

# HISTORY

## WHERE CAN IT TAKE YOU?

### Law or History Degrees

Law graduates and History graduates are highly valued within the legal profession due to strong skills in analytical and critical reasoning. Many roles will require further qualifications but history graduates may be suitable for administration and office roles in the legal sector. A Law degree is the most direct route to becoming a solicitor or barrister. A History degree will require a conversion course.

### Archiving & Heritage

Career in Archiving or Heritage Museums, galleries, libraries and other historical archives all offer opportunities to pursue history careers in archiving and heritage. Unlike academic research, careers in archiving and heritage focus on the upkeep and organization of historical artifacts. These artifacts can range from taxidermy animals to famous paintings and everything in between.

### Marketing

Careers in marketing, advertising and public relations: Careers in marketing, advertising and public relations (PR) are suited to History graduates who have specialized in understanding how past events and trends have shaped modern society and culture, preparing them to analyse and predict the behaviour of markets and target audiences in current time.

### Civil Service

The Civil Service Fast Stream is an accelerated leadership development programme that provides talented graduates from a range of backgrounds with the experience, skills and knowledge needed to become senior leaders within the Civil Service.

### Politics

Career in Politics Many History graduates go on to pursue careers in Politics. Former Prime Minister Gordon Brown is a less well-known example of a History graduate! History and politics are very tightly interwoven and although a 'less typical' career path for graduates, politics careers are very well-suited to history & political scholars, especially those who've chosen to focus on analysing key political events, the historical development of governmental systems, and the complex set of factors involved in political leadership and opposition.

### Teaching & Research

Career in teaching & research: Academic history careers can lead on to writing or broadcasting careers, providing outlets for historians to share their expertise with public audiences and/or readerships. Many history careers within universities combine both teaching and research, with faculty members serving as lecturers and tutors while also conducting original research in their area of expertise. Many History graduates go on to become secondary school teachers. This option usually requires a PGCE professional qualification.

## FURTHER CAREER INFORMATION

These are just a small selection of the careers you could go on to pursue should you study A Level History. Many of these careers require a university degree and therefore we would recommend looking into the specific requirements for each university course by heading to their respective websites.

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## WHAT TO EXPECT

### What does the course involve?

History is more than just dates and facts as it enhances our understanding of key individuals, societies and the process of change. Looking at the past helps us to gain an understanding of the present and gives us an insight into human behaviour.

History is the study of our collective experience through time, being a process of objective investigation and discovery. You will learn to employ skills of synthesis and interpretation of evidence and develop the ability to present your argument with substantiated judgements.

The course is made up of four units:

(i) Britain 1930-1997 (with a special enquiry on Winston Churchill 1930-1951)

(ii) The Crusades and the Crusader States 1095-1192

(iii) Russia and its Rulers 1855-1964

(iv) An in-depth individual study on a choice of topics from a range available

During both years of study, you can expect to:

- Gain knowledge and understanding of some key periods in British and world history
- Develop and understand historical terms and concepts
- Explore the significance of events, individuals, issues and societies in history

- Develop an understanding of how the past has been interpreted and represented

- Enhance your understanding of how historians really work

### Can I take additional qualifications?

If you choose to study History, you will usually take it alongside two other A levels. Subjects which complement History include: English Literature, Ancient History, Government & Politics, Geography, Film or Media Studies, Modern Languages, Sociology, Psychology and English language.

### How will I be assessed?

A Level: At the end of Year 13 there will be three exams of 1 hour, 1 hour 30 minutes, and 2 hours 30 minutes plus one assessed 3000-4000 word course-work essay.

### What are the costs?

There are no charges to study this course. Course texts are provided and the Learning Resource Centre holds a large selection of additional texts. However, there may be some costs for trips.

### What is the duration?

This is a two year course.

## Entry Requirements

GCSE English Language grade 5 and GCSE History grade 4. Applications from students who have not studied History at GCSE will be considered on an individual basis.