

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 You will develop skills in critical and creative thinking, research and analysis, alongside the historical content and context.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 227 – Waitangi: Treaty to Tribunal

A history of the Treaty of Waitangi and the Waitangi Tribunal. The course explores changing understandings of the Treaty and its role in New Zealand society and history since 1840. The establishment of the Waitangi Tribunal in 1975, the development of its work, and the historical and contemporary claims brought before it will also be studied.

Stage 3 Course*

HISTORY 367 – Health, Medicine and Society

Examines the rise of modern Western medicine since 1850 and its impact, with a particular emphasis on Britain and its colonies. Topics include public health, hospitals, nursing, psychiatry, sexual health, reproductive health, child health, tuberculosis, medicine and war, and alternative medicines.

Courses you could study*

Pacific History: An Introduction

Titiro Whakamuri

Rise and Fall of the USA

Australian History Since 1788

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

*Course availability may be subject to change. For a full list of courses and up-to-date information visit the Arts website. Published August 2023

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