



# Major: History

## Bachelor of Arts

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### INTRODUCTION

Understanding History helps us comprehend the complexities and conflicts of the world today and how our past shapes the present.

The study of History at The University of Notre Dame Australia has been designed as a “classic” History course. Instead of offering isolated units in areas that are mainly of interest to its teaching staff, Notre Dame has designed a coordinated History curriculum that will be of real use to students in their later professional lives.

The course has been designed to give a broad, useable grounding in History to students who will seek to use their training in this field to gain public and private sector employment and those who will work in the sphere of education. To this end, the selection of units gives students a familiarity with those aspects of History, which will most assist them in making a thoughtful and real contribution to contemporary society. A key component of the degree is a period of Internship in an area relevant to the student’s interests, which might range from a stint in a parliamentary office, to research and writing work for a lobby group.

### WHY STUDY AT NOTRE DAME?

In an age of mass education Notre Dame is proud of its small classes and caring community atmosphere. With a commitment to excellence, pastoral care and social justice, we are able to offer a uniquely personal approach to teaching and learning. As a consequence, we can assist students to develop skills and confidence to enable them to succeed in their chosen field. Also, because we are a town university, students have access to all the social, sporting and cultural activities Fremantle has to offer, making learning both an educational and a cultural experience.

### COURSE STRUCTURE

Students may choose to study a major in History as part of a Bachelor of Arts degree in conjunction with a major in another discipline, such as Politics or Philosophy. It is also possible to combine an Arts degree with another degree. The combination of a Law degree with an Arts degree that includes a major in History is especially popular.

Students are required to study eight units to complete a major in History. The major must include the following two units:

A History of Western Civilisation  
Australian History: A Land without Limits  
Students then choose six units which cover such issues as the following:  
Politics and Practice of History  
Screening History: The Politics of Moving Pictures  
Australians and War  
The Modern Middle East  
Politics and History of Genocide  
Ireland’s ‘Troubles’, 1798 – 1998  
Modern America  
Parliament, Power and People: British Social and Political History  
Age of Empire and Revolution: Europe 1789 – 1989  
Maritime Archaeology  
The History and Politics of Southeast Asia

### 4 Core and Foundation Curriculum Units

Communication

Ethics

Introduction to Philosophy

Introduction to Theology

At Notre Dame we emphasise the value of the human person and the importance of maintaining an ethical way of life. All students undertake studies in Ethics, Philosophy and Theology – dealing with issues that go to the very heart of participation in public life while developing students with valuable life skills. In addition, students undertake a unit in communications which prepares them for successful study in the University learning community.

### PRACTICAL COMPONENTS

In their third year, students can choose to undertake an Arts internship, where they gain practical experience and learn how analytical and research skills can be utilised in the real world.

### MODE OF STUDY & ASSESSMENT

Students may undertake study as a part-time or full-time student, commencing in First Semester (February) or in Second Semester (August), subject to unit availability. The assessment of competency in each unit consists of tutorial performance, a number of assignments or projects during the semester and a final examination.

### STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

Notre Dame has strong links with a number of universities in the United States and around the world. Students may have the opportunity of completing part of their degree of destinations including the USA, Europe, the UK and Ireland.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

No pre-requisites are required for the study of History at the undergraduate level. However, an interest in current affairs and competent written and verbal communication skills are highly desirable. Students may wish to refer to the Prospective Students Office for recommended subjects.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

There are a number of career options that require a sound understanding of history and the world around us.

- Government departments
- Non-government agencies
- Education institutions
- Local & International aid
- Corporate sector
- Banking/Finance
- Private consultancy

## FURTHER INFORMATION

The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. If you would like further information regarding the course, or information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself, please consult the Notre Dame Prospectus. International students refer to the International Prospectus.

We welcome visitors to the University at any time. If you would like to view the University facilities please contact the Prospective Students Office on (08) 9433 0533 or at [future@nd.edu.au](mailto:future@nd.edu.au).

Visit our web site at [www.nd.edu.au](http://www.nd.edu.au)

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### PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS OFFICE

For further information on The University of Notre Dame Australia, contact the Prospective Students Office

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### ADMISSIONS OFFICE

For further information on the admissions process at The University of Notre Dame Australia, contact the Admissions Office

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