

MODERN HISTORY, MAJOR (0130)

Western Sydney University Major Code: 0130

Previous Code: M1136.1

Available to students in other Western Sydney University

Programs: Yes. Check that your program has the available credit points required to complete the subjects in this field of study. Any requisite requirements must also be met. Consult your Program Advisor for further advice.

Modern History includes the studies of societies, states and cultures since the Middle Ages and equivalent periods elsewhere. It provides important insights into the nature of the modern world, and into the origins of the features of modern life we now think of as 'global'. Modern History is an important teaching area for students heading into for Secondary Teaching: the purpose of this major is to group together all of the subjects which count as Modern History for the purposes of the Master of Teaching program and the Institute of Teaching. Successful completion of the Modern History major will count as a first teaching area for Secondary Teaching. Note that there is a wider list of history subjects available in the History and Political Thought major.

Location

Campus	Mode	Advice	
Bankstown City Campus	Internal	EnquiriesHCA@westernsydney.edu.au	HUMN 3076
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Internal	EnquiriesHCA@westernsydney.edu.au	HUMN 3080 HUMN 3081
Penrith Campus	Internal	EnquiriesHCA@westernsydney.edu.au	HUMN 3087 HUMN 3093 HUMN 3094 HUMN 3092

Major Structure

Students must complete 80 credit points as follows.

Students must complete the following compulsory subjects.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
HUMN 3104	Historical Methodologies	10
HUMN 2067	History of the Ancient World	10
HUMN 1039	Modern European History and Politics	10
HUMN 1054	When Worlds Collide: European Empires and the World, c.1600-1950	10

Students must also complete four subjects from the following Modern History pools, with a minimum of two subjects at Level 3. It is also strongly recommended that students select at least one Australian history subject.

Note: Not all subjects will be offered each year. Subjects will be offered on a rotational basis.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Level 2 Subject Pool		
HUMN 2001	A History of Modern Global Buddhism	10
HUMN 2034	Keeping the Past	10
HUMN 2074	Origins of the Secular West	10
HUMN 2075	Sports History in Global Perspective	10
LANG 2015	Cultural History of Books and Reading	10
HUMN 2076	The Classical Tradition	10

Level 3 Subject Pool

POLI 3004	American Foreign Policy Since 1945	10
HUMN 3013	Australian Colonial History	10
HUMN 3015	Australian History Around Us	10
HUMN 3017	Australian Indigenous History from Federation to Reconciliation	10
HUMN 3018	Australian Indigenous History: From first contact to 'dying race'	10
HUMN 3019	Britain in the Age of Botany Bay, 1760-1815	10
HUMN 3024	Comparative Nationalism	10
HUMN 3026	Convicts and Settlers - Australian History 1788 - 1840	10
HUMN 3032	Dictators, Democrats and Dreamers: Indonesia 1942 to now	10
HUMN 3035	Enlightenment and Revolution	10
HUMN 3039	Food: A Cultural History	10
HUMN 3040	From Vindication to Liberation: A Comparative History of Feminism	10
HUMN 3046	History of Modern China to 1949	10
HUMN 3047	History of Muslim Civilisations and Ideas	10
HUMN 3111	History of the People's Republic of China	10
HUMN 3115	Medieval Europe from the Fall of the Roman Empire to the Reformation	10
HUMN 3060	Modern Japanese History	10
HUMN 3062	Napoleon: the Making of a Legend	10
HUMN 3076	Sultans, Colonists and Nationalists: Indonesia C1200-1942	10
HUMN 3080	The History of Southeast Asia	10
HUMN 3081	The International Relations of the Middle East Since 1945	10
HUMN 3087	Twentieth Century Australia	10
HUMN 3093	War	10
HUMN 3094	War and Society in the Twentieth Century	10
HUMN 3092	WWII in Asia and the Pacific	10

Equivalent Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this Major for students who passed these subjects in 2021 or earlier.

HUMN 3010 - American History, 1898-1945, no longer offered.

HUMN 2043 - Religion and the Origins of Modern Science, no longer offered.

Related Programs

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Secondary) (1652) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-secondary/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Secondary) Dean's Scholars (1823) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-secondary-deans-scholars/>)

Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Secondary) (6021) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/diploma-arts-bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-secondary/>)