

Degree Structure – Arts

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This presentation describes the structure of undergraduate Arts degrees at the University of Glasgow.

College of Arts

Archaeology
Celtic Studies
Classics
Comparative Literature
Digital Media
English Literature
English Language
Film & TV
Gaelic
Greek
History
History of Art
Latin
Music
Philosophy

Scottish History
Scottish Literature
Theatre Studies
Theology

Modern Languages

French / German /
Hispanic Studies / Italian /
Portuguese Russian /
Spanish



The University of Glasgow offers Arts degrees in the areas listed. Although Modern Languages are part of the College of Arts at the University, these subjects follow a separate structure incorporating a year abroad.

Arts degrees

- MA
- Four year honours
- 25 single, 100+ joint options

- Study three subjects in Year 1
- Study three subjects in Year 2

All of our Arts degrees are studied as a 4 year Master of Arts Honours degree, or MA. Although it is called a Master of Arts, it is the equivalent of an undergraduate bachelor's degree.

In Year 1, all Arts students will study three subjects, with equal weighting given to each subject.

Similarly, students complete three subjects in Year 2. These can be the same three subjects as Year 1, but most students will choose to study one new subject in Year 2.

We will now look at how this works in practice.

Example MA(Hons) Degree Single Honours

Year 4

Year 3

Year 2

Year 1

History
Level 1

Classics
Level 1

Philosophy
Level 1

Shown is an example degree structure for a History student at the University of Glasgow.

Alongside History, two other subjects are studied. These are most commonly Arts subjects, but there may be the opportunity to choose one Social Sciences or Science subject.

In years 1 and 2, time is split equally between all three subjects. Please bear in mind that the second and third choices are subject to timetable availability.

Applicants can apply to a single honours or joint honours degree. Most applicants will choose their second and third subjects when they register to begin university.

Example MA(Hons) Degree Single Honours

Year 4

Year 3

Year 2

Year 1

History
Level 2

Classics
Level 2

Archaeology
Level 1

History
Level 1

Classics
Level 1

Philosophy
Level 1

In Year 2, students take two subjects to Level 2 and select a new third subject, in this case, Archaeology.

Example MA(Hons) Degree Single Honours

Year 4

Year 3

Year 2

Year 1

History
Level 2

Classics
Level 2

Archaeology
Level 1

History
Level 1

Classics
Level 1

Philosophy
Level 1

The third subject is studied at Level 1 and widens the academic context of the degree. There are a range of options across the Arts, Modern Languages and Social Sciences.

Example MA(Hons) Degree Single Honours

Year 4

Year 3

History
Junior Honours

Year 2

History
Level 2

Classics
Level 2

Archaeology
Level 1

Year 1

History
Level 1

Classics
Level 1

Philosophy
Level 1

At the end of Year 2, students choose their final honours discipline. The example demonstrates a single honours degree in History.

Example MA(Hons) Degree Single Honours

Year 4	History Senior Honours		
Year 3	History Junior Honours		
Year 2	History Level 2	Classics Level 2	Archaeology Level 1
Year 1	History Level 1	Classics Level 1	Philosophy Level 1

The other honours options in this example would be single honours Classics or joint honours History and Classics.

Decisions regarding progression to honours will be based on academic performance during Years 1 and 2.

Example MA(Hons) Degree Joint Honours

Year 4	History Senior Honours	Classics Senior Honours	
Year 3	History Junior Honours	Classics Junior Honours	
Year 2	History Level 2	Classics Level 2	Archaeology Level 1
Year 1	History Level 1	Classics Level 1	Philosophy Level 1

For a joint honours degree, the structure is the same in years 1 and 2. The choice of honours subjects is again made at the end of year 2.

Joint Honours students split their time equally between their two subjects. In the final year, a dissertation is completed for one subject – joint honours students do not have to write two dissertations.

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For further information on the Arts degree structure at the University of Glasgow, please visit our website.

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/choosingyourdegree/>