

HISTORY

WHY STUDY HISTORY?

Delve into the past and uncover the rich tapestry that created the world we know today.

History is more than just places and dates – it’s about understanding the forces that shaped and continue to shape our world. Through learning about the experiences of people in the past, we discover the story of human life and who we are in our diverse communities.

Pursue your passion for the past!

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

Follow our graduates into careers in teaching, journalism, and government including the Manatū Taonga/Ministry for Culture and Heritage, the Waitangi Tribunal, the Office of Treaty Settlements, or at one of our many museums and libraries.

“My degree enabled me to understand and appreciate how societies change over time, and how individuals relate to society. As an adviser working with 21 local boards, this helps me to understand the make-up and needs of each different local board area and provide suitable recommendations.”



Christie McFayden

Ngati Maniapoto

**Senior Local Board Adviser,
Auckland Council**

Bachelor of Arts, majoring in History
+ Sociology



“I strongly believe that studying history and learning to think historically creates shared understandings about the past that help to build community in the present and envision our collective future.”

Jennifer Frost

Associate Professor



WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Understand the history of Aotearoa New Zealand and Māori and Indigenous histories, before going around the world to learn about pre-modern and modern Europe, American history and the histories of Asia, Australia and the Pacific. Or, pursue your interests in the history of medicine, religion or war. You will develop skills in critical and creative thinking, research and analysis, alongside the historical content and context.

Get excited about your course options:



Stage 1 Course*

HISTORY 103 – Global History

It is only since the fifteenth century that a truly global dimension to history can be identified. This course examines key determinants that have bound the fate of peoples together including the emergence of world trade networks, the growth of world religions, the spread of epidemic diseases, the formation of empires, and the migration of peoples across continents.

Stage 2 Course*

History 241 Making Sense of the Sixties: the USA 1954-1974

An examination of the social, cultural and political history of the US in the 'long sixties', analysing the interplay of radicalism, liberalism and conservatism in this pivotal decade and giving attention to the sixties in historiography and popular memory.

Stage 3 Course*

HISTORY 356 Body and Blood: Religious Cultures and Conflicts c.50-1650

An in-depth analysis of Christianity, Islam and Judaism in the late antique and medieval periods and the conflicts which shaped them. It examines the roots of Christian and Muslim religious thinking, their interaction with Jewish and Pagan traditions, the Crusades, anti-Semitism, heresy, schisms within Christianity and the Reformation.

Courses you could study*

Pacific History: An Introduction

Titiro Whakamuri

Rise and Fall of the USA

Atlantic Revolutions

Complementary majors include:

History



English

Art History

Māori Studies

Politics and International Relations

Classical Studies and Ancient History



“History allows me to study things very deeply; studying everything from ancient civilisations to recent events will always be mind-blowing.”

Malisa Nina Harford

Salani and Vaisigano, Samoa

Student: Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Classical Studies and Ancient History + History

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