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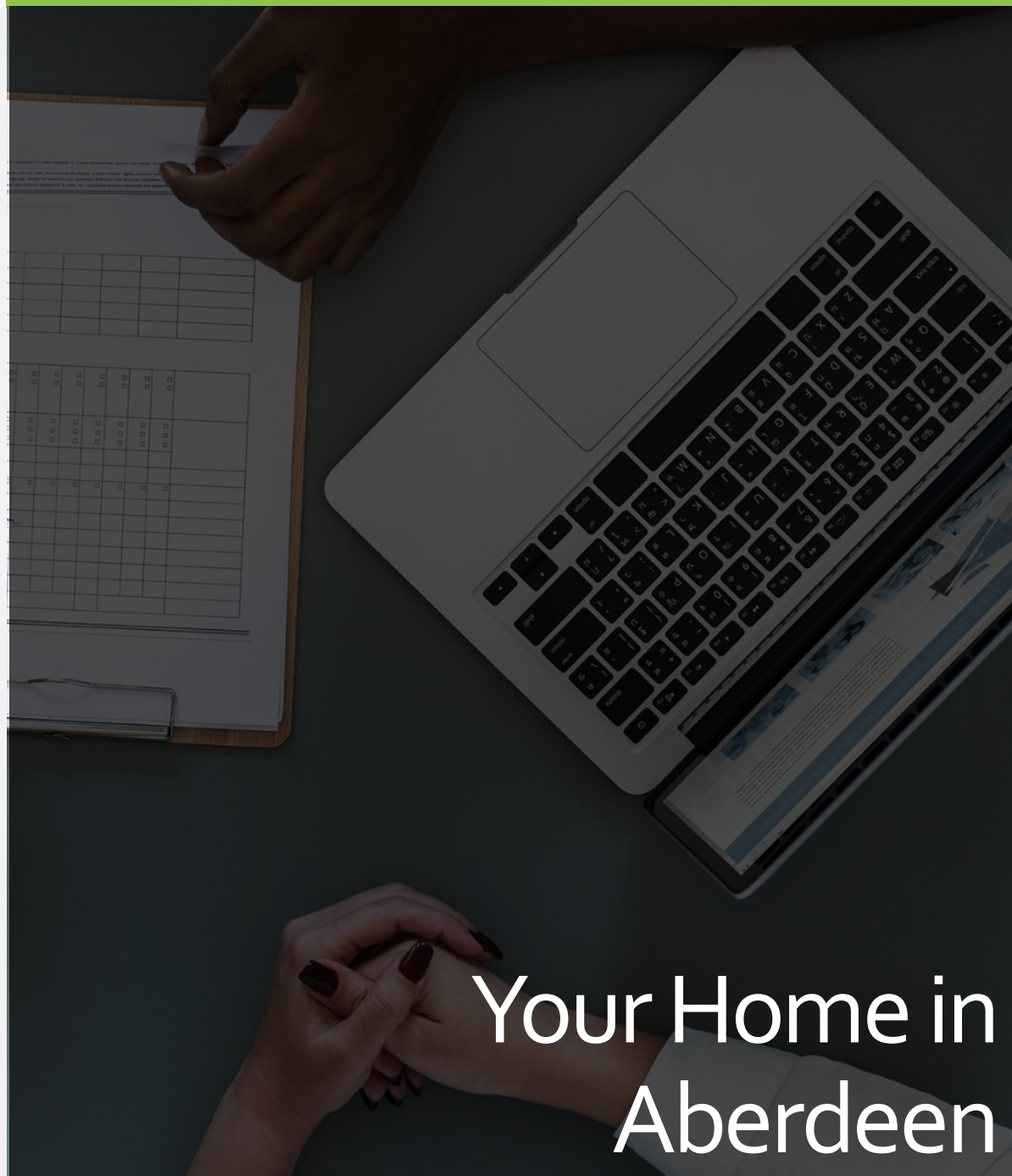
Pursuing Postgraduate Studies

Department of History, 2020-2021

During this time of uncertainty during the ongoing COVID-19 crisis you might be thinking about your next steps, especially if you're graduating with the Class of 2020.

Pursuing a postgraduate degree can support your future career aspirations, and a Masters Degree can distinguish you from your peers. This packet explains what courses we offer and what you'll learn, who to contact for more information, and how to finance your studies.

Professor Karin Friedrich is our coordinator for Postgraduate Taught Programmes in the Department of History, and **Dr Jackson Armstrong** coordinates Postgraduate Research degrees. You can reach out to either of them with questions, or to any of our History Faculty Members – their interests and emails **are linked** at the back of this packet, and they'll get you where you need to go!



Your Home in Aberdeen





Develop

History Postgraduate courses are designed to help you hone your skills within and beyond the historian's craft, focusing on **critical thinking, analysis, and writing skills**.



Communicate

Our courses and History Postgraduate community help you develop skills that are transferable, and we teach in ways which help you **learn to communicate your ideas effectively**.



Finance

Education doesn't have to be expensive – learn about **ways to fund your History Masters Degree** at the University of Aberdeen.

What's in this
Packet
Discover what you'll
study with us and how we
can help you

There are 5 ways to gain an MLitt Degree in History here in Aberdeen, either full-time or part-time:

Postgraduate Courses:

1. [Medieval and Early Modern Studies \(MEMS\)](#)
2. [Modern History](#)
3. [Scandinavian Studies](#)
4. [Scottish Heritage \(Online\)](#)
5. [MLitt by Research](#)

MLitt Scandinavian Studies

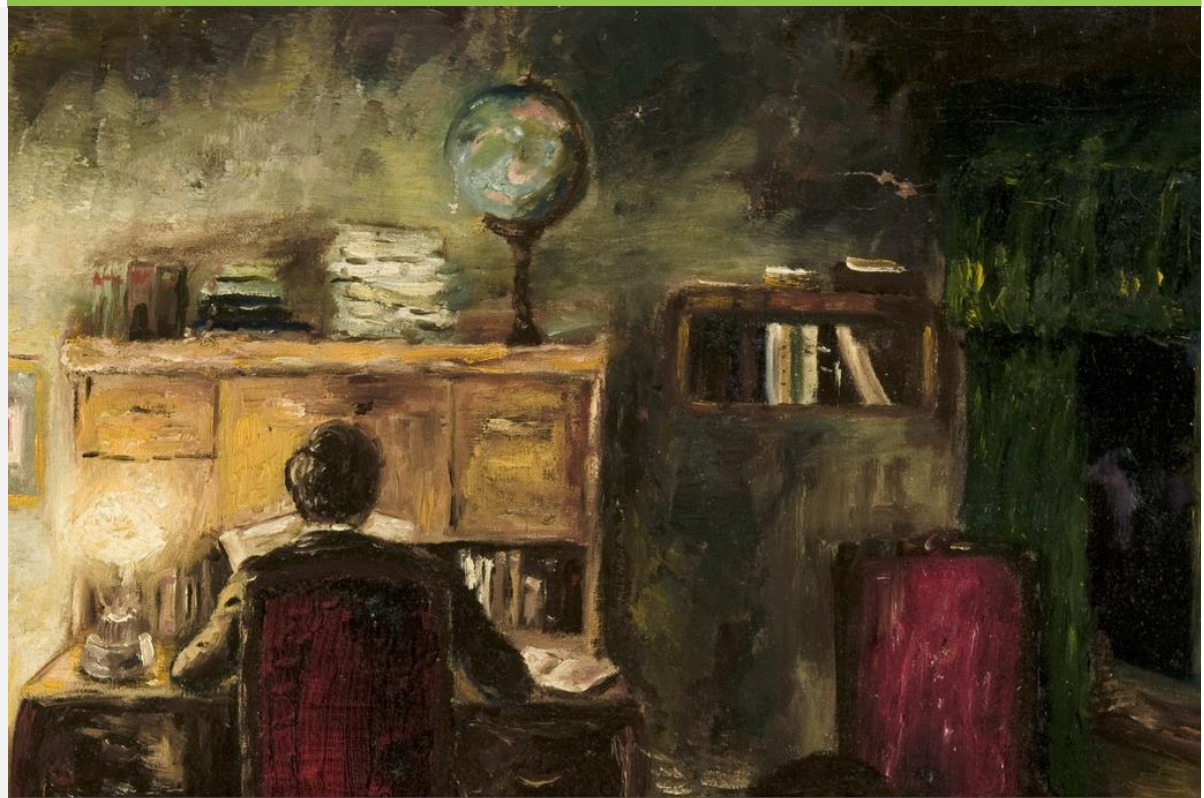
For more information on the Masters Programme in Scandinavian Studies please contact [Professor Ralph O'Connor](#).

MLitt Scottish Heritage

The Masters Programme in Scottish History is taught by distance, entirely online over 12-36 months. For further information contact [Professor Marjory Harper](#).

MLitt by Research

The Masters by Research is conducted by independent research in a topic of your choosing over the course of 12 months, under the direct supervision of the appropriate faculty member for your chosen topic. Please contact [Dr Jackson Armstrong](#) for more information.



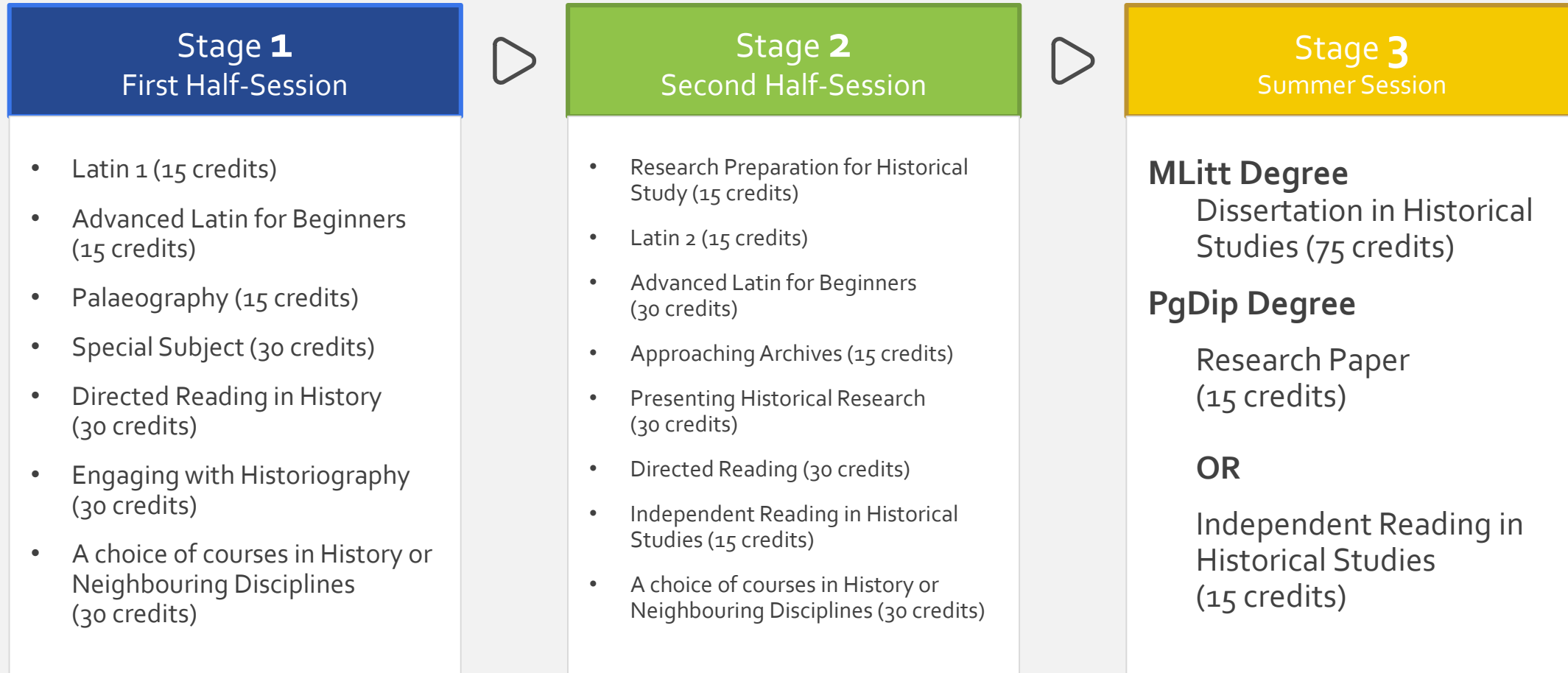
What we offer
Programmes, Courses,
and Skillsets

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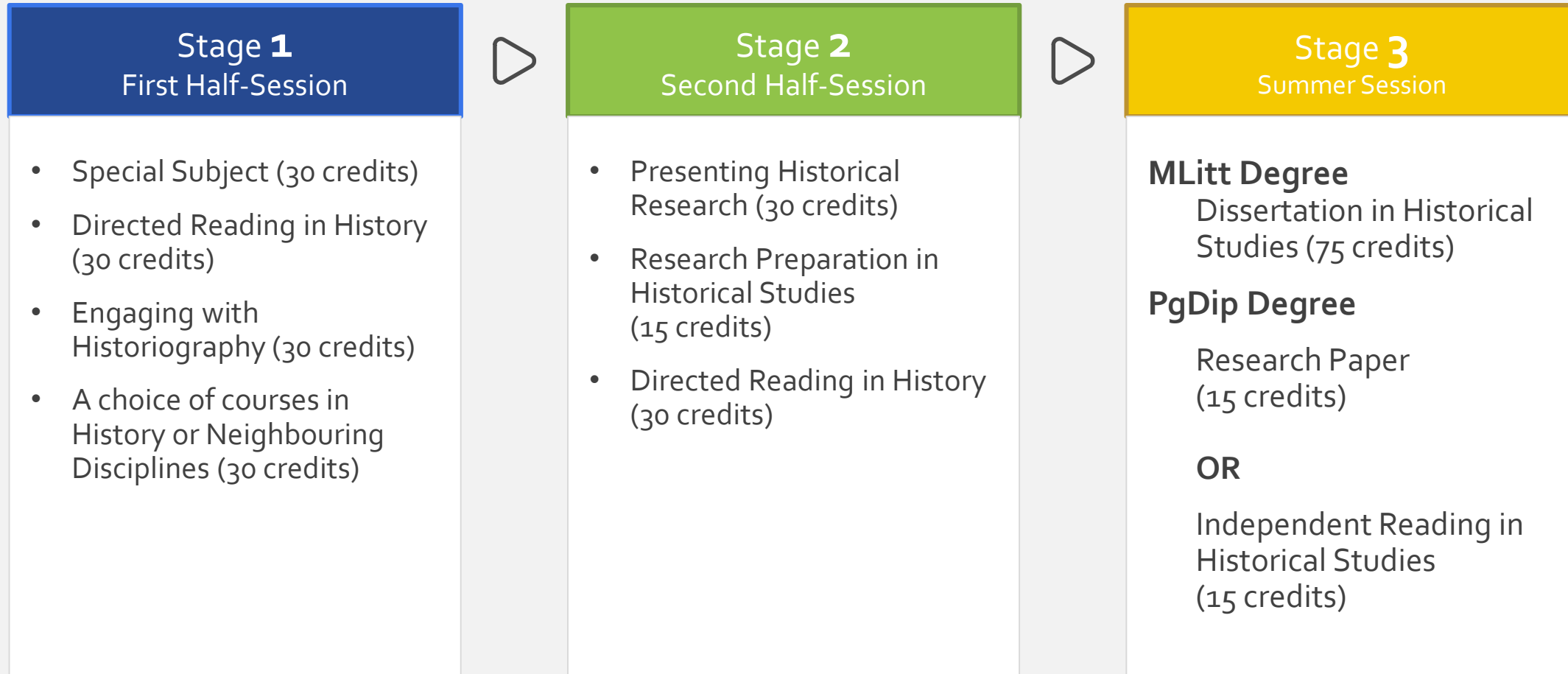
Courses – Medieval and Early Modern Studies

Full-time, 1-year MLitt Degrees require 105 course credits and a dissertation (75 credits); PgDip requires 105 credits, and an additional 15 credits acquired by a research paper or additional Independent Reading in Historical Studies. The following are some of the courses that may be taken by students.



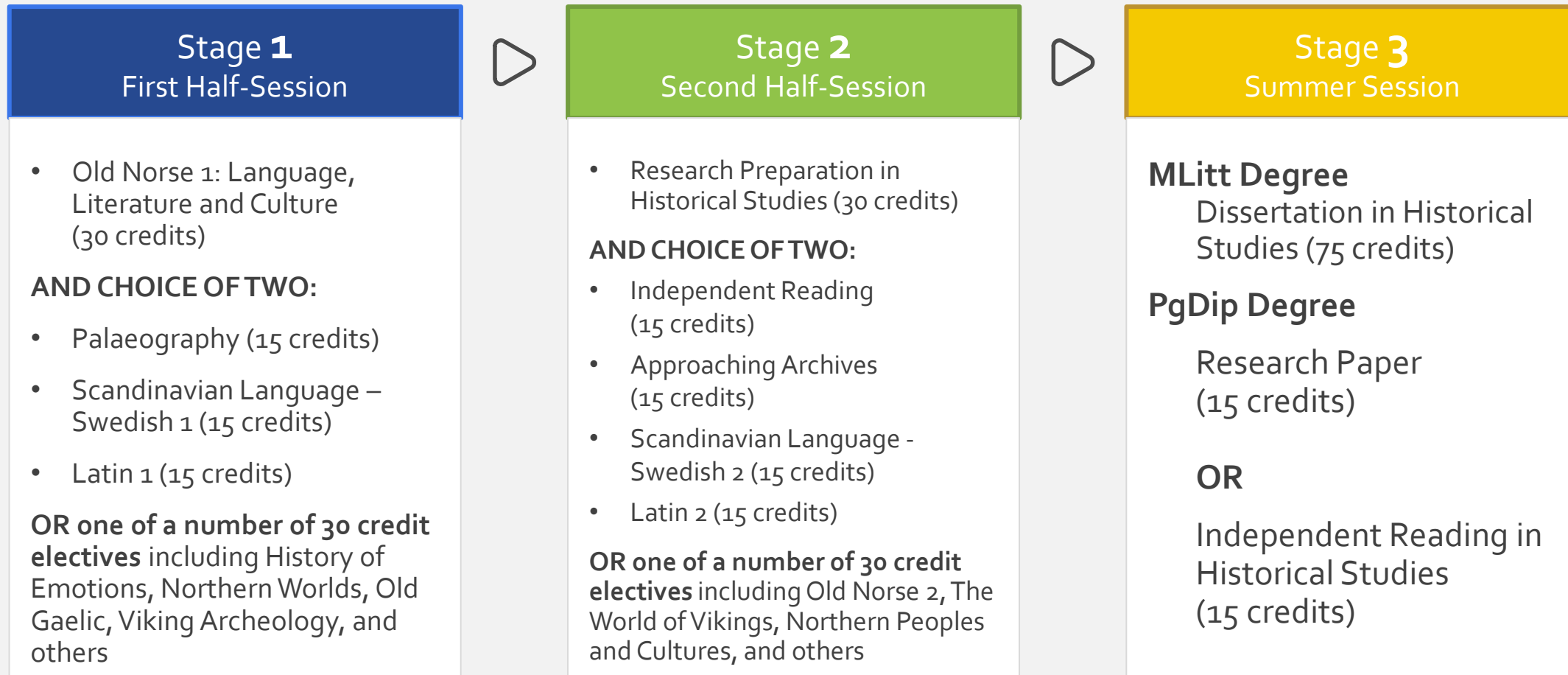
Courses – Modern History

Full-time, 1-year MLitt Degrees require 105 course credits and a dissertation (75 credits); PgDip requires 105 credits, and an additional 15 credits acquired by a research paper or additional Independent Reading in Historical Studies. The following are some of the courses that may be taken by students.



Courses – Scandinavian Studies

Full-time, 1-year MLitt Degree – please contact [Professor Ralph O'Connor](#) for more details on how this programme proceeds, how to complete this programme part-time, and what courses are available as electives. The following are some of the courses that may be taken by students.



Courses – Scottish Heritage (Online)

Part-time MLitt Degree – please contact [Professor Marjory Harper](#) for more details on how this programme proceeds, how to complete this programme part-time over 2 or 3 years, and what courses are available as electives. The following are some of the courses that may be taken by students.

Stage 1

- Scotland: A Millennium of History (30 credits)

AND ONE OF:

- The Scottish Diaspora (30 credits)
- Scottish Visual History (30 credits)
- The Philosophy of the Scottish Enlightenment (30 credits)



Stage 2

MLitt Degree

- Dissertation in Scottish Heritage (60 credits)

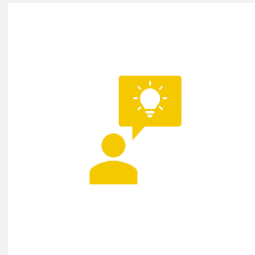
PgDip and PgCert

- 180 credits total over the course of your program
- Dissertation not required



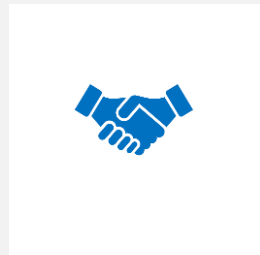
Courses

The courses you'll take in the PGT Programmes are designed to enhance your ability to **communicate** in person, encourage **discussion**, and to **deliver key information** to help you design and **manage independent projects**.



Your Ideas

Not all the courses will be your cup of tea, and that's ok! The **programmes are flexible** to allow **your interests** to guide what you study, and to allow you to take courses from neighbouring disciplines.



Collaboration

Collaborating with faculty members through directed study and on your dissertation will keep your Masters Programme **interesting to you**, and help you hone the skills that **you need or want** the most help with. You can find out more about our faculty members and their interests [at the back of this packet](#).

Core Skills and Your Interests



What you'll be learning

Although these courses have history titles, the skills you're learning are transferable. For example:

- Engaging with Historiography = Identifying key points and arguments, synthesizing important information, and having an informed opinion
- Research Preparation for Historical Study and Dissertations = designing and timelining a project; managing a project; working independently
- Presenting Historical Research = learning to communicate your ideas effectively

Community

Beyond Your Courses

Click on the links to learn more



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Unlike Undergraduate Studies, there are several ways to defer the cost of a Masters Programme.

1. Grants and Scholarships

There are a variety of grants for postgraduate study. Among the grants available for postgraduate study, some may be aimed at students from specific countries, such as the [U.S. GI Bill](#) and the [St. Andrew's Society](#); others by the topic you wish to study. We have linked some in the next slide, and more information can be found on: [PostgraduateSearch](#); [Postgrad](#); [Prospects](#); [PostgraduateFunding](#); [FindAMasters](#); [TheScholarshipHub](#).

2. Loans

Loans are available for postgraduate degrees through government schemes. Check with your country of origin for availability. US students have [US Federal Loans](#) available to them.

3. Alumni Discount

If you are an alumnus or alumna of the University of Aberdeen, there is a [20% discount available](#) to you on all postgraduate courses.



Financing Your
Masters
Discount, Grants,
Scholarships, and Loans

Grants, Scholarships, and Loans



James Cameron Carnegie Scholarship

2020-2021 only
£2,000 per annum
Maintenance costs



St. Andrew's Society and Carnegie Trust

Variety of Awards available
Supports US-Scottish University exchange



Commonwealth Scholarships

For students from certain developing Commonwealth countries
Variety of awards available



Scotland's Saltire Scholarships

Students from Canada, China (including Hong Kong), India, Japan, Pakistan and USA.
Up to £8,000 for tuition costs



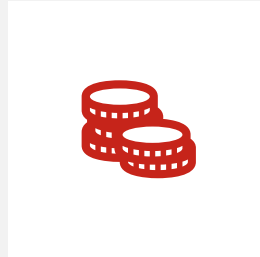
US Federal Student Aid

Loans are available to students going overseas for their postgraduate degrees.



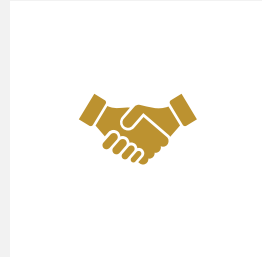
COVID-crisis

We know the current climate is unpredictable



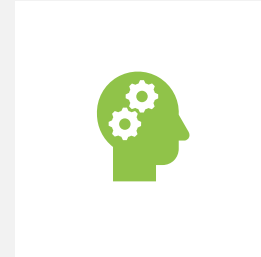
Financial

And that money is on your mind



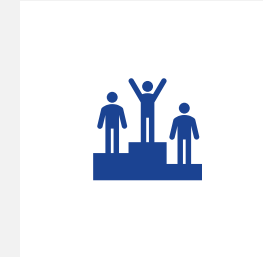
Trust

But we want to help you in your future career in the way that we can



Build

By honing and teaching you transferable skills and helping you fund your studies



Excel

To help you succeed in whatever you do.



Welcome Home
to the
University of Aberdeen

Dissertation and Independent Study Supervisors

The final dissertation for MLitt programmes is your chance to really dig deep into the things that interest you most in history! From social and political histories to intellectual history and the history of religion, we've got you covered. Here's a brief summary of some of our faculty members and topics they can guide you through – click on their names to send them an email, or [view their online profiles for more info](#):



Dr Jackson Armstrong
Medieval History;
Medieval Scotland;
Medieval England



Dr Colin Barr
Modern History; Irish
History;
Ecclesiastical
History; Political
History; Modern
British Imperial
History



Dr Bradford Bow
Modern History;
Enlightenment Studies;
Global History, including
Asian History; Imperial
History; Scottish history;
American intellectual
History



Prof Michael Brown
Modern History;
Enlightenment
History; Irish history;
Scottish history;
British history



Dr Hannah Burrows
Medieval History;
Scandinavian Studies



Dr Alessandra Cecolin
Modern History; Political
History; intersections of
national and religious
identities in Iran; Jewish
History

Dissertation Supervisors



Dr Andrew Dilley

Modern History;
imperial networks;
British Empire;
Economic History



Dr Marie-Luise Ehrenschwendtner

Medieval and Early
Modern History;
Female Spirituality in
the Middle Ages and
English Reformation;
Church History



Prof Karin Friedrich

Early Modern
History; History of
Poland-Lithuania;
German History;
History of Nobilities
and Towns; History
of Ideas



Prof Robert Frost

Early Modern History;
Military History;
History of Poland-
Lithuania; Political
History; Eastern
Europe



Prof Tony Heywood

Modern European History;
Russian and Soviet History;
World War I; History of
Railways



Prof Marjory Harper

Modern History;
Scottish Emigration;
Scottish Migrants in
Canada



Dr Aly Macdonald

Medieval History; Anglo-
Scottish Relations in the
late Middle Ages;
Scottish History; History
of Sport



Dr Elizabeth MacKnight

Modern History;
French History;
nobilities in Europe;
archival theory and
practices



Dr Ben Marsden

Modern History of:
Science and technology;
Cultural History
of engineering and
technology in Britain;
Science and music;
Cultural History of food

Dissertation Supervisors



Dr Heidi Mehrkens

Modern History;
Political-Cultural
History; Military
History; media
History; History of
the Monarchy



**Prof Bill
Naphy**

Early Modern History;
Reformation Studies;
Witchcraft; History of
Sexuality; History of Crime



**Prof Ralph
O'Connor**

Mediaeval Celtic
literature; mediaeval
Icelandic and
Scandinavian literature;
Modern History of
science; Literary History
c. 1750-1920.



**Dr Frederik
Pedersen**

Medieval History; Medieval Law;
Medieval Demography; Cultural History
of Marriage; Gender History;
Scandinavian History, particularly Post-
Viking





Prof Tom Weber

Modern History; The World
Wars; The Holocaust;
Political History; German
History; International
History




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