periods, with a particular focus on the 20th century. They are all active researchers with a significant array of contacts across Ireland, Europe, and beyond; they publish widely and regularly, and have held prestigious research and teaching appointments around the world. All of this experience is brought to bear on the MA in European History, one of the Department's flagship programmes and an important stepping stone if you are seeking to pursue further studies in the area, or to complete your education with a resolutely international degree.

The MA in European History

The MA in European History can be completed in one year (full-time) or two (part-time). You will be asked to attend a number of modules – some of which are shared with other History MA programmes – and write a 20,000 word thesis on a subject of your choice, supervised by a member of the Department of History. All of the classes are designed as seminars, with special emphasis on student participation, oral presentations and written assignments.

Core modules introduce you to key aspects of historical research and thesis preparation, while compulsory modules like 'Readings in European History' are designed to bring you up to speed on essential historiographical texts as well as the latest historiographical trends in the field. Optional modules allow participating lecturers to share their research interests and specialisation with you – and you are also free to dip into the modules offered in other MA programmes (Irish, Local, Military History and Strategic Studies). Topics covered by the programme's dedicated modules have included a comparative study of the two World Wars; cultural history; the history of genocide; colonialism; nationalism;



and temporality. 2023/24 will see a new module added, entitled 'War and Memory in the Balkans'.

The MA in European History allows you to focus on a topic of your choice, and, with the help of your advisor, to make a meaningful contribution to the study of our shared European past. This thesis will serve as your passport to new academic adventures, or to employment. In its writing and preparation you will have honed a number of vital skills that will stay with you for the rest of your life: finding and analysing relevant information; presenting it in a convincing fashion; blending your findings with the work of those who came before you. Meanwhile, the taught modules will make you aware of Europe's past and therefore more able to interact meaningfully and sensitively with others around the continent.

