

Welcome to the Certificate of Higher Education in Genealogical Studies at Aberystwyth University.

This Certificate is a part time, flexible scheme, which allows learners to complete at their own pace.

A certificate in higher education is made up of 120 credits and the majority of our modules are worth 10 credits. The certificate is the same number of credits as the first year of a full-time undergraduate degree scheme and equivalent to the same level of study ([Level 4 in the National Qualifications Framework](#)).

Designed to provide a thorough grounding in the theory and practice of genealogical research, family history, records and archives, students will attain the skills needed to carry out independent genealogical research.

You have five years to complete your studies and within that time can take the courses at your own pace. Not all courses are on offer each year, but we will ensure that all the courses are made available over a period of time.

The **Certificate in Higher Education: Genealogical Studies** is awarded after the completion of 120 credits, of which 30 credits must be taken from the core courses. You can then choose a further 90 credits from a range of optional modules to widen your learning experience.

Core modules (10 credits each)

XE16310 (XE19210; online learning) From Acorn to Oak: Building a Family Tree – Part 1

XE16410 (XE11210; online learning) From Acorn to Oak: Building a Family Tree – Part 2

XE16510 (XE11410; online learning) From Acorn to Oak: Building a Family Tree – Part 3

Optional modules (10 credits each, unless otherwise stated)

XE18905 How to begin researching the history of your house (online learning; 5 credit)

XE13905 Branching Out: how to use maps for family history (online learning; 5 credit)

XE13805 Branching Out: how to use pre-1858 wills for family history (online learning; 5 credit)

XE14705 Branching Out: how to use estate records for family history (online learning; 5 credit)

XE13610 Architectural History: The Archaeology of Our Built Environment (online learning)

XE13710 Introduction to Archaeology for Beginners (online learning)

XE14110 Life, Death and Religion: Themes in the Archaeology of Britain (online learning)

XE14510 The Dark Ages? The archaeology of early medieval Wales and England (online learning)

XE14210 Wales and the Wars of the Roses (online learning)

XE15010 The Women of the Wars of the Roses (online learning)

XE13510 Richard III: Life and Legacy (online learning)

XM14710 Deciphering Old Handwriting: Palaeography for Beginners (online learning)

XM16710 Basic Latin for Family and Local Historians

XM18710 Twentieth Century Family History

XM18610 'We Don't Talk About Them': The Outcasts of Family History

XE19310 Archaeology and Anthropology of Death and Burial

XM14710 Reading Historical Documents: Palaeography for Beginners

XM14820 Reading Historical Documents: Palaeography 2 (20 credit)

XE16710 Look Who's Talking: An Oral History Project

XM12105 Now you're talking: preparing an oral history interview (5 credit)

XM11905 An introduction to family history sources at the National Library of Wales (5 credit)

XM15610 Archaeology of the Welsh Graveyard

XM15110 Herstory 1: Researching Women's History

XM15220 Herstory 2: Writing and Presenting Women's History (20 credits)

XM18410 Local History 1

XM19010 Local History 2

YD12610 Hanes Lleol

XE18010 Maids, Wives, Widows, Whores: The lives of Medieval Women

XE18010 The 'Weaker Vessel': Roles of Women in the Seventeenth Century

XM10110 Welsh Landed Estates: The Gentry and the People

XM19805 Presentation and Public Speaking For All (5 credits)

Not all of the modules listed above run every year so our full yearly programme is listed online here: <https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/lifelong-learning/courses/search/subjectcode/h/>

If you have any questions at all about the CHE or individual courses please don't hesitate to contact me. I will add you to the CHE Genealogy mailing list so you can receive updates and further information. If you don't wish to be added just let me know.

I hope you enjoy studying for the CHE and have a great experience with Lifelong Learning.