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Programme for the History of Medicine Course October 2026 - June 2027

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Autumn Term Foundations of Medical History

Day 1 - In-Person at Apothecaries' Hall - 10 October 2026 - Starting out in Medical History

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| 930-1000 | Registration | |
| 1000-1015 | Welcome from the Master | |
| 1015-1030 | Introduction to the Course | Dr Anna Simmons (Course Director) |
| 1030-1045 | Hist-Hikers Guide to Brightspace and Q&A | Matthew Scudder (Academic Training Manager) |
| 1045-1115 | Coffee | |
| 1115-1215 | Starting out in History | Dr Caitjan Gainty (Kings College London) |
| | Lunch Break | |
| 1315-1415 | The Kinds of Medicine: An Introduction to the History of Medicine | Professor William Bynum (UCL) |
| 1430-1515 | Tour of the Hall | John Ford |
| 1530-1630 | Drinks Nearby | |

Day 2 - Online on Zoom only - 24 October 2026 - Ancient Medicine and Approaches to Medical History

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| 1000-1100 | An Introduction to Ancient Medicine Part I | Prof Laurence Totelin (Cardiff University) |
| 1115-1215 | An Introduction to Ancient Medicine Part II (including source discussion) | Prof Laurence Totelin (Cardiff University) |
| 1215-1230 | Online Meet the Course Director and Academic Training Manager | Dr Anna Simmons Matthew Scudder |
| 1315-1415 | What's the point of the History of Medicine? | Ross MacFarlane (QMUL) |
| 1430-1530 | Locating Medical History Resources and Introducing the DHMSA Exam | Dr Tina Matthews |

Day 3 – In-Person at Apothecaries Hall - 7 November 2026 – Medieval Medicine and Hospitals in History

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| 945-1045 | Medieval Medicine and the Church | Professor Carole Rawcliffe (UEA) |
| 1100-1200 | At the Cutting Edge? Becoming a Late Medieval Surgeon | Professor Carole Rawcliffe (UEA) |
| 1200-1230 | Exploring the Apothecaries' Archive – The History of Apothecaries' Hall - Group 1 (followed by lunch from 12.30 to 13.30) | Dr Anna Simmons (UCL) |
| 1300-1330 | Exploring the Apothecaries' Archive – The History of Apothecaries' Hall - Group 2 | Dr Anna Simmons (UCL) |
| 1340-1440 | Medicine in the Islamic World | Professor Vivian Nutton (UCL) |
| 1455-1555 | Hospitals in History | Dr Helen Bynum (Independent Medical Historian) |

Day 4 – Online on Zoom only - 21 November 2026 – Exploring Medicine through Time

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| 1000-1100 | Early Modern Medicine | Dr Holly Fletcher (Manchester University) |
| 1115-1215 | Medicine in the Eighteenth Century | Dr Alun Withey (Exeter University) |
| 1315-1415 | Women in Healthcare and Medicine, 1700 – 1950 | Dr Sarah Chaney (Queen Mary) |
| 1430-1530 | Mediating Medicine - Periodicals, Newspapers and Advertising in Medical History | Dr Emily Vincent (Oxford University) |

Day 5 – Online on Zoom only - 5 December 2026 – The Image of Medicine and Medics in History

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| 0930-1030 | Material and Visual Culture of Medicine | TBC |
| 1045-1145 | Using Images in Medical History: | Dr David Wright (Edinburgh) |
| 1145-1215 | The DHMSA in 2027 | Dr Tina Matthews |
| 1300-1400 | The Evolution of Surgery | Dr Chris George (St George's, Epsom and St Helier Hospitals, London) |
| 1415-1515 | Apothecaries and General Practice | Dr Martin Edwards (London) |
| 1515-1615 | Development of Radiology and Imaging | Professor Adrian Thomas (Canterbury Christ Church University) |

Recorded Lecture Available

An Introduction to the History of Medical Ethics

Professor David Misselbrook (Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland of Bahrain)

Winter Term

Themes and Developments in Medical History

Day 6 – Online on Zoom Only – 9 January 2027 – Disease and Practice

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| 0945-1100 | Plagues and Sepsis | Dr Marina Morgan (Exeter University) |
| 1115-1215 | Infectious Diseases and the Birth of Microbiology | Dr Edward Wawrzynczak (London) |
| 1315- 1415 | The Power of the Professions | Dr Caitjan Gainty |
| 1430-1530 | Public Health Ancient and Modern | Dr Rosalind Stanwell-Smith (London) |

Recorded Lecture Available –

Tuberculosis and other Respiratory Diseases
Dr Noel Snell (London)

Day 7 – Online on Zoom only -23 January 2027 – Bodies Through Time

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| 1000-1100 | Disability through Time | Professor David Turner (Swansea University) |
| 1115-1215 | The Heart in Medicine | Dr Caroline Coats (Glasgow University) |
| 1315-1415 | The Brain in History | Professor Martin Rossor (UCL) |
| 1430-1530 | Health and Sexuality | Professor Gayle Davis (Edinburgh University) |

Recorded Lecture Available -

The History of Orthopaedics and Trauma (and Wounds)
Mr Bryan Rhodes (Lancaster)

Day 7.5 – Optional session: Afternoon visit to the London Archives – Friday 5 February 2027

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| 1330-1530 | Talk and Guided Tour of the London Archives |
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Day 8 – In-Person at Apothecaries' Hall - 6 February 2027 - Sharing Historical Research and Renaissance Medicine

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| 945-1015 | Coffee | |
| 1015-1115 | How to' Session – Archives to Outputs | Briony Hudson (Independent Pharmacy Historian) |
| 1115-1215 | 'How to' Session - Writing Medical History | Dr Caitjan Gainty (Kings) |
| 1315-1415 | Sharing History Research – Round Table Discussion | |
| 1430-1530 | Renaissance Learned Medicine, 1492-1600 | Professor Vivian Nutton (UCL) |

Recorded Lectures Available

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| Becoming an Historian | Professor Tim Hitchcock (Sussex) |
| 'How to' Session – Skills for the DHMSA Essay | Dr Tina Matthews (DHMSA Convenor) |
| 'How To' Session - Skills for the Test Lecture | Dr Tina Matthews (DHMSA Convenor) |

Day 9 – Online on Zoom only - 20 February 2027 – Psychiatry, Patient Voices and Military Medicine

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| 1000-1100 | Psychiatry from the Asylum to the Second World War | Dr Kate McAllister (University of Sheffield) |
| 1115-1215 | Psychiatry: The NHS and beyond | Dr Kate McAllister (University of Sheffield) |
| 1315-1415 | Patient Voices | Prof. Jessica Meyer (Leeds University) |
| 1430-1530 | Healing under Fire: The Development of British Military Medicine | Dr Jack Davies (Imperial War Museum) |

Day 10 – In Person Apothecaries' Hall - 6 March 2027 – Anatomy, Drugs and Empire

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| 1000-1100 | History of Anatomy Part I | Professor Susan Standing (KCL) |
| 1100-1115 | Coffee Break | |
| 1115-1145 | History of Anatomy Part II – John and William Hunter | Professor Susan Standing (KCL) |
| 1200-1230 | Exploring the Apothecaries' Archive – Group 1 (followed by lunch from 12.30 to 13.30) | Dr Anna Simmons (UCL) |
| 1300-1330 | Exploring the Apothecaries' Archive – Group 2 (preceded by lunch 1200-1300) | Dr Anna Simmons (UCL) |
| 1340-1440 | Western Medicine and the British Empire | Professor Anna Greenwood (Nottingham University) |
| 1455 -1555 | Drugs and the History of Therapeutic Innovation | Dr Edward Wawrzynczak (London) |

Spring Term

Reflecting on Medical Traditions, Practice and Collections

Day 11 – Online on Zoom Only – 20 March 2027 – Medicines in History

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| 1000-1100 | Eat This Root: A Botanical History of Medicine | Dr Kim Walker (Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and Royal Holloway) |
| 1115-1215 | The History of Anaesthesia | Dr Alistair McKenzie (Edinburgh) |
| 1315-1415 | Medicines Across Time, Place and Culture | Professor Matthew Smith (Strathclyde University) |
| 1430-1515 | Chinese Medicine | Dr Nancy Holyroyde-Downing (London) |
| 1515-1600 | Introduction to Ayurveda | Professor Dagmar Wujastyk (University of Alberta) |

Day 12 -In-Person at Apothecaries' Hall – 24 April 2027 – History of Medicine Showcase Day

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| 0930-1000 | Coffee and Welcome | |
| 1000-1100 | “A great rage for mahogany, varnish and expensive floor cloth”: a history of the pharmacy shop | Briony Hudson (Independent Pharmacy Historian) |
| 1115-1215 | Medicine in Literature and Film | Dr Claire Elliott (UCL) |
| 1215-1230 | Meet the Course Director and HoM Team | Dr Anna Simmons |
| 1215-1315 | Lunch and Archive Display | |
| 1315-1415 | Ancient Egyptian Medicine | Prof. Rosalie David (Manchester University) |
| 1430-1530 | Paleopathology | Prof. Rosalie David (Manchester University) |

Day 12.5 – Optional session: Afternoon visit to the Hunterian Museum – Friday 14 May 2027

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| 1315-1600 | Visit to the Hunterian Museum including a Building Artwork Tour | |
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Day 13 - In Person at Guy's Hospital and the Gordon Museum -15 May 2027 - Visits and Lectures

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| 945 | Meet at Guy's in the colonnade | |
| 1000-1030 | History of Guy's Hospital | Dr Claire Elliott (UCL) |
| 1030-1130 | Visit to the Old Operating Theatre and Herb Garret | |
| 1130-1145 | Walk from OOT to Gordon Museum | |
| 1200 -1300 | Lecture on the History of Obstetrics and Gynaecology | Dr Claire Elliott (UCL) |
| 1300-1400 | Lunch | |
| 1400-1500 | Medicine and Art | Dr Bill Edwards |
| 1515-1600 | Microscopes and Museums | Dr Tina Matthews (London) |

Day 14 – In-person at Apothecaries' Hall – 12 June 2027 – Reflecting on Medical Collections

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| 1000-1100 | Medicine collections in Museums | Dr Katie Dabin (Science Museum) |
| 1115-1145 | Historical Perspectives on Medical Collections | Dr Subhadra Das (UCL) |
| 1145-1230 | Discussion Session with Speakers on Medical Collections | |
| 1230-1300 | Reflections and Feedback Session | Dr Anna Simmons and Matt Scudder |
| 1300-1400 | Lunch | |
| 1415-1515 | Walking Tour of Blackfriars | Ross MacFarlane (QMUL) |
| 1530-1630 | Closing Drinks | TBC |