How to Make Preliminary Tutorial Choices for your WEPO Application

There is an incredibly wide range of subjects available for study and identifying the five or six tutorials you would like to pursue can be a tremendous challenge. When making these choices, you should think about your academic requirements and talk to your academic/major advisors. You should also consider taking advantage of unique subject areas of interest to you that are not available at Williams.

Below, is a list of tutorials that Williams students have taken over the past few years. This is not by any means a comprehensive list. It is merely a starting point, and a way to get some ideas without wading through the enormous Examination Regulations Handbook or searching for options online. At the end of this list are instructions for how to explore more broadly for other options on the Oxford University website. There are many topics not listed here that may be available. At the same time, the inclusion of a topic in this list in no way guarantees that it will be available in any given term, or even in a given year.

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Archaeology & Anthropology

Anthropology of West Africa
Cultural Representations, Beliefs, Practices
Human Geography
Modern Egypt
Archaeology of Anglo-Saxon England, c. 600-750
Farming and Early States in Sub-Saharan Africa

Biochemistry (typically without labs)

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Bio Informatics

Biology (typically without labs)

Cancer Immunology
Developmental & Stem Cell Biology
Ecology
Human Genetics
Immunology

Chemistry (typically without labs)

Inorganic Chemistry
Organic Chemistry

Classics

Homer’s Iliad
Horace

Latin Historical Linguistics
Lucretius
Ovid
Plautus
Roman History 46 B.C. to A.D. 54
Satire
Epic
Tragedy

Computer Science

Imperative Programming
Design & Analysis of Algorithms
Computational Linguistics
Models of Computation
Algorithms and Data Structure

Economics (arranged through Economics)

British Economic History Since 1870
Command & Transitional Economies
Econometrics
Economics of Developing Countries
Economics of Industry
International Economics
Macroeconomics
Microeconomics
Money & Banking

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Public Economics

English
20th Century Novel
Critical Theory and the History of Criticism
History, Theory, and Use of the English Language
English Literature, c. 650-1350 (Medieval)
English Literature, 1350-1550
English Literature, 1550-1660
English Literature, 1660-1760
English Literature, 1760-1830
English Literature, 1830-1910 (Victorian)
English Literature, 1900-present (Modern)
English Literature, Postcolonial Literature
Chaucer
Charles Dickens
Emily Dickinson
George Eliot
Jane Austen
James Joyce
John Milton
Virginia Woolf
Shakespeare

Geography
Human Geography

History (see attached “Doing History at Oxford”)
History of the British Isles (broken into 7 time periods starting with 300-1087 and ending with 1900-present – see Undergraduate History website)
General History (broken into 19 time periods starting with 284-476 and ending with 1941-1973 – see Undergraduate History website)
Historiography
Crime and Punishment in England, c. 1280-1400

Conquest and Colonization: Spain and America in the 16th Century
The Rise and Crises of European Socialisms, 1883-1921
Radicalism in Britain, 1965-1975
The Near East in the Age of Justinian & Muhammad, c. 527-700
War of the Roses, 1450-1500
The Crusades
The Carolingian Renaissance
The Metropolitan Crucible, London 1685-1815
The Age of Jefferson, 1774-1826
Intellect and Culture in Victorian Britain
Culture, Politics and Identity in Cold War Europe, 1945-1968
The Military and Society in Britain and France, 1650-1815
Spread of Islam 7th-16th Centuries
The Ottoman Empire from Medieval to Modern

History of Art
Methodologies
Experience of Modernity
Politics, Culture, and Art in Renaissance Italy – Venice and Florence
Formation of the Islamic World

Law
Constitutional Law
Criminal Law
International Public Law
Jurisprudence
Medical Law and Ethics

Mathematics
Abstract Algebra
Algebraic Number Theory
Analytic Number Theory
Applied Probability
Complex Analysis
Differential Equations
Galois Theory
Integral Transforms
Intro to Groups, Rings, and Fields
Logic
Mathematical Models of Financial Derivatives
Networks
Number Theory
Probability
Real Analysis
Representation Theory
Topology/Topology of Groups

Philosophy
Aesthetics and the Philosophy of Criticism
Aristotle’s Nicomachean Ethics
Bounds of Rationality
Ethics
Frege, Russell, and Wittgenstein
Heidegger
Kant
Knowledge & Reality
Later Philosophy of Wittgenstein
Nietzsche
 Philosophy of Cognitive Science
Philosophy of Logic and Language
Philosophy of Mind
Philosophy of Religion
Post-Kantian Philosophy

Politics
British Politics and Government since 1990
Comparative Government
International Relations
International Relations in the Era of the Cold War
International Relations in the Era of the Two World Wars
Modern British Politics

Political Sociology
Political Thought, Bentham to Weber
Political Thought, Plato to Rousseau
Politics in Latin America
Politics in the Middle East
Politics of Modern China
Social Policy
Theory of Politics

Psychology
Cognitive Neuroscience
Developmental Psychology
Education and Psychology
Emotion, Appraisal, and Feedback
Individual Differences
Neuroscience
Language and Cognition
Psychological Disorders
Psychology of Religion
Social Psychology

Sociology
Political Sociology
Sociological Theory
Sociology of Industrial Societies
Sociology of Post-Industrial Societies

Studio Art
Anatomical Drawing

Theology
Aquinas
Augustine
Christian Moral Reasoning
God, Christ, and Salvation
Introduction to the Study of Religions
Jesus and the Gospels

Looking for other options?
Check out the Oxford University website. Start here: https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/courses-listing?wssl=1

In this context, “course” refers to a course of study. Oxford students typically spend their entire 3 years as undergraduates studying one “course” (e.g., Economics; Politics; English). When you click on a “course” you should be able to find out about some of the standard “papers” (aka tutorial topics) that are available.

Keep in mind that not all tutorials are available in any given term, or even in any given year. Feel free to list your preferences, but remember that you may need to be flexible if a particular tutorial cannot be arranged.

Doing History at Oxford
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Identifying potential tutorials in history requires advanced planning. You may choose from Preliminary Examination courses (typically taken by first-year history students) and Final Honour School (FHS) courses (typically for second- and third-year students). For details about any of these courses, navigate to: http://www.history.ox.ac.uk/prospective/undergraduate/studying/single-hons.html

Note that Special Subject Papers are not available to Williams students.

You may want to consider the special tutorials of our Boskey Fellow, Christopher Markiewicz. See his course descriptions for further details.

MICHAELMAS:
- Prelims: British History Periods I–VII
- FHS: British History Periods I-VII; General History Periods i-xix

Should you wish to take these tutorials, you need to tell the Director by early April. However, once you commit to one of these courses there is no backing out. Note that Special Subjects Papers are not available to Williams students.

HILARY:
- Prelims: General History Periods I-IV
- FHS: Further Subjects Nos. 1-35 (see reverse). These courses require attending seminar classes and tutorials and are based on primary sources, which are normally to be read over the Winter holiday. Many students have found these courses very rewarding.

The deadline for registering for Prelim papers is Week 3 of MT. The deadline for FHS papers is Week 0 of MT. Again, once you commit to HT courses you are committed to the course.

TRINITY:
- Prelims: Optional Subjects, Nos. 1-16 (see reverse)
- FHS: British History Periods I-VII and General History Periods i-xix

If you want to take one of these paper options in Optional Subjects, British History, or General History, you must let the Director know by Week 3 of Hilary term and, again, once you do, you’re committed.

FINAL HONOURS SCHOOL “FURTHER SUBJECTS/SPECIAL SUBJECTS”
1. Anglo-Saxon Archaeology c. 600-750: Society and Economy in the Early Christian Period
2. The Near East in the Age of Justinian and Muhammad, 527–c.700
3. The Carolingian Renaissance
4. The Viking Age: War and Peace c. 750–1100
5. The Crusades
6. Culture and Society in Early Renaissance Italy, 1290–1348
7. Flanders and Italy in the Quattrocento, 1420–1480
8. The Wars of the Roses, 1450–1500
9. Women, Gender and Print Culture in Reformation England, c. 1530-1640
10. Literature and Politics in Early Modern England
11. Representing the City, 1558-1640
12. Writing in the Early Modern Period, 1550-1750 (New Subject)
13. Court Culture and Art in Early Modern Europe, 1580–1700
14. The Military and Society in Britain and France, c.1650-1815
15. The Metropolitan Crucible, London 1685-1815
16. The First Industrial Revolution, 1700–1870 (suspended in 2013-14)
17. Medicine, Empire and Improvement, 1720 to 1820
18. The Age of Jefferson, 1774–1826
19. Culture and Society in France from Voltaire to Balzac
20. Nationalism in Western Europe, 1799-1890
21. Intellect and Culture in Victorian Britain
22. The Authority of nature: Race, Heredity and Crime, 1800-1940
23. The Middle East in the Age of Empire, 1830-1971
24. Imperialism and Nationalism, 1830–1980 ((a) South Asia, (b) Sub-Saharan Africa, (c) Britain’s settler colonies, (d) Maritime South-east Asia (e) Slavery Themes in the History of Slavery and Abolition)
26. British Economic History since 1870 (as prescribed for the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics) – register through Economics
27. Nationalism, Politics and Culture in Ireland, c.1870–1921
29. China since 1900
30. The Soviet Union, 1924–1941
32. Britain at the Movies: Film and National Identity since 1914
33. Scholastic and Humanist Political Thought
34. The Science of Society, 1650–1800
35. Political Theory and Social Science c.1780-1920
36. Post-Colonial Historiography: Writing the Indian Nation

PRELIMS: Optional Subjects
1. Theories of the State
2. The Age of Bede
3. Early Gothic France
4. Conquest and Frontiers: England and the Celtic People
5. English Chivalry and the French War
6. Crime and Punishment in England
7. Nature and Art in Renaissance
8. Witch-craft and witch-hunting in early modern Europe
9. Making England Protestant
10. Conquest and Colonization: Spain and America in the 16th Century
11. Revolution and Empire in France
12. Women, Gender and the Nation: Britain
13. The Romance of the People: the Folk Revival
14. Haiti and Louisiana: the Problem of Revolution in the Age of Slavery
15. The Rise and Crises of European Socialisms
16. Radicalism in Britain