

Modern History

Level: Stage 1

Course length: 1 semester

Credit value: 10 Credits

Advice to students

No background knowledge is required.

Course description

In the study of Modern History at Stage 1, students explore changes within the world since 1750. They explore the impacts that these developments and movements had on people's ideas, perspectives and circumstances.

Students build their skills in historical method through inquiry, by examining and evaluating the nature of sources, including who wrote or recorded them, whose history they tell, whose stories are not included and why, and how technology is creating new spaces in which histories can be conveyed. Students explore different interpretations, draw conclusions and develop reasoned historical arguments.

Course overview

The focus of this course is the changes in Vietnam since 1750 which includes the experiences and responses of colonisers and colonised people to the imperial expansion, and decolonisation, and the changes to existing cultures that occurred as a consequence. This leads onto the related social movements and the way in which institutions, people, and groups promote and resist change. Examples include protest marches, civil disobedience/passive resistance, and violence.

Assessment

There are four school-based summative assessment tasks which include:

- 3 historical assessments
- 1 historical study

Pathways

Useful background for several SACE Stage 2 subjects including Modern History, Australian History and International Politics, Classical Studies and Society and Culture.