LEARNING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OVERVIEW FORM

Project title	Web-based learning and tutorials		Project ID No	**CLAD – HIST078**
Strategy area/theme	Web based learning – utilising virtual learning environments			
Start date	June 2001	Completion date	September 2004	
Project type	Learner enhancement project			
Level	UG	Programme of study	Various within Social Sciences	
Aims	The School of Social Sciences is committed to the development of web-based learning over the next few years. The proposed project issues from this commitment and is designed as a pilot scheme whose results will be disseminated to all colleagues within the School and beyond. In addition, the project team aim to work closely with the School's web officer once he/she has been appointed. The project is divided into two parts: 1) WebCT and teaching and 2) WebCT-based evaluation of student development.			
Objectives	1) The teaching component of this project focuses on the development of one undergraduate and one postgraduate module. The requested funding would provide intensive and focused training for the development of a web-based learning environment for this module, designed to add greater value to the students' self development both within and outside the lecture and seminar environments. 2) The second component of the project involves a plan to assess the feasibility of applying WebCT to supporting records of transferable skills of students. This will determine the units subject to the pilot study and will adopt current methods utilised in Social Policy and Social Work to these ends. Such methods include: pro forma assessments by students prior to their formal interviews with personal tutors; reports by tutors which would be accessible to the student in question and to all tutors requiring information about particular students; the compilation by the student (and discussed with his/her tutor), in the final year, of a personal CV which would act as a record for tutors requested to write references.			
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