



Introduction to the Canvas VLE

Faculty of History

What is Canvas?



- Canvas is the University's premier virtual learning environment (VLE) for teaching and learning.
- You can use it to:
 - Explore your course options
 - Access learning materials
e.g. lecture handouts, PowerPoint presentations, reading lists
 - View your recorded lectures
 - Receive updates and notifications about your course

The History Information Network



Useful information can be found in the following places:



Canvas

For:

- On-course materials
- Options Information
- Reading Lists
- Handouts
- Presentations
- Lecture Recordings
- Extended Essay Titles



Oxford Historians Hub

For:

- Handouts
- Lecture Lists
- Examinations Info
- Student Welfare
- Writing Advice
- Student Representation
- Language Learning
- Prizes and Scholarships
- Talks and Seminars



Course Handbook

For:

- Course Outlines
- Teaching Methods
- Workload Expectations
- University Policies
- Complaints & Appeals
- Facilities Information
- Exam Regulations

How to access Canvas



There are a number of different routes you can take to access Canvas:

1. Go to <https://www.canvas.ox.ac.uk> and log in using your Single Sign-On (SSO). This will take you to your personalised Dashboard.
2. Go via the [Oxford Historians' Hub](#) website – there is a link in the banner at the top of the page that will take you directly to Canvas.
3. Links within your Handbook will take you directly to the relevant sections of Canvas.

Your Canvas Dashboard



- When you log into Canvas, you will be taken to your Dashboard. This will show you all of the courses and papers that you are enrolled in.
- On the right hand side you can see the 'coming up' section. If you or your tutor adds anything into the Canvas Calendar, this will appear here.
- The left hand side has a list of tools:



– Your account, where you can edit your notification settings and personal details



– Your Dashboard, with quick links to all of your courses



– Your Courses, where you can see all the courses in which you are or have been enrolled



– Your Calendar, showing any events you have forthcoming.

Your Programme Page



When you start at Oxford, you will be given access to the relevant Canvas page for your degree programme.

From here, you will be able to access:

- Information about the programme
- Induction and Study Skills resources
- A list of all of the options available on your course
- Links to other Faculty sites (for Joint Schools)
- Feedback forms
- Information about examinations

▼ Induction and Study Skills

- [Undergraduate Induction Materials \(OHH\)](#)
- [Undergraduate Study Skills Lectures \(Panopto\)](#)
- [Writing Advice and Avoiding Plagiarism \(OHH\)](#)
- [Referencing and Citation in the Oxford History Faculty Style \(OHH\)](#)

▼ Prelims (Preliminary Examination) - Year 1

Information about the different courses available in your Prelims year can be found below:

- [The History of the British Isles \(BIP\)](#)
- [European and World History \(EWP\)](#)
- [Optional Subject](#)
- [Paper IV: Historical Methods](#)

Assessment and Examining

- [Prelims - Access exam reports, regulations, conventions, past papers, and information about mitigating circumstances \(OHH\)](#)

Paper Pages



Each paper offered by the Faculty has its own page, where you can access:

- An overview of the paper content
- Links to all of the options within that paper
N.B. Not every option will run each year. Please check Canvas regularly for updates on option availability.
- Sign-up links to receive further information about that paper
For outline papers only

Students can access every paper offered by the Faculty of History – so you can always access reading lists and handouts!

European and World History (EWF)

European and World History is divided into fourteen periods, which cover the whole of European history and its engagement with the non-European world from the fall of Rome until 1973, with additional papers in American and global history. You can study times and places not covered in the Preliminary year, and periods are studied in greater depth, requiring you to examine the distinctive features of individual societies as well as to grasp broad themes. There are in addition four Theme papers. Theme papers pursue the development of a theme across chronological boundaries.

Where European and World History in Prelims was designed to be studied in thematic and broadly comparative topics, the Schools papers encourage you to develop a comparative understanding on more specific foundations. In most papers the subjects of tutorial essays are likely to be a mixture of territorially and politically specific topics and broader connecting themes. As in your British Isles History papers you should take the initiative in devising your tutorial programme so that it makes the most of both your own and your tutor's interests.

EWF Paper Options

PLEASE NOTE: signing up for a paper IS NOT the same as officially enrolling. This is done through your College.



The World of Late Antiquity, 250-650

[Find out more information about this paper](#) - this link will take you to the homepage of this paper, where you can browse reading lists and learning materials.

[Sign up to receive updates about this paper](#) - Doing this will ensure that you are kept up to date on timetable, materials and deadlines as well as receiving updates from the paper convener.



The Early Medieval World, 600-1000

[Find out more information about this paper](#) - this link will take you to the homepage of this paper, where you can browse reading lists and learning materials.

[Sign up to receive updates about this paper](#) - Doing this will ensure that you are kept up to date on timetable, materials and deadlines as well as receiving updates from the paper convener.

Option Pages



Each option within a paper has its own page, where you can access:

- An overview of the option – what it covers and how it will be taught
- Reading lists and (where relevant) Set Texts
- Links to past papers via SOLO
- Handouts and Presentations for that option
- A calendar of forthcoming events and lectures

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Early Modern Europe, 1500-1700 > Modules

Search this course

Ongoing

Collapse all

Home

Modules

Search

Signup

Export Calendar to PDF

View Course Stream

Join this Course

Coming up

Nothing for the next week

Welcome: Start here

Reading Lists

Past Papers

Specimen Paper

Handouts and Presentations 2023-24

Mediterranean Empires - Handout

Europe and the Wider World - Handout

Relevant Lecture Series

The Jagiellonian World: Renaissance & Reformation in East-Central Europe, c.1400-1600

Accessing Lecture Recordings



Lecture recordings for the majority of lectures in the Faculty of History can be found on Canvas.

- Recordings for the current academic year can be found under the 'Faculty of History – Lecture Recordings' course on your Dashboard.
- If you are a Finalist and have access to recordings from a previous academic year, the relevant course will also appear on your Dashboard.

Please note that some lecturers may opt out of recording their lectures. Lectures will not be released to replace teaching withheld as part of industrial action.

Dashboard

Published Courses (29)



Panopto for Lecture Recordings



Lecture Recordings are accessed through the Panopto/Replay client within Canvas.

From the 'Faculty of History – Lecture Recordings' course, you will need to select 'Panopto Recordings' in the left-hand sidebar.

If you cannot see the sidebar, select the three lines (≡) next to the page title.

On the next page, you will need to select the 'Undergraduate Lectures' folder, and navigate to the course you are interested in.

N.B. The Faculty aims to release lecture recordings within 48 hours of delivery.

Faculty of History - Lecture Recordings > Modules

Ongoing

Home

Panopto Recordings

▼ Faculty of History Lecture Recordings

To access your lecture recordings, click the 'Panopto' folders held in Panopto. Lecture handouts can be found at undergraduate.office@history.ox.ac.uk for help.

If you are unable to see the 'Panopto Recordings' header, click the three lines (≡) next to the page title.

↑ Ongoing - Faculty of History - Lec... ↻ ⏮ ⏭ ⏭ ⏮ + Subscribe

All Dates ⌚ ⏴ Sort by Date ⌵ ⏴ ⏭ ⏭ ⏮ Preview Mode

Graduate Lectures Ongoing - Library - Induction ... Public Lectures

Undergraduate Lectures + Add folder

To get started, drop any video from your computer here or click the Create button to make a new recording

Setting Your Notifications on Canvas



- Notifications allow you to set how and when you want to be alerted when various activities happen within a course.
*N.B. The setting you choose will apply to **all** of your Canvas courses.*
- To set notifications for each activity, click on the symbol and select from the drop-down:
 - **Notify Immediately:** immediately updates you on important announcements
 - **Daily Summary:** gives you a summary of your notifications once a day
 - **Weekly Summary:** gives you a summary of your notifications once a week
 - **Notifications Off:** turns notifications off.
Do not do this for Announcements as you will miss important information!

Notification Settings

Settings for

Account

☒ Show name of observed students in notifications

Course activities

Email

Due Date



Grading policies

Course Content

Files

Announcement



Announcement created by you



Grading



Include scores when alerting about grades. If your email is not an institution email this means sensitive content will be sent outside of the institution.



Invitation



All submissions



- Notify immediately
- Daily summary
- Weekly summary
- Notifications off

Ally and Canvas



The Canvas VLE has an integrated tool called Ally which helps to make content on the platform more accessible.

Using Ally, you can download any Canvas page or uploaded document in one of the following formats:

- PDF
- Electronic Braille
- MP3 audio recording
- ePub for mobile reading
- OCRed PDF (for scanned documents)

These can be accessed via the 'Alternative Formats' button found next to each file or page on Canvas.

European and World History (EWF)

European and World History is divided into fourteen periods, which cover the whole of European history and

Selected item:



EWF Paper Options



ePub
For reading as an e-book on an iPad and other e-book readers



Electronic braille
BRF version for consumption on electronic braille displays



Audio
MP3 version for listening



BeeLine Reader
Enhanced version for easier and faster on-screen reading



Immersive Reader
Aid reading comprehension and grammar skills. Internet required.



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Help and Support



Run into a problem? You can get help in a number of ways:

- If you have problems accessing Canvas, contact the University's IT Services Helpdesk on 01865 612345 or help@it.ox.ac.uk
- Once you've logged into Canvas, click on the 'Help' option on the Global Navigation menu. You can 'live chat' or phone Canvas support, 24/7. The Help option also includes access to a 'Guide for Students' covering some of the key features of the VLE.
- For enquiries about courses or lecture recordings, contact the Undergraduate Office at undergraduate.office@history.ox.ac.uk
- For feedback on Canvas or the OHH, contact the Communications Officer at comms@history.ox.ac.uk