

HISTORY A-LEVEL COURSE



The **History A Level Course** is split into two separate sections.

The AS section follows the development of life in Britain between 1906 and 1914 and covers the history of USA and Vietnam from 1961 to 1975.

The A2 section covers Aspects of International Relations, 1945- 2004 and Representation and Democracy in Britain, 1830-1931 - Chartism and Later Struggles.

Each full A Level Course consists of an AS and A2 Syllabus. The course is split into four modules, reflecting the new four module examination structure of A levels. The AS and A2 courses can be sat in their own right as an individual course, but you are required to have completed the AS level syllabus before starting on an A2 syllabus.

Each lesson begins with a set of clearly stated objectives and an explanation of its place in the overall programme of study. Effective learning is encouraged through frequent activities and self- assessment questions. There are fifteen Tutor-Marked Assignments (known as TMAs).

The Syllabus:

This course prepares candidates for the **AQA History AS level syllabus 1040**, for examination in 2009 and later years. Students will then study the **AQA History A2 level syllabus 2040** for exams in 2010 and later years.

This specification encourages candidates to:

- Develop their interest in and enthusiasm for history and an understanding of its intrinsic value and significance
- Build upon their understanding of the past through experiencing a broad and balanced course of study
- Acquire an understanding of different identities within society and an appreciation of social, cultural, religious and ethnic diversity through the study of aspects of British and non-British history
- Gain skills which are relevant both to higher education and the workplace.

Examinations:

AS

At AS, this specification supports historical study that promotes an understanding of change and development over time (Unit 1) plus an understanding of change over a short period studied in depth (Unit 2).

- Paper 1: Change and Consolidation (1 Hour 15 Mins.) is 25% of the total A Level marks.
- Paper 2: Historical Issues: Periods of Change (1 Hour 30 Mins.) is 25% of the total A Level marks.

Price:
£350.00

Instalment Options:
You can spread the payments for this course over 4 monthly payments. 1 initial payment of £155.00, followed by 3 monthly payments of £65.00.

Course Format:
Paper Based Course Materials

Assessment:
A Level Examinations & Coursework

Approximate Study Time:
700 Hours of Self Study

A2

At A2, the specification offers a natural progression from AS. Unit 3 focuses on the relationship between the state and the people, and the forces which influenced this relationship. Unit 4 is an historical enquiry which tests understanding of change over 100 years.

- Paper 1: The State and the People (1 Hour 30 Mins) is 30% of the total A Level marks.
- Coursework: Historical Enquiry is 20% of the total A Level marks.

Practical Skills/Coursework:

Students are required to complete a Historical Report worth 20% of the final mark. The coursework is approximately 3500 words on an analysis of a historical issue. Full guidance is given within the course and by your distance learning tutor.

Pre-Requirements:

We will admit Candidates for A Level Courses who have a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade C and above. These would ideally include English and Maths.

Additional Reading:

Britain 1851-1918, (Michael Willis) ISBN: 0719574897; Britain, 1914-2000, (Derrick Murphy) ISBN: 0003271315; The Vietnam War, (Mitchell K. Hall) ISBN: 1405824700; and The Cold War, (Steve Phillips) ISBN: 0435327364.

Technical Support:

Every student receives a personal tutor with whom they need to keep in regular contact. The essential relationship between student and tutor begins with an introductory letter and a telephone call to help decide on a study plan. All tutors are fully qualified teachers holding either a Postgraduate Certificate in Education or a degree in education. So when you enrol on a course you can be assured of the assistance of a professionally qualified subject specific tutor.

There is no limit on how often you can contact your tutor. The advice and encouragement our tutors provide are an important part of your learning experience. You can contact your tutor by Phone, Post or Email. There are tutor-marked assignments (TMA's) in every course. These help the student to consolidate their learning and prepare for examinations. All tutors have a local rate telephone number such as a 0845 number. This means that when you phone your tutor it will only cost you the price of a local call. Whilst you are still actively submitting assignments, you should expect to be in contact with your tutor regularly. Remember, to get the most out of your tutor, you will need to tell them when you need assistance.

Examination Centres:

There are approximately 300 testing centres in the UK, so finding one close by should not be very difficult. In December/January we contact you to start arranging your examination dates. We always try to give whatever help we can with examination information, but the entering of Candidates for examinations and any dealings with the examination centre's are entirely the responsibility of the student.

A Level Examination Fees:

On average A Level examination fees are approximately £20.00 per exam, plus an administration fee which is at the discretion of the examination centre.

Studying from Abroad:

It is possible to study A Level Courses from anywhere in the world. However some courses are easier to study from abroad than others and some restrictions to the type of tuition available apply. If you wish to study an A Level then you will need to sit the examinations in the UK. Please remember that most A Level's have several examinations which may well be spread over several weeks.