

A Level History

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Course Level: Level 3 | **Campus: Stafford** | **Subject Type: Humanities & Social Sciences**

Course Overview:

History is not just an account of the past but an investigation of why things happened the way they did. This fascinating and challenging subject will allow you explore the events of the past as you analyse the effects and significance of many historical major events. If you have an enquiring mind, this course will give you the opportunity to develop your interest and enthusiasm for history and will give you an understanding of its inherent value and significance.

What's Covered:

You will develop further key academic qualities such as source analysis, critical thinking, research and academic writing through a variety of learning experiences such as lectures, one-to-one tutorials, ICT based tasks, practical work, group work, discussions and debates and personal research.

You will explore a range of topics and have the opportunity to research your own area of interest for coursework. We allow students a large degree of freedom when researching their coursework topic and are eager to encourage the exploration of areas of particular interest. Popular topics to date have included Nazi Germany, the causes of WWI and WWII and the Soviet Union.

During the course, we will cover the following modules:

Popular Culture and the Witchcraze of the 16th and 17th Centuries, which looks at social history and social change and the phenomenon of witchcraft and witch hunting in early modern Europe.

The Wars of the Roses and Henry VII, England 1445-1509, which will cover war and politics in late medieval England.

The Crusades, 1095-1192, looking at the First, Second and Third Crusades, and the Crusader States in the Middle East.

100%

pass rate

59.1%

achieved A*-B in 2026

Entry Requirements:

You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 5 or above including maths and English Language, in subjects relevant to your A Level or A+ Programme subject choices.

Assessment Information:

During the course you will be assessed by three formal exams which comprise 80% of your final grade and coursework which will comprise 20% of your grade.

Progression to Year 2 will be dependent on successful completion of the first year taking into account Internal Progression Examination results and the Key Assessment Profile throughout the first year.

Fees and Financial Support:

This course is free for anyone aged 16 – 18.

College Maintenance Allowance (CMA):
Anyone with a gross household income under £35,000 can receive financial support to cover college related costs such as transport, meals, course equipment and uniform. Bursary support is based on individual circumstances and will be allocated to best suit your individual needs. A range of other financial support is available depending on your personal circumstances. For more details visit nscg.ac.uk/finance

Progression:

A Level History is an excellent stepping stone to progress to Higher Education as universities recognise the depth of study and critical sources analysis that the course develops.

There are a wide range of undergraduate degrees available in history both locally and further afield. The department has sent students to St Andrews, Kings College, Manchester, UAE, Bristol, Wolverhampton and Lancaster. History can be combined with many other subjects, for example Government and Politics or Law. The sorts of jobs history graduates go on to do are wide ranging including teaching, research, documentary film makers, journalism, marketing, business and many more.

Many cross transferable skills correlate well with a variety of subjects of study and professional skills. In addition, many employers appreciate the skills and knowledge that history students will have gained during their studies.

What else do I need to know?

Trips on this course include a visit to London to and the Natural History Museum and a trip to New York and Washington to see historical landmarks and visit sights such as the United Nations.

Think of what you're capable of. Then think beyond it.

Step up to a top university or move into a competitive programme like Medicine or Law with our Honours Programme. Perfect for ambitious and high-achieving students.

The Honours Programme is an additional pathway for students whose aspirations are to progress onto highly competitive courses at top universities, such as those in the Russell Group. Once accepted onto the programme, you'll be expected to commit extra time every week to this intensive support pathway.

Find out more
here

How do I find out more?

If you wish to find out more you can contact David Bagot, subject lecturer, by emailing: david.bagot@nscg.ac.uk