

History Extension (1U)

Category A – NESA Developed Course
Counts towards ATAR



Year 12 Course

- History Extension is a 1 Unit ATAR course that is open to Modern History and Ancient History students for study in Year 12 only.
- It involves the study and evaluation of the ideas and processes used by historians to construct history.
- Part 1 studies how history is construction through readings and one case study.
- Part 2 requires students to design, undertake and communicate their own personal historical inquiry.



Part I

Key Questions	Case Study Options
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who are the historians?• What are the aims and purposes of history?• How has history been constructed and recorded over time?• Why have the approaches to history changed over time?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ancient – Cleopatra VII, Athenian Democracy, Rome’s Impact on the Provinces, The Origins of Early Christianity, The Collapse of the Western Roman Empire• Medieval and Early Modern – The Crusades, With Hunts and Witch Trials, Elizabeth I & Elizabethan Age, Spain and the Aztec Empire• Modern – Napoleon, Western Imperialism in the 19th Century, Winston Churchill, Appeasement, JFK• Asia – Genghis Khan, The Opium Wars, The Partition of India• Australia – The Frontier, Women Convicts, Robert Menzies or Gough Whitlam, Representations of ANZAC



The History Project

The History Project provides the opportunity for students to design and conduct an investigation into an area of changing historical interpretation. Students develop and refine specific questions for investigation that contribute to their understanding of some or all the key questions.

The History Project receives approximately 20 hours of teaching time.

The Historical Process consists of three elements assessed as one formal task:

1. Proposal
2. Process Log
3. Annotated Sources

The Essay comprises an argument in response to a focus question, with supporting evidence.

It must:

1. Be in print form
2. Not exceed 2500 words
3. Include a bibliography of the sources used



The HSC Examination

- The HSC examination will consist of a written paper worth 50 marks.
- Students will have 2 hours + 10 minutes reading time.
- It will consist of two sections.
- Each section will consist of one extended response question, each one being worth 25 marks.



Should I study History Extension?

- History Extension is a challenging and rewarding subject that will help students develop exceptional research, analysis and writing skills that will be useful in both higher education and the workforce.
- If you study Ancient or Modern History in Year 11/12 and particularly enjoyed the Historical Investigation component, History Extension may be for you.
- A love of reading, writing and discussion will help you succeed in this subject.

If you have any further questions, please speak to a HSIE teacher for more information.

Please note, this subject cannot be chosen for Year 11 and it can only be chosen for Year 12 if you are studying either Modern or Ancient History.



Any questions?

See the following teachers should you wish to know more about History Extension...

- Mrs Lang
- Miss Heckendorf
- Miss Tetley
- Miss Eslick

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