

AS and A2 (full A-level) History



INTRODUCTION

History is taught to a modular syllabus which is examined by the Assessment and Qualifications Alliance (AQA), AS 1041 or A2 2041.

The syllabus is organised into four units, and a successful grading in two of these leads to the award of an examination pass at AS level.

WHAT WILL I DO?

Year One - AS

Paper 1

Britain, 1906-1951

Topic covers changes in British politics, society and economy, the impact of two world wars and the birth of the Welfare State. Essay-based paper; 1 hour 30 mins.

Paper 2

Life in Nazi Germany, 1933-1945

Topic covers the impact of Nazism on German society; the use of propaganda, terror, legal power and social policy; the impact of war on German people. Sourcework and essays, 1 hour 30 mins.

Year Two - A2

Paper 3

Aspects of International Relations, 1945-2004

Topic covers post-WW2 international relations and the development of the Superpowers; Cold War to detente; end of the Cold War and post-Cold War relations eg collapse of Yugoslavia, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. Essay based, 1 hour 30 mins.

Paper 4

Coursework module (Historical Enquiry)

Questions based on an introductory course - How wars begin: The European Powers and the Origins of Two World Wars, 1815-1941.

This will involve a short introductory course covering great power diplomacy 1815-1875; nationalism in the Balkans; the causes of World War One; the Treaty of Versailles and failure of the League of Nations; causes of World War Two and Hitler's foreign policies. You will then need to choose one of these topics for your coursework.

Historical Enquiry questions will be based on an aspect of the course, but chosen by the student, and must cover a period of 100 years. The enquiry will be 3500 words, and assessed by the teacher. Worth 20% of A level mark

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE

AS and A2 (full A-level) courses may be studied on a part-time basis but students must be able to fit into the full-time time table. The AS course requires one year of study. The full A Level requires two years.

ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

You should have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at grade C or above. However, mature students without formal qualifications are encouraged to discuss their suitability with the course tutor.

WHERE COULD IT LEAD

The qualification is useful for those wishing to apply for university. It is suitable for those aiming for careers in the public service industry, the media, museum and archive work and teaching.

FEES

Full time Courses are free for those who are under 19 on 31 August of the year they start their course. For others, fees may vary depending on personal circumstances. Please enquire for details.

International and EU Students, please contact the International Office on +44 (0)1205 313212 or enquiry@boston.ac.uk for details on Fees.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Examination costs: £40

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Where courses last for more than one year, only the first year's fees are shown

HOW TO APPLY

You can apply for this course by applying [online](#), by filling out an application form from the College prospectus or by contacting the Information Officer on 01205 313218 for further information. The Information on this Course Information Sheet is correct at time of print, but can be subject to change at anytime.

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