| Module Code | AH-3310 | | | |
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| Module Title | Epidemics and Pandemics in World History | | | |
| Degree/Diploma | Bachelor of Arts (History and International Studies) | | | |
| Type of Module | Major option | | | |
| Modular Credits | 4 | Total Student Workload | 8 hours/week | |
| | | Contact Hours | 4 hours/week | |
| Prerequisite | None | | | |
| Anti-requisite | None | | | |

Aims

This module aims to explore how major epidemics and pandemics across the world have shaped and reshaped society, economy and international relations since the Black Death in the mid-14th century. It shows that historical changes are as amenable to contagious diseases as human agencies.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module, a student is expected to be able to:

| Lower order : | 10% | Acquire general knowledge of various pandemics in different time and space across the world | |
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| | | - Understand the causes and impacts of major pandemics | |
| Middle order : | 10% | Understand the dynamics of responses of government, international organisations and the public during epidemics Explore the economic changes brought about by pandemics | |
| Higher order: | 80% | Critically evaluate the role of non-human agencies in historical and contempora changes Evaluate environmental-historical approaches to pandemics | |

Module Contents (selected)

- Definitions of epidemics and pandemics
- Black Death (1346-1353)
- Cholera pandemic (1852-1860)
- Spanish flu (1918-19)
- Asian flu (1957)
- SARS (2002-3) and MERS (2012-)
- COVID-19

| Assessment | Formative Assessment | Weekly assessment and feedback |
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| | Summative Assessment | Examination: 0% |
| | | Coursework: 100% |
| | | 1 Individual tutorial paper and presentation (20%) |
| | | 1 Individual written assignment (20%) |
| | | 2 Class tests (50%) |
| | | Active class discussion (10%) |
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