

Norms for assessment

Example 1: Economic History

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Level	Typical formative load	Summative assessment options
Year 2	4,000-6,000 words equivalent Usually 2-3 longer essays Long essays typically 2,000 words	3-hour exam (100%) 2-hour in-person exam or 2-week take-home assessment (70%) & 1 essay (3,000 words) (30%) 2-hour in-person exam or 2-week take-home assessment (70%) & 2 essays (2,000 words) (30%)
Year 3	5,000-7,500 words equivalent Usually 2-3 longer essays Long essays typically 2,500 words	3-hour exam (100%) 2-hour exam (70%) & 1 essay (3,000 words) (30%) 2 essays (3,500 words) (70%) & 1 summative presentation (30%)
MSc half unit	2,500-3,000 words equivalent Usually no more than 1 longer essay Long essays typically 2,500 words	2 hour in-person exam or 2-week take-home assessment (100%) 1 essay (5,000 words) (100%)
MSc full unit	5,000-7,500 words equivalent Usually 2-3 longer essays Longer essays typically 2,500	3 hour in-person exam or 2-week take-home assessment (100%) 2 hour in-person exam or 2-week take-home assessment (70%) & 1 essay (3,500 words) (30%) 2 essays (5,000 words) (100%)