Modern History

General senior subject

Modern History provides opportunities for students to gain historical knowledge and understanding about some of the main forces that have contributed to the development of the Modern World and to think historically and form a historical consciousness in relation to these same forces.

Modern History enables students to empathise with others and make meaningful connections between the past, present and possible futures.

Students learn that the past is contestable and tentative. Through inquiry into ideas, movements, national experiences and international experiences they discover how the past consists of various perspectives and interpretations.

Students gain a range of transferable skills that will help them become empathetic and critically-literate citizens who are equipped to embrace a multicultural, pluralistic, inclusive, democratic, compassionate and sustainable future.

Pathways

Modern History is a General subject suited to students who are interested in pathways beyond school that lead to tertiary studies, vocational education or work. A course of study in Modern History can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of history, education, psychology, sociology, law, business, economics, politics, journalism, the media, writing, academia and strategic analysis. The skills developed in Modern History can be used in students’ everyday lives — including their work — when they need to understand situations, place them in perspective, identify causes and consequences, acknowledge the viewpoints of others, develop personal values, make judgments and reflect on their decisions.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

• comprehend terms, concepts and issues
• devise historical questions and conduct research
• analyse evidence from historical sources to show understanding
• synthesise evidence from historical sources to form a historical argument
• evaluate evidence from historical sources to make judgments
• create responses that communicate meaning to suit purpose.

Assumed knowledge, prior learning or experience

Before studying Modern History, it is assumed students have studied the Australian Curriculum: 7–10 History. Through this prior learning it is assumed students understand and can apply historical concepts, including evidence, continuity and change, cause and effect, significance, perspectives, empathy, and contestability.

It is also assumed students understand and can apply historical skills, including chronology, terms and concepts; historical questions and research; analysis and use of sources; perspectives and interpretations; and explanation and communication.

Recommendations for Success

It is recommended that students have achieved a B in Year 10 English and History due to the literacy demands of the subject.
Structure

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Assessment

BrisbaneSDE will devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to prepare students for Units 3 and 4 assessment.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Summative assessments

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<td>• Investigation — Independent source investigation 25%</td>
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Texts

There are no set textbooks for this subject.