Modern History

Level: Stage 2

Course length: Full year

Credit value: 20 Credit points

Advice to students
The study of history gives students the opportunity to make sense of a complex and rapidly changing world by connecting past and present. No specific background knowledge is assumed, although previous experience of the study of history is desirable. Students will be involved in a variety of research activities and effective communication with others. Initiative and independence are an advantage.

Course overview
Students study:
- one topic from a choice of six thematic studies
- one topic from a choice of five depth studies
- an individual history essay.

Thematic Study
Topics
- Pain and Gain: Modernisation and Society since c. 1700
- Intruders and Registers: Imperialism and its Impact since c. 1500
- Revolutions and Turmoil: Social and Political Upheavals since c. 1500
- A Sense of Belonging: Groups and Nations since c. 1500
- The Captives, the Unwanted and the Seekers: Forced and Free Migration since c. 1500
- Slaves, Serfs and Emancipation: Forced Labour since c. 1500

Depth Study
Topics
- Public and Private Lives: A Social and Political History of Women since c. 1750
- The War to End all Wars: The First World War and its Consequences c. 1870–1929
- An Age of Catastrophes: Depression, Dictators and the Second World War c. 1929–1945
- Postwar Rivalries and Mentalities: Superpowers and the Social Change since c. 1945
- Persecution and Hope: Power and Powerlessness in Society since c. 1500

An Individual History Essay
Students choose a key area for inquiry from one of the eleven topics.

Assessment
Students demonstrate evidence of their learning through the following assessment types.

School-based assessment
- Folio 50%
- Essay 20%

External assessment
- Examination 30%

Pathways
Modern History provides a useful background to a range of further studies including Arts/Humanities, Social Sciences and law courses at tertiary level.