

MODERN HISTORY – 2 UNIT

The Modern History course is designed to enable students to acquire knowledge and understanding, the skills of critical analysis and synthesis, and values and attitudes essential to an appreciation of forces that have shaped the modern world. The development of a lifelong interest in the study of history is important while at the same time students will be prepared for informed and active citizenship in the contemporary world.

The syllabus is divided into two parts, the **Preliminary Course** and the **HSC Course**.

PRELIMINARY COURSE

- 120 indicative hours

The Preliminary course is structured to provide students with opportunities to investigate key social, political, economic and technological features, concepts, individuals and groups, events and historiographical issues in a range of historical contexts as background for their more specialised HSC studies.

Students are required to study Part I, Part II and Part III of the course.

Part I: Depth Studies	50%
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least TWO depth studies should be undertaken.• ONE case study must be from Europe, North America or Australia.• ONE case study must be from Asia, the Pacific, Africa, the Middle East Or Central/South America.	
Part II: Historical Investigation	20%
Part III: Core Study: The World at the Beginning of the Twentieth Century	30%

HSC COURSE

- 120 indicative hours

Students are required to study Part I, Part II, Part III and Part IV of the course.

Part I: Core Study: World War I 1914 – 1919: A Source-based study	25%
Part II: ONE National Study	25%
Part III: ONE Personality in the Twentieth Century	25%
Part IV: ONE International Study in Peace and Conflict	25%

COURSE STRUCTURE

Preliminary Course (120 indicative hours)

Part I: Case Studies – 50%

At least TWO case studies should be undertaken.

ONE case study must be from Europe, North America or Australia.

ONE case study must be from Asia, the Pacific; Africa, the Middle East or Central/South America.

Part II: Historical Investigation – 20%

The investigation can be integrated into any aspect of the Preliminary course and need not be completed as one project. It may be conducted individually or as part of a group. The investigation must not overlap or duplicate significantly any topic attempted for the HSC Modern History or History Extension courses.

Part III: Core Study – 30%

The World at the Beginning of the Twentieth Century.

Students will investigate the Preliminary core study using a source-based approach.

HSC Course (120 indicative hours)

Part I: Core Study – 25%

World War I 1914 – 1919: A Source-based Study

Part II: National Studies – 25%

Part III: Personalities in the Twentieth Century – 25%

Part IV: International Studies in Peace and Conflict – 25%

