

Modern 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

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students engage in the investigation of the forces that have shaped the world, based on the analysis and interpretation of sources.

Students develop knowledge and understanding about people, events and issues which have shaped the modern world, as well as skills to undertake historical enquiry and communicate effectively.

Modern History provides opportunities for students to explore historical problems, to pose questions and to consider problems of evidence, causation and historical agency as part of the historical inquiry process, using the information technology available to them.

AIMS

Modern History Stage 6 is designed to enable students to develop knowledge and understanding of the modern world, the skills of critical analysis, and values and attitudes essential for an appreciation of the people, forces and ideas that have shaped the modern world; to develop a lifelong interest in the study of history; and to prepare them for informed and active citizenship in the contemporary world.

YEAR 11 COURSE OUTCOMES (from NESAs)

- MH11-1 describes the nature of continuity and change in the modern world
- MH11-2 proposes ideas about the varying causes and effects of events and developments
- MH11-3 analyses the role of historical features, individuals, groups and ideas in shaping the past
- MH11-4 accounts for the different perspectives of individuals and groups
- MH11-5 examines the significance of historical features, people, ideas, movements, events and developments of the modern world

TOPICS COVERED

Year 11 Course

- Investigating Modern History including:
 - Nature of Modern History
 - Two case studies
- Historical Investigation
- The Shaping of the Modern World

Year 12 Course

- Core Study: Power & Authority in the Modern World 1919-1946
- National Study
- Peace and Conflict
- Change in Modern World

Particular Course Requirements:

In the Year 11 course there is a Historical Investigation designed to provide opportunities for all students to further develop relevant investigative, research and presentation skills.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment strategies may include:

- Examinations
- Research project
- Written Tasks
- Oral presentations
- Historical Research

POTENTIAL CAREERS / REASONS TO CHOOSE COURSE

Modern History provides a valuable foundation for a range of courses at University and other tertiary institutions. It assists students to prepare for employment and for full and active participation as citizens. Career links include: law, journalism, library work, foreign affairs officer, conservator, anthropologist, research officer, secondary teacher, museum curator, or any field where employers want applicants with a sound general knowledge who can think critically and flexibly and communicate effectively. The writing and analysis skills developed in this course are particularly useful to students intending to study Law or any media related courses.