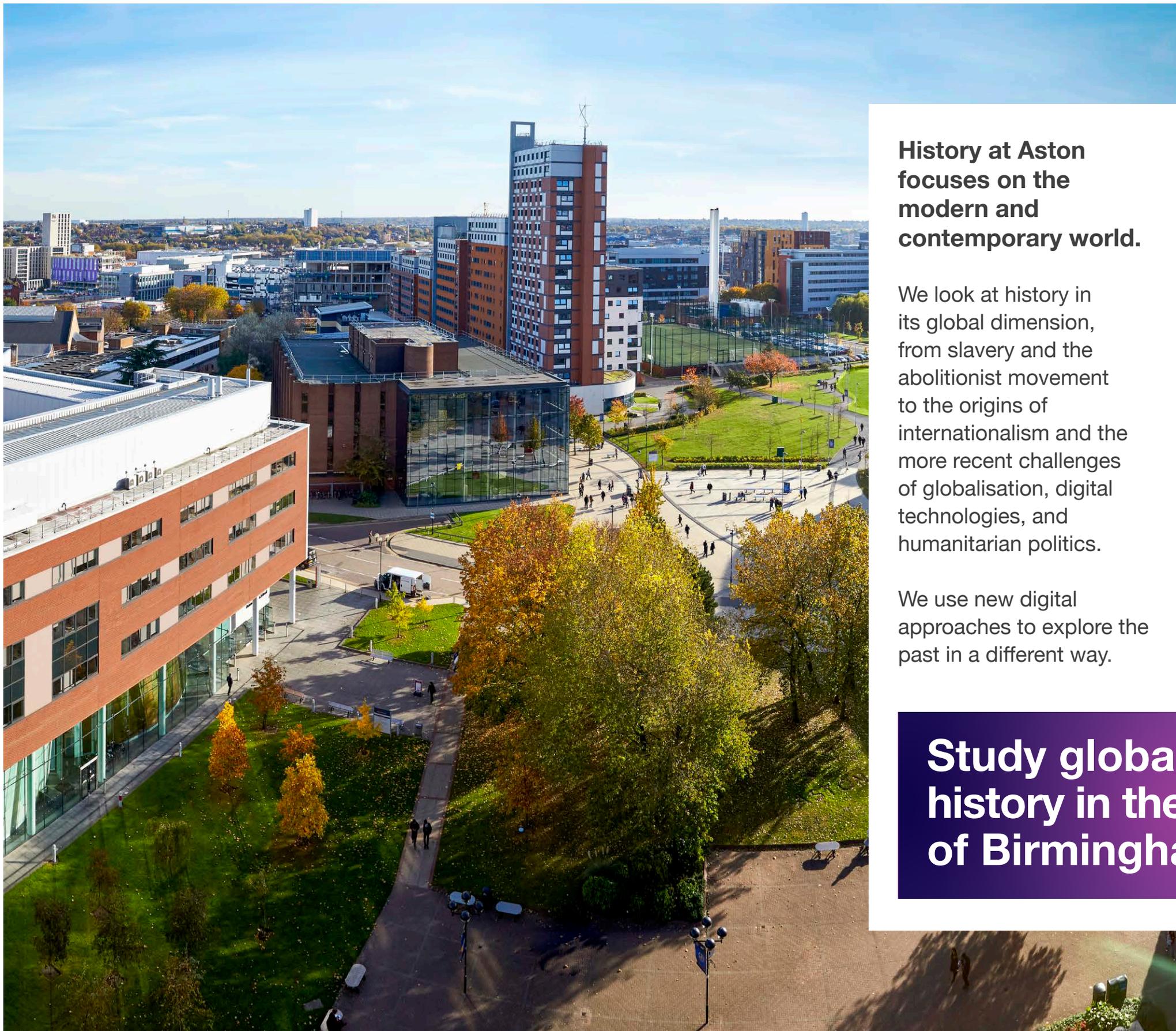




History at Aston

Grow your understanding
of the world and learn
about the past to build
a better future for all



History at Aston focuses on the modern and contemporary world.

We look at history in its global dimension, from slavery and the abolitionist movement to the origins of internationalism and the more recent challenges of globalisation, digital technologies, and humanitarian politics.

We use new digital approaches to explore the past in a different way.

What we have to offer:

- A global and digital take on modern history
- A resolutely contemporary focus on the 19th and 20th centuries
- Teaching in small groups and strong individual support
- Placement year to boost your career prospects
- An exciting new and growing programme
- Walking distance to the centre of Birmingham

Study global history in the heart of Birmingham





If you choose to study History at Aston, you will:

- Work closely with experienced historians
- Explore topics such as slavery, history of emotions, humanitarian activism, global migrations, ethnic conflict, trauma and memory, and the history of technology
- Go on field trips and undertake primary research in local archives and museums
- Become an expert in digital history



History combinations

At Aston, we offer history as a joint honours degree with the following combinations available:

- BSc (Hons) History and English Literature
- BSc (Hons) History and French
- BSc (Hons) History and International Relations
- BSc (Hons) History and Politics
- BSc (Hons) History and Spanish



Be part of a School that unites the study of history, languages, literature, culture, politics and sociology to help you tackle the complexity of tomorrow's world.



What you will study

First year modules:

Laying the foundations

- Global History in Perspective
- Making Histories I: Methods, Theories, Controversies
- Contemporary Britain: From the Boer War to Brexit

Second year modules:

Broadening your horizons and beginning to specialise

- Case Studies in Global History
- Making Histories II: Oral and Digital Methods

Choose from

- Humanitarian Action and Foreign Intervention, 1915 – today
- The Atlantic World: Slavery and Emancipation
- History of Internationalism: From Karl Marx to Greta Thunberg

Final year modules:

Pursuing your interests and developing your own research projects

Take our student-driven History Workshop and then choose from:

- History Dissertation
- Bullets, Bombs and Bitcoin: History and Technology since 1900
- Rage, Shame, and Hope: Emotions and Politics from the 19th to the 21st Century
- Twin Periods: The Interwar Years and post-1989 History
- The United States and the World

For more details about Aston's History programmes: aston.ac.uk/courses/humanities

History at Aston equips you with the skills you need in the 21st century

- Learn to engage with and handle human diversity
- Investigate challenging problems in depth and learn to detect patterns
- Develop a critical and flexible mind
- Use primary sources and learn to challenge 'alternative facts'
- Develop your own research, learn to manage large projects, and become an independent thinker

Historians typically work in:

- Museums
- Archives
- Journalism and media
- Public administration
- Politics

But thanks to their skills, historians are also sought-after in other roles:

- Public relations
- Human resources
- Think tanks
- Management positions
- Creative industries such as gaming



“History at Aston is unique as it focuses on modern, contemporary history, from the 19th and 20th centuries rather than traditional history courses where you study ancient, medieval periods. The small classes and mixture of lectures and seminars really help to develop your understanding of a topic. I really do love all aspects of my course – from the modules we study to the lecturers who teach them.”

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