

Ancient History

COURSE DETAILS

Hours	240 hours
Type	Board Developed Course
Duration	2 years
Unit Value	2-unit Year 11 2-unit Year 12
HSC Exam	Yes
ATAR	Yes
Exclusions	Nil
RECOGNITION	HSC Qualification

TOPICS COVERED

Year 11 Course

- Investigating Ancient History
- Features of Ancient Societies
- Historical Investigation

Year 12 Course

- Core Study: Cities of Vesuvius – Pompeii and Herculaneum
- Ancient Societies
- Personalities in their time
- Historical Periods

ASSESSMENT

Assessment strategies may include:

- Examinations
- Take home research tasks
- Source analysis
- Group tasks

POTENTIAL CAREERS/ REASONS TO CHOOSE COURSE

- Archaeologist
- Scientist
- Teacher
- Historian
- Researcher
- Writer
- Tour director
- Lawyer
- International Relations

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Ancient History allows students to study and analyse past societies with a detachment conferred by the perspectives of at least two millennia. It draws on a variety of disciplines and sources, both written and archaeological, such as literary works, coins, inscriptions, art, architecture, artefacts and human remains, enabling students to piece together an informed and coherent view of the past.

Because the amount of surviving evidence is relatively small, students are able to consider it in its entirety and thus weigh their own interpretations alongside those found in published secondary works, while noting how to deal with gaps in the evidence. In addition, it introduces students to scientific methods used in the historian's investigation of archaeological evidence.

Through the study of ancient history, students develop knowledge and understanding of the similarities and differences between the various societies of the ancient past and the factors affecting change and continuity in human affairs.

AIMS

The study of Ancient History enables students to acquire knowledge and understanding, historical skills, and values and attitudes essential to an appreciation of the ancient world; to develop a lifelong interest and enthusiasm for ancient history; and to prepare for informed and active citizenship in the contemporary world.

YEAR 11 COURSE OUTCOMES (from NESAs)

AH11-1 describes the nature of continuity and change in the ancient world

AH11-2 proposes ideas about the varying causes and effects of events and developments

AH11-3 analyses the role of historical features, individuals and groups in shaping the past

AH11-4 accounts for the different perspectives of individuals and groups

AH11-5 examines the significance of historical features, people, places, events and developments of the ancient world

AH11-6 analyses and interprets different types of sources for evidence to support an historical account or argument

AH11-7 discusses and evaluates differing interpretations and representations of the past

AH11-8 plans and conducts historical investigations and presents reasoned conclusions, using relevant evidence from a range of sources

AH11-9 communicates historical understanding, using historical knowledge, concepts and terms, in appropriate and well-structured forms

AH11-10 discusses contemporary methods and issues involved in the investigation of ancient history