

EDUCATION EVOLVED

History

Are all the three courses of history equally respected by universities?

Yes. All courses are monitored by Ofqual to ensure that they are of an equal standard regardless of which exam board or options are chosen

Do you study all modules or select from them?

You have to study all of the options on whichever course you choose. None of them are optional. You cannot mix and match between the courses.

How much contact time is there in each subject?

There are 3 lessons a week in both subjects, each lasting an hour and a half. You are also expected to do 4.5 hours a week of independent learning.

What does an average lesson look like in this subject?

Lessons follow the college's principles of instruction, comprising: Retrieval, to make sure you understand prior learning; Instruction to impart guidance or new knowledge; Practice, where you develop the skills you need in the subject; and Reflection, where you reflect on what you have learned and your next steps.

Are all modules worth the same amount and how long do we study each module for?

No:

Early Modern History (OCR): Paper 1 25%; Paper 2 15%; Paper 3 40%; Coursework 20%

Both Modern History options (Edexcel): Paper 1 30%; Paper 2 20%; Paper 3 30%; Coursework 20%

This is because the exam boards break it down differently.

How many students are there in each class and are there any additional costs for trips?

On average, 15-20 per class. All trips are self-funded.

What is the difference between GCSE History and A Level History?

The biggest differences are the amount of depth we go into and the skills required to analyse sources and write essays are different. Don't worry – we will teach you how to do this. We also have a much greater focus on the reasons for different interpretations of historic events.

Is it a problem if I don't do both Politics and History?

The two subjects combine very well together, but no: There is no problem if you don't do both.