

# *THE ANGLO ZULU WAR HISTORICAL SOCIETY*

**In conjunction with**

**Calamus International University**

(a non-UK university founded in the British West Indies)

## **To prospective students**

Welcome to our prospectus for the distance learning degree programmes in South African and Zulu History offered by AZWHS in conjunction with Calamus International University since 2001. These degrees were developed as a result of the Society's research material being increasingly used by students, colleges and universities worldwide. As you will see, these degrees offer members of the Society a flexible and accessible means of obtaining their own Bachelor's or Master's degree in this unique field. Whether you are an historian, a geographer or someone with a general interest in the history of Southern Africa, these courses will enable you to enquire even more knowledge in the subject, and at the same time, gain an academic degree. It is also possible, where required, for a student to specialise in the Anglo Zulu war of 1879.

The Bachelor's degree course will cover three academic years, part time, followed by a written examination. The Master's degree will cover between one and two academic years. Each academic year will consist of two semesters (terms). Students can extend or shorten their period of study depending on individual circumstances.

Students who complete the Master's degree in South African and Zulu history will be encouraged to study further with a view to submitting a Doctoral thesis.

Study will be by distance learning supported by lecture and tutorials. Lectures will normally take place at various UK locations with tutorials usually taking place at Tenterden in Kent. Special arrangements will be made for non-UK students. The Degree Faculty is highly experienced and our tutors have many years of academic and distance learning experience. Three of our tutors are qualified to Doctorate supervisory level.

Degree course fees include all necessary books, tapes, films and associated course material.

The Degree Faculty's academic team and associated researchers have worked hard to ensure these degrees are of a very high quality, as well as ensuring that their content is both stimulating and absorbing.

If you feel that one of these degree programmes is for you, please complete and return the enclosed application form. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any query.

We look forward to helping you gain your degree.

Yours sincerely

*Adrian Greaves*

Dr Adrian Greaves

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**BACHELOR and MASTER OF ARTS Degree Courses**

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**BA (Hons) and MA Degrees in South African and Zulu History**  
*with special emphasis on the Anglo Zulu War of 1879*

On behalf of the *Anglo Zulu War Historical Society* (AZWHS), we welcome you to this unique prospectus which offers both members and non-members the opportunity to study for an academic degree in this exciting subject. Following intensive research and negotiations in the UK, USA and South Africa, the AZWHS invited a number of accredited specialists to join this academic project. A Degree Faculty of academics, historians, authors and accredited experts in this field was then created to carefully design the following BA (Hons) and MA degree programmes. We commend this project to you.

**The BA (Hons) Degree**

The BA (Hons) in South African and Zulu history consists of six semesters (terms of study), and concludes at the end of the sixth semester with a Finals Exam. The course is intended to take 3 years part time, though students who are able to dedicate more time to their study may complete the course earlier. This course is intended for students who don't hold a degree, or for non-history graduates who wish to take a Master's degree. Both degrees enable specialisation in the study of the Zulu wars, especially that of the Anglo Zulu War of 1879.

**The Distance Learning Alternative**

Both of our Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes are distance learning programmes. This style of degree course is ideal for busy professionals, people with family commitments, or anyone who wishes to study for a degree anywhere in the world without having to relocate to a university campus and attend a set course of lectures. Distance learning programmes are fast becoming the growth sector of adult Higher Education, with an increasing recognition that many people cannot afford to give up work in order to study. This does not affect the standard of our courses, which have been designed to be on a par with British and American universities in terms of the best available structures and standards. Although there are entry requirements for each degree course, there are no 'short cuts' to obtaining these degrees through prior 'life experience', and each student must complete the course in full before graduating.

**Contact with the Degree Faculty**

Every possible step is taken to ensure that students really enjoy their chosen course of study. Regular liaison between the student and staff is vital to ensure the student progresses smoothly through the course. Faculty staff and tutors may also be contacted by telephone, fax, email, and or course, regular mail.

## **Support to the Student**

The distance learning alternative requires motivation and dedication, but these elements will be matched by the full support of the Degree Faculty and your personal tutor.

Our degree programmes have been expertly designed to make distance learning easy and interesting. First and foremost, our experienced tutors can communicate ideas effectively. Each course semester (term) comes with a guide, explaining the direction of study and what is to be expected. Students proceed step by step: each essay is given full attention by the tutor, who not only grades the essay, but offers constructive and helpful feedback. This level of support is now becoming rare in the traditional university setting. Another worry is that new students will be left frantically trying to find hard-to-obtain books. Our students are provided with all necessary material.

In addition, enrolled students automatically become members of the AZWHS, which entitles non-member students to access all Society Journals and research free of charge. Upon graduation from the BA or MA degree, the AZWHS Degree Faculty will sponsor the student for a Fellowship of the Royal Geographical Society.

## **BA (Hons) Syllabus**

**There are two semesters in each study year.**

Each semester is of equal study length and each section is compulsory, except where indicated otherwise.

Each semester carries a maximum of 10% additional marks for original content, style and presentation.

### **Semester One**

**a. An examination of the nature of history**

To include the uses of history, its sources, justifications and definitions. Problems in history, main themes, politics, ideas and interpretation.

**b. Anthropology – in both historical and geographical context.**

A study of human development in Southern Africa and a consideration of the various theories. A specific study will be undertaken of Bantu development in KwaZulu Natal.

**c. The effect of early British influence on the emerging Zulu nation**

### **Semester Two**

**a. Origins and development of the Zulu Nation**

**b. The Anglo Zulu War of 1879 – Part One**

### **Semester Three**

**The Anglo Zulu War of 1879 – Part Two**

### **Semester Four**

**a. One of the questions from the list of ten on the next page**

**b. One of the questions from the list of ten on the next page**

### **Semester Five**

**a. One of the questions from the list of ten on the next page**

**b. A film review of one of the following, 'Shaka Zulu', 'Zulu', 'Zulu Dawn'**

### **Semester Six**

**a. Study visit to Zululand and approved 'write up' of the visit**

**OR**

**b. Character profiles of three major participants in the history of South Africa**

**OR**

**c. Post 1879 Zululand**

**BA (Hons) in South African and Zulu History**  
**Sample Questions for Semesters Four and Five**

1. Compare British and Zulu tactics during the Anglo Zulu War.
2. “The battle of Isandlwana could easily have been won” - a quote from a British soldier. Discuss.
3. “The battle of Rorke’s Drift was a minor skirmish.” Discuss.
4. Sir Bartle Frere described the Zulus as “a war-like nation and a threat to Natal.” Was he correct?
5. The significance of the death of the Prince Imperial has been over-rated by history. Discuss.
6. “The Zulu War led to the Boer War which led to the First World War”. Is this possible?
7. It has been said that “the British army consists of men who fought like lions but were led by donkeys”. Was this true of British leadership in the Zulu War.
8. Consider the role of the Royal Artillery during the Zulu War.
9. Was the award of the Victoria Cross to Lieutenants Coghill and Melvill justified?
10. Col. Glyn lost his Regiment at Isandlwana. What effect did this have on him in the months following the disaster at Isandlwana?

## **Quality Control**

Both degree programmes are constantly subject to quality control by the Degree Faculty and the validating University. This means that we regularly test and retest the accessibility, relevance, and enjoyment of the courses and we will constantly monitor feedback from students. We also seek to ensure that each course is of an appropriate level of academic attainment by submitting to regular external checks and secondary marking procedures. Complaints procedures are in place should the need arise, and students are always welcome to approach appropriate Faculty members with problems or concerns. In addition, we will update our reading lists and essay topics as more research comes to light. More information about these matters can be found in the 'welcome pack' that the student receives after enrolment. Our course structures are constantly subject to review and change, always, of course, in the best interest of the student. Any additional course material will be sent free of charge to enrolled students.

## **Degree Ceremony and Certificate**

Upon successful completion of the course, a degree certificate is awarded by the validating university. There is also the option of attending a graduation ceremony, either in South Africa or in London. Students who wish to travel to South Africa for the battlefield tour or their degree ceremony do so at their expense, although the AZWHS will be pleased to advise, assist or co-ordinate arrangements. By special arrangement, the Zulu tour and the degree ceremony can coincide.

Students who successfully complete the BA are automatically entitled to take the MA at a reduced rate.

## **Degree Validation**

It should be noted that these degrees are academic: i.e., they are not designed to train historians or offer professional licenses, and the award of these degrees does not, by itself, constitute training to become an historian. Our degree programmes can supplement and enhance such training, but, more importantly, they offer students the opportunity to gain a unique insight into South African and Zulu history and, where it is of special interest, the Zulu wars.

The degree courses offered by the Society are validated by the participating university. Calamus International University is a private, global distance learning university that was founded in the British West Indies in 2001. In September 2007 the university was registered in the Republic of Vanuatu, in the Pacific, and was additionally registered and licensed in an Australasian province. CIU degrees are not government-accredited and are not UK, US, EU or Australian degrees. For further details see the CIU website at [www.unicalamus.org](http://www.unicalamus.org)

Please note that the AZWHS only offers degree studies through Calamus International University, no other university runs this specialist programme.

## A comparative guide to the degree programmes:

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Coursework</b>	<b>Additional Requirements</b>	<b>Duration (<i>part-time</i>)</b>
BA (Hons) Qualified Teachers	3 Semesters	Final Exam	2 years
BA (Hons) Non-qualified students	6 Semesters	Final Exam	3 years
MA	3 Semesters	Thesis	1½ years
MA (with our BA)	2 Semesters	Thesis	1 year
Doctoral Thesis		Final Thesis	2 years

The above times are conservative estimates of students' ability to complete the courses part-time. Obviously, those students who are able to dedicate more time to their courses are able to complete more quickly.

It should be noted that a qualified teacher (history-based) undertaking the BA (Hons) or MA is able to waive certain academic requirements, and in addition, may forego the preparatory three semesters for the BA (Hons).

### **Enrolling for the BA (Hons) and MA**

If you have any questions prior to enrolment, please don't hesitate to contact us: useful addresses, telephone and fax numbers are located at the back of this prospectus. We will be happy to answer any queries you may have.

If you are seriously thinking of applying for one of the degree courses, then please fill in the enclosed application form. This form does not commit you to enrolling as a student, but allows us to evaluate you and let you know whether or not a course place is available. If we require further information from you, we will request it, and we may in certain circumstances request a formal interview.

You may also request a formal interview, although the general procedure, once you have decided to enrol, is for us to process your application and then have an informal talk by telephone or, if you prefer, a face-to-face meeting to discuss the course. Once your application is accepted, you will then be sent an acknowledgement of acceptance.

Payment of the required course fee completes enrolment. You will then receive your course material followed by your 'welcome letter' by your nominated tutor.

If you have been out of formal education for a while and have become a little 'rusty', please let us know so that we can assist you during the early stages of the course. We will supply a helpful 'basics' pack which includes gentle reminders and hints to help you return to study, without the stress.

## **Admission to the BA (Hons)**

Admission to the Bachelor's Degree is achieved in one of three ways:

### **1. Academic – Fast Track**

For the qualified teacher who has completed a history-based course of training recognised by the AZWHS Degree Faculty. Other academic requirements (excepting only the English language proficiency requirement) are waived and the student is eligible for enrolment.

### **2. Academic – Traditional**

For the student who has not completed such a course, admission is ordinarily by the academic requirements of a minimum of two A Level passes and five GCSE passes (including English language). Specific grade requirements higher than a pass may be required in certain circumstances (for example, over-subscription to the courses.)

### **3. Standard Entry**

Under certain rare circumstances, these academic requirements may be lessened or waived. Such circumstances would depend upon the profession and background of the student concerned. If you do not meet either of the two above academic criteria, but possess associated qualifications, please enclose a brief covering letter with your application.

## **After Enrolling**

Shortly thereafter, you will receive your first semester's course assignments, course books, associated papers and reading list. Each section of every semester requires the completion of an essay. Semesters one, two and three will come with full reading advice and guidance about the topic. Semesters four, five and six are more orientated towards research but full assistance and additional material will be supplied as required.

Your tutor is your primary point of contact throughout your course: he or she will supervise your work, mark your essays, guide you through the course and answer your questions. In specialist areas, another member of the Faculty may teach you. In either case, you will be provided with telephone and email numbers in order to contact us.

## **Tuition and Fees**

Your course fees covers administration and enrolment, maintenance of records, required course books and course materials, the marking and returning of essays, the supervision of coursework and theses, and the degree certificate. You must bear the cost of incidental expenses such as posting your essays to your tutor and your incidental travel expenses. You may pay a small supplement to have all your coursework returned to you by recorded delivery, if you so wish.

Students who wish to travel to South Africa for the battlefield tour or their degree ceremony do so at their expense, although the Degree Faculty will be pleased to advise, assist or coordinate arrangements. By special arrangement, the Zulu tour and the degree ceremony can coincide.

### **Payment Methods**

It is our general policy that payment is made, in full, prior to the start of your course, as a condition of enrolment on that course. This enables us to keep costs down significantly. Payment may be made by personal cheque, Banker's Draft, or by direct transfer.

If required, students can spread the cost by applying to their banks for career or personal development loans. We are happy to support such applications and we can provide course confirmation certificates.

The award of your degree is dependent upon all tuition fees having been paid in full.

### **Course Costs**

The cost of the BA (Hons) and MA is currently set at £3,500 or £2,700 for existing Society members. Both fees are inclusive of required books and associated course material.

These competitive prices reflect the on-going interest in the courses.

### **Marking Method**

Each semester counts for a total of 10% of marks towards the final score: this means that coursework counts as 60% of the candidate's total score. The Finals Examination counts as 40% of the total score. Candidates who are likely to score 2:1 honours or above will be invited to submit a special paper in lieu of 50% of the Finals Examination.

In addition to this, candidates are required to pass each individual semester. This means that candidates cannot, having failed one semester, make up the marks on the next semester. Where a semester 'fail' notice has to be issued, one full month must elapse before the student can take a re-sit. Only candidates who have passed each individual semester may proceed to the Finals Examination, which must also be individually passed; the minimum pass mark is the standard university 40%. High scores in the coursework cannot make up failure in the examination.

Candidates whose work appears to be borderline, or who feel unsatisfied with their final score, may have their work marked by an external moderator.

## Honours

The final percentage obtained reflects the Honours with which the BA student is awarded, as follows:

First Class Honours:	85-100%
Upper Second:	70-85%
Lower Second:	55-70%
Third:	40-55%
Pass*	30-40%

\*N.B. a Pass degree is not an Honours degree

### The BA (Hons) Final Examination

To take place at a spread of venues, including London. (For overseas students – by arrangement.)

The final examination consists of three sections: students must answer one question from each section plus one additional question from section iii.

The three sections consist of:

- i. A multiple-choice paper
- ii. One essay question from a selection of five general course-related questions
- iii. Two essay questions relating to either the Anglo Zulu War or the first Anglo Boer War, to be selected from a selection of ten questions.

### The MA in South African and Zulu History

#### Admission to the MA

Admission to the MA degree is subject to the minimum requirement that the applicant holds a recognised Bachelor's degree from an appropriate institution. There are no exceptions to this requirement. In addition, candidates for the Master's degree must be deemed suitable for more advanced study in the specialised field of historical research. Membership of an appropriate professional body or type of current or previous employment often fulfils this recommendation.

The MA consists of three semesters of study, and concludes at the end of the third semester with a thesis. This course is intended for candidates who already hold a recognised Bachelor's degree, and no exceptions can be made to this requirement. The minimum standard of pass for the Master's degree is equivalent to a Lower Second (55% or above) in the Bachelor's degree. This means that essays need to be of Second Class Honours level (or above) to pass the degree – although the MA candidate does not need to hold Second Class Honours to take this course.

This degree contains a research component, and every assistance is offered to ensure that the student finds research satisfying and enjoyable.

Finally, MA candidates who have successfully completed the BA in South African and Zulu History, and have passed with Honours, may waive one essay in their second semester.

### **Marking Method**

Each semester counts as 20% towards the final score; this means that coursework counts as 40% of the candidate's total score. The thesis counts as 60% of the total score.

Candidates must pass each individual semester. This means that candidates cannot, having failed one semester, make up the marks on the next semester. Only candidates who have passed each semester may proceed to the thesis, which must also be passed. Failure in the thesis cannot be compensated for by high marks in the coursework.

### **Distinction in the MA**

In line with common practice, Master's degrees do not conform to the BA Honours system, but generally award with a Pass or Distinction. This History MA is slightly different in two ways: it recognises three levels of pass, namely, Pass, Distinction and Special Distinction; and the award of the MA carries with it a recommendation for an AZWHS sponsored Fellowship of the Royal Geographical Society.

All essays and theses will be marked as Bachelor's equivalent, as follows:

Special Distinction:	85% or above (Equivalent to a First Class BA)
Distinction:	70% or above (Equivalent to an Upper Second BA)
Pass:	55% or above (Equivalent to a Lower Second BA)

All theses will be double-marked and the aggregate score taken. Students whose work appears to be borderline or who feel unsatisfied with their final score, may apply to have their work marked by an external examiner.

## MA Syllabus

### **Semester One**

*Marks available – 20% of MA total*

The candidate must choose ONE essay paper from three subjects offered. (Guideline; 5,000 to 7,500 words.)

### **Semester Two**

*Marks available – 20% of MA total*

THREE compulsory essays (Guideline; 3,000 to 5,000 words each essay).

The candidate must choose three essay papers from twelve subjects offered. The question chosen cannot be used for the course thesis.

(Candidates who have attained the BA (Hons) in the subject need only submit TWO essays.)

### **Semester Three**

*Marks available – 60% of MA total*

Preparation of thesis (Guideline; 15,000 to 25,000 words)

Unless authorised by the Degree Faculty, the thesis topic should be selected from the twelve topics offered.

### **Course Cost**

Non Society members £3,000. The reduced cost to Society members for the MA is currently set at £2,700, inclusive of required books and associated course material. For MA candidates who have completed the above BA (Hons), the cost of the MA is also £2,700.

### **MA Thesis**

The Master's thesis is the culmination of our degree programmes and candidates will be given sufficient assistance in preparing and developing their thesis topic. The thesis can earn 60 % of the total MA marks.

## **Thesis Preparation Guidelines**

Set guidelines for the thesis will be sent to each candidate. In the case of theses that employ research methods, the AZWHS has qualified Faculty members who will, if required, assist in the preparation and analysis of data. From the final submission, four weeks must be allowed for thesis marking.

The completion of a thesis is a challenging and rewarding experience, and every effort is made to ensure that the candidate enjoys writing the thesis, and in so doing, develops their full potential. Prior to submission, the candidate's supervisor will be prepared to read a draft of their thesis to ensure that it is of the correct standard. The thesis must be securely bound; computer printed or typed, and contain a minimum of 15,000 to a maximum of 25,000 words, excluding footnotes and bibliography. Every effort is made by us to ensure that the candidate enjoys and completes the thesis.

These are generally marked along the following lines:

20%	Originality
30%	Knowledge of the field and correct use of method
30%	Critical thinking (argument)
20%	Professional presentation

## **Conclusion**

We hope that perusing this prospectus and syllabus has stimulated your interest in one or both degree programmes. Any questions you have regarding the degree programmes should be addressed to the Dean of Academic Studies. We warmly invite you to return the Application Form (enclosed with this prospectus). Returning the form does NOT constitute enrolment in our courses. The Degree Faculty will process all applications within seven working days. Successful applicants will then be formally invited to enrol on the course.

## **PhD Studies.**

There are a limited number of places available for students wishing to prepare a PhD thesis on a subject of their choice but relating to the Anglo Zulu war of 1879.

PhD students are required to be in possession of a MA or, where their BA was in a related subject, they can enrol for a combined MA/PhD.

Prospective students will need to discuss this course with a course tutor to ensure that sufficient source material is available to undertake original research.

**Recent successful students have presented the following theses;**

- a. British attitudes to the Zulus in the 1879 conflict.
- b. The life and times of a Victorian gentleman and soldier – Charles Harford CB.
- c. Communications during the Anglo Zulu War.
- d. The motives for British expansion in S. Africa during the 1870s.

Costs for a PhD vary depending on the complexity of the subject and input by staff to assist the student. All the above theses involved periods of research in S. Africa and in two cases, the personal involvement of faculty staff in that country. The scale of cost therefore varies between £4,000 and £10,000, the most significant variable factor being the actual cost of air travel to S. Africa and accommodation and any participation of staff in S Africa.

The full cost for a PhD will be agreed with the student in advance,

**Application forms for all courses should be returned to:**

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Email [info@anglozuluwar.com](mailto:info@anglozuluwar.com)  
Website [www.anglozuluwar.com](http://www.anglozuluwar.com)

Students who have already graduated from the courses represent the following professions;

Police, Army, Lawyers, Accountants, Lecturers, Teachers, Media and numerous students who have already retired from various professions.

# **The Anglo Zulu War Historical Society**

## **Distance Learning Programmes Application Form - NOTES**

### **Degree Courses in South African and Zulu History**

#### **Reminder relating to Course Tuition and Fees**

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If required, students can spread the cost by applying to their banks for career or personal development loans. We are happy to support such applications and we can provide course place confirmation certificates.

The award of your degree is dependent upon all tuition fees having been paid in full.

Unlike other external Universities, the only timescale for the above courses is one of reasonableness. Where a student runs into difficulty completing the course due to unforeseen circumstances and needs extra time, then we will accommodate the student to the best of our ability. Where, without notification, a student fails to submit any work in a 12 month period and fails to respond to communications from their tutor, then the degree faculty may terminate the course or impose a surcharge to offset any additional costs incurred. (This does not apply in the case of a PhD student undertaking lengthy research.)

Otherwise, once you are accepted on the course and payment has been made, fees paid are not refundable unless the course is curtailed or cancelled by the Degree Faculty or the validating University.

#### **Degree Presentation**

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**Distance Learning Programmes Application Form**  
**Degree Courses in South African and Zulu History**  
**(Validated by Calamus International University)**

Please write legibly, and answer all relevant questions.

**Name:** Mr./ Mrs./ Ms/ Miss

**Date of Birth:**

**Occupation:**

**Address:**

**Postal Code:**

**Contact Telephone Number:**

**Email:**

**Course Applied for (please tick)**

Diploma

BA (Hons)

MA

PhD

**Educational Qualifications:**

*Please list your educational qualifications, from Secondary School onwards.*

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Qualification</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Awarding Body</u>
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**Signed:**..... **Date:**.....

**Print Name:**.....

***Please return form to: Dr A. Greaves, AZWHS, Woodbury House, Woodchurch Road, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 7AE, UK.***