



History

BA

Bachelor of Arts major

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.

"I apply the research skills I developed at university daily, whether exploring family histories or examining primary source documents. Condensing large amounts of information into accessible formats has been crucial for writing articles and assisting the public with inquiries.

"These inquiries often lead to meaningful connections between people and their whakapapa, which is deeply rewarding and encourages them to embark on their own research journeys."



SOPHIE ELBOROUGH
Collection Technician and Research Support,
Auckland War Memorial Museum

Graduate: Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Art History
+ History
Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Art History



"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



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 You will develop skills in critical and creative thinking, research and analysis, alongside the historical content and context.

STAGE 1 COURSE*

HISTORY 103 – Global History

It is only since the 15th 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. 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.



Get excited about your course options:



- Atlantic Revolutions
- Pacific History: An Introduction
- Rise and Fall of the USA
- Titiro Whakamuri: Histories of Aotearoa New Zealand



Complementary majors include:

History
+
Art History
Classical Studies and Ancient History
English
Māori Studies
Politics and International Relations

**Course availability may be subject to change. For a full list of courses and up-to-date information visit our website. Published June 2025.*

“History asks critical questions about the world, and endeavours to look and think deeper about certain issues, doing so with empathy and care. I love how much room it holds for creativity and originality of approach and ideas.”

SUZIE LLOYD

Student: Bachelor of Arts, majoring in History / Bachelor of Global Studies conjoint
PG Dip Arts in History
Master of Arts in History
University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship

