

J History

History is a wide-ranging and challenging subject to study. It seeks to understand the past to make sense of the present, thus adding an important dimension to the understanding of human society. The study of history equips students with a wide range of practical analytical skills and knowledge that are essential for successful life-long careers. Students learn how to analyse many types of complex evidence from diverse sources, which will help you develop critical thinking skills while learning to write with clarity and coherence. Our teaching emphasizes regular discussion sessions during which students discuss historical issues with their tutors. In addition, each module will assign a number of written assignments, mostly in the form of essays or projects, to help students develop skills of analysis and expression.

Lectures play a vital role by providing a framework for tutorials and essays. A degree in history will provide you with knowledge, skills and disciplines that are highly valued by employers. In the public sector, there is an increasing demand for well-trained history graduates while others have established successful careers in the corporate world. With the study of the past, the future is open to you.

Entry Requirements

There is no formal prerequisite for the major except to pass HY1101E. Many students with a keen interest in History choose to major in without having done 'A' Level History.

Subject Requirements

Single Major [BA (Hons)]

To major in History, students need to:

1. Pass HY1101E. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE
2. Pass at least 84 MCs of HY or HY-recognized modules, which include the following:
 - HY2259: The Craft of History
 - a minimum of 60 MCs at Level-3000 or higher, with a minimum of 40 MCs of Level-4000 or higher (See Note 1)
 - a maximum of two Level-5000 modules (subject to department's approval)
 - a maximum of 22 MCs of HY-recognised modules
 - i. a maximum of 10 MCs at level 4000

Note 1:

Students who wish to read more than 40 MCs of Level-4000 modules must seek departmental approval.

Note 2:

To qualify for Honours track, students must have completed 110 MCs, including 44 MCs in the Major, with a CAP of 3.20 and above.

Note 3:

The Honours Thesis/Project (15 MCs) is optional. To qualify for the Honours Thesis/Project, students must complete 110 MCs including 44 MCs of HY major requirements with a minimum SJAP of 4.00 and a CAP of 3.50. Students may seek a waiver of the SJAP pre-requisite from the department if they have a minimum CAP of 4.25 after completing 110 MCs. In order to obtain Honours (Highest Distinction), students must achieve a CAP of 4.50 or higher and pass the Honours Thesis.

Note 4:

Students who do not attempt the Honours Thesis/Project will read Level-4000 modules to fulfil the Honours Requirements.

Note 5:

Students may also read a Level-4000 Independent Studies Module (5 MCs). This Level-4000 ISM carries a prerequisite of 100 MCs completed, including 44 MCs in the Major, with a minimum CAP of 3.20. It precludes the Honours Thesis/Project.

Note 6:

All Level-4000 modules carry a general prerequisite of having completed 80 MCs, including 28 MCs in the Major, with a minimum CAP of 3.20 OR being on the Honours Track (some Level-4000 modules may have different prerequisites).

Single Major (BA)

To major in History, students need to:

1. Pass HY1101E. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE
2. Pass at least 44 MCs of HY or HY-recognized modules, which include the following:
 - A minimum of 20 MCs at Level-3000 or higher
 - A maximum of 12 MCs of HY-recognised modules

Note 1: Students are allowed to read Level-4000 modules subject to departmental approval.

Second Major

To major in History, students need to:

1. Pass HY1101E. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE
2. Pass at least 44 MCs of HY or HY-recognized modules, which include the following:
 - A minimum of 20 MCs at Level-3000 or higher
 - A maximum of 12 MCs of HY-recognised modules

Note 1: Students are allowed to read Level-4000 modules subject to departmental approval.

Minor

To Minor in History, students are required to:

Pass at least 24 MCs of HY or HY-recognised modules, which include the following:

1. HY1101E
2. a minimum of 4 MCs from the following:
 - HY2231 Upheaval in Europe 1848-1918
 - HY2237 The U.S.: From Settlement to Superpower
 - HY2245 Empires, Colonies and Imperialism
 - HY2246 Introduction to World History
3. a minimum of 8 MCs at Level-3000
4. a maximum of 4 MCs of HY-recognised modules

Note 1:

HY modules include HY cross-listed modules i.e. modules which are cross-listed with HY modules can be used to satisfy the minor requirement.

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