

# HISTORY SPECIALISATION

## WHY STUDY HISTORY AT VU?

Knowledge of the past has always been central to human awareness. History is connected with the search for meaning. It conveys communal memory, creating a sense of personal and group identity by locating individuals in time and space. The study of History offers each of us the chance to understand, even bridge, other cultures. Significantly, History is a humanist discipline, revealing the similarities and differences of human experience.

History at VU is a cross-cultural experience because our students bring with them the cultural richness of their background, whether it be Muslim or Christian, Asian or European. Our classrooms are lively and dynamic places of learning.

Melbourne's western suburbs constitute a region rich in culture and history – our Learning in the Workplace and Community units provide a window to this world. Exchange programs provide additional learning experiences.

History is also offered at honours, masters and doctoral level. The electronic resources available through our Library are comparable to those found elsewhere, complemented by several specialist book collections built over two decades and more.

## VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

History is an excellent preparation for many careers because it fosters a trained, imaginative and independent mind. Teaching has always been a rewarding career for the History graduate. Public service employment: historians are always in demand with the Australian Heritage Commission, the ABC and by federal and state government departments that cover tourism, archival services, conservation and the environment, urban planning, housing and education. Victorian government agencies, including the State Library, Victoria Museum, and the Public Record Office, also employ History graduates.

## STRUCTURE OF THE HISTORY SPECIALISATION

### First Year Only (complete BOTH units)

AAH1001 World History

AAH1008 Australians at War

### Other specialisations – students select four

AAH2011 European History 1

AAH2012 European History 2

AAH3011 American History 1

AAH3012 American History 2

ASH2001 History and Memory

ASH2002 Histories of Immigrant Australia

AAH2014 The Making of the Modern Middle East

AAA2011 Cultural History of Tibet

ASH2003 Australians at War

AHS1111 Sport History and Culture

AAA2005 Colonialism, Nationalism and revolution in SE Asia

## WHERE DO I STUDY?

History is based at Footscray Park, and History units are being introduced gradually at St Albans, with American History scheduled from 2010. Other electives will be offered at St Albans from time to time.

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