



DEPARTMENT OF TRADITIONS AND CULTURAL HISTORY WAALM® - School of Cultural Diplomacy

The Departmental Prospectus

Department of Traditions and Cultural History provides insights into historic traditions and cultures of the major ancient and modern civilizations. It equips the learners with an overview on cross-cultural aspect of traditions in humanities.

Subjects / Modules Delivered from This Department:

- Traditions and Encounters:

Covers the world as a whole, examining the formations and development of the world's major societies ("traditions"), and also systematically exploring cross-cultural interactions and exchanges that have been some of the most effective agents of change in all of world history ("encounters").



- Human Thoughts and Culture:

Covers situations that affect, shape, or change human thought. Experiences and findings in the relation between cognition and culture.

- Costumes and Ceremonies:

Covers and examines the costumes and ceremonial events of the major ancient civilisations and their cross-cultural effects in today's global context.



- Cross - Cultural Architecture:

Covers the influences of architectures in both ancient and modern societies and examines architectural impacts on cross-cultures.

Qualifications:

Each subject can be taken as a single module or group of study modules / subjects.

- **Certificate:** It will be conferred to those who successfully complete a single module.
- **Advanced Certificate:** It will be conferred to those who in addition to completion of a module, they carry out a research and a short dissertation (5500 words) on an approved related topic.
- **Diploma:** It will be conferred to those who successfully complete four modules and a final dissertation on an approved topic (8000 words).
- **Research Based Diploma:** It will be conferred to those who could successfully carry out an extensive research and dissertation (17,000 words) on an approved topic by this department.

All the research studies will be supervised by an appointed supervisor.

Method and Requirements:

All the modules will be delivered through distance learning online. No class-room participation is required. Our school Professors, Research Supervisors and / or Advisors will be available via email to address students questions and provide them with guidance and assignments on one to one basis.

Students are required to have a valid email address and access to Internet. They are also recommended to have webcam facilities.

Students are recommended to allocate at least 4 to 6 hours study time per week. Students can register at any time; however, they are required to complete their course *not later than* the following given timelines:

- Single Module at Certificate level within 3 months.
- Single Module at Adv. Certificate level within 6 months.
- Group of study modules (four modules) at Diploma level within 15 months.
- Research Based Diploma within 12 months.



Assessment:

It will be conducted throughout the programme via short essay writing and / or through oral tests, where video conferencing is available.

Results:

Students are required to achieve at least 60% of the total available mark.

60 - 84% = Pass

85 -100% = Pass with Distinction

Students who fail the assessment of a module may take the second attempt for a charge of £25. Those who fail the second attempt are encouraged to repeat the course.

Study Materials:

- School approved free full text Google books related to the subject(s);
- Study articles and papers by the department's academia;
- Research references will be provided.

Note:

Students may be required to purchase additional materials directly from the provider / bookshops. Students are advised to allocate approximately £150 - £200 for this purpose. Once students have selected their module and level of study, they are advised to contact Admissions for further information on this prior registration.

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