



Humanities

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ATAR Modern History

What is ATAR Modern History?

ATAR Modern History delves into the significant events, people, and ideologies that have shaped the world from the late 19th century to the present day. It explores the political, social, economic, and cultural transformations that have influenced our modern society. By studying ATAR Modern History, you will gain a deeper understanding of the past and its impact on the present.

What will we cover?

In Year 11 ATAR Modern History, we will cover two fascinating topics:

- Imperialism of the late 19th century
- Rise of Nazi Germany.

You will examine the causes, consequences, and complexities of these historical periods, analysing the motivations behind imperialism and studying the rise of one of the most influential totalitarian regimes in history. Through in-depth analysis and engaging discussions, you will develop critical thinking and research skills.

What does a typical week look like?

A typical week in Year 11 ATAR Modern History involves a variety of engaging activities. You will:

- Attend informative lectures
- Participate in lively class discussions
- Work on individual and group projects
- Analyse primary and secondary sources, evaluate different perspectives
- Develop your research and writing skills through assignments and essays

Complementary Courses

- ATAR English
- ATAR Politics & Law
- ATAR/General Geography

What courses and careers can it lead to?

Year 11 ATAR Modern History can lead to further study in History, International Relations, Political Science, or related fields at university. The critical thinking, research, and analytical skills developed through studying Modern History are highly transferable and sought after by employers in fields such as journalism, law, government, research, and cultural heritage. Additionally, studying Modern History fosters empathy, understanding, and global awareness, preparing you to be an informed and engaged citizen in our interconnected world.

<https://myfuture.edu.au/bullseyes/details/17--history>

Are there any prerequisites?

- B grade in Year 10 English & HASS

General Ancient History

What is General Ancient History?

Ancient History allows you to travel back in time and unravel the mysteries of civilizations that shaped our world. It delves into the stories, achievements, and legacies of ancient societies, providing a window into the past and an understanding of our present.

What will we cover?

In Year 11 Ancient History, we will embark on an epic journey through time, exploring the following civilizations and historical figures:

- **Troy:** Uncover the legendary city of Troy, the epic Trojan War, and the archaeology that unravelled its existence and significance.
- **Ancient Greece:** Immerse yourself in the birthplace of democracy, mythology, and philosophy, studying the rise and fall of city-states like Athens and Sparta.
- **Vikings:** Sail alongside the seafaring warriors of the North, investigating their culture, exploration, and influence on Europe during the Viking Age.
- **Xerxes:** Dive into the vast Persian Empire under the reign of Xerxes, examining its conquests, governance, and conflicts with ancient Greece.
- **Alexander the Great:** Follow in the footsteps of one of history's greatest conquerors, exploring Alexander's campaigns, empire-building, and cultural diffusion.
- **Hatshepsut:** Discover the remarkable reign of Hatshepsut, Egypt's influential female pharaoh, and delve into the splendour of the New Kingdom.

What does a typical week look like?

A typical week offers an engaging mix of activities, discussions, and research:

- Interactive lectures and multimedia presentations
- Group discussions and debates
- Hands-on activities, such as creating artifacts or re-enacting historical events
- Independent research tasks
- Document analysis and interpretation
- Regular assessments, including quizzes, essays, and projects

Complementary Courses

- ATAR/ General Geography
- ATAR/General Visual Art
- ATAR Literature

What courses and careers can it lead to?

Employment in the arts and tourism. Research and academia. Archaeology. Heritage management and conservation. By immersing yourself in Ancient History, you will develop critical thinking, analytical skills, research abilities, and a deep understanding of human societies and cultures. These skills are highly transferable and sought-after in various fields, enabling you to pursue diverse career options and make meaningful contribution to the world.

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There are no prerequisites for this course.

ATAR Geography

What is ATAR Geography?

ATAR Geography explores the dynamic relationships between people, places, and environments in our rapidly changing world. It provides a comprehensive understanding of the social, economic, and environmental issues that shape our planet. By studying ATAR Geography, you will gain valuable insights into global challenges, sustainability, and the interconnectedness of our world.

What will we cover?

- **COVID-19:** Analyse the global pandemic's impacts on society, economy, and environment, examining the responses, challenges, and lessons learned from this unprecedented event.
- **Earthquakes:** Investigate causes, impacts, and management strategies. Explore the physical processes that shape our planet's landscapes.
- **Globalization:** Explore the interconnectedness of the world; studying impacts on cultures, economies, and the environment.
- **Tourism:** Uncover the complexities of the tourism industry, examining its economic, social, and environmental impacts on destinations and local communities.
- **Music:** Explore the cultural significance of music in different regions, investigating its role in shaping identities, communities, and cultural landscapes.

What does a typical week look like?

In a typical week, you can expect a diverse range of activities that foster active learning and critical thinking.

- Interactive lectures and multimedia presentations introducing new concepts, case studies, and real-world examples.
- Class discussions/debates to encourage critical analysis, interpretation, and evaluation of geographical issues.
- Group projects/presentations, promoting collaboration and teamwork while exploring topics or case studies.
- Practical fieldwork activities, both in the local community and through virtual experiences, to enhance your skills in data collection, analysis, and interpretation.
- Independent research tasks, to delve into areas of interest, and develop arguments and perspectives.
- Formative assessments (quizzes, essays, and practical tasks) to assess your understanding and progress.
- We also visit the Swan Valley for an excursion focusing on Tourism

Complementary Courses

- ATAR Integrated Science or Biology
- ATAR Politics & Law
- ATAR Economics

What courses and careers can it lead to?

Environmental Science and Management. Urban Planning and Development. International Relations and Diplomacy. Tourism and Hospitality. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Cartography. Environmental Education and Advocacy. Sustainability and Conservation.

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Are there any prerequisites?

- B grade in Year 10 English & HASS

General Geography

What is General Geography?

General Geography explores many aspects of the world we live in. It enables students to develop a deeper understanding of the interactions between people, places, and environments. By studying General Geography, students gain valuable insights into global issues, cultural diversity, and sustainable development.

What will we cover?

- **The Amazon:** Embark on a virtual journey to the world's largest tropical rainforest, exploring its biodiversity, conservation efforts, and challenges faced by indigenous communities.
- **The Great Barrier Reef:** Dive into the wonders of Australia's iconic reef ecosystem, studying its ecological importance, threats, and conservation strategies.
- **Coasts:** Uncover the dynamic processes shaping coastal landscapes and the impact of human activities on these fragile environments.
- **Perth:** Explore the city we call home, investigating urban growth, planning, sustainability, and the diverse cultural landscapes of Western Australia's capital.
- **New York City:** Immerse yourself in the bustling metropolis of New York, examining urbanization, economic development, social inequality, and the impacts of globalization.

What does a typical week look like?

In a typical week, you can expect a balanced blend of engaging activities, discussions, and research.

- Interactive lectures and multimedia presentations to introduce new concepts and case studies.
- Engaging class discussions and debates to encourage critical thinking and analysis of geographical issues.
- Group activities and projects, allowing you to collaborate with your peers and develop teamwork skills.
- Practical fieldwork experiences, both within your local community and through virtual explorations.
- Independent research tasks to deepen your knowledge and understanding of specific topics.
- Formative assessments and feedback to track your progress and enhance your learning experience.
- Excursions! Embrace the opportunity to apply the geographical theory learned in the classroom in the real world. In Semester 2, we travel to around Perth's urban heart to discover how all those systems of urban development evolved into the city we know and love.

Complementary Courses

- ATAR/General Integrated Science
- General Outdoor Education
- ATAR/General History

What courses and careers can it lead to?

Environmental Science and Management. Urban Planning and Development. International Relations and Diplomacy. Tourism and Hospitality. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Cartography. Environmental Education and Advocacy. Sustainability and Conservation.

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There are no prerequisites for this course.

ATAR Economics

What is ATAR Economics?

ATAR Economics explores the world of economics and its impact on individuals, societies, and the global community. By studying ATAR Economics, you will gain valuable insights into the forces that drive economic decision-making, the allocation of resources, and the dynamics of supply and demand.

What will we cover?

- **Introduction to Economics:** Explore the fundamental concepts of scarcity, opportunity cost, and economic systems, and gain an understanding of how individuals and societies make choices.
- **Microeconomics:** Investigate the behaviour of individual economic agents, such as consumers, producers, and markets. Study topics like supply and demand, elasticity, market structures, and factors influencing production and consumption.
- **Macroeconomics:** Analyse the overall performance and behaviour of the economy, focusing on key indicators such as GDP, inflation, unemployment, fiscal policy, monetary policy, and economic growth.
- **Market Failure and Government Intervention:** Examine situations where markets fail to allocate resources efficiently and explore the role of government in correcting market failures through regulation, taxation, subsidies, and other policy tools.
- **Global Economy:** Investigate the interconnectedness of economies on a global scale, exploring international trade, exchange rates, balance of payments, globalization, and the challenges and opportunities they present.

What does a typical week look like?

- Interactive lectures and multimedia presentations
- Group discussions and debates on economic issues
- Data analysis and interpretation exercises, where you'll analyse economic data, graphs, and statistics to understand trends and patterns.
- Case studies and simulations, allowing you to apply economic principles to real-life scenarios
- Independent research tasks
- Formative assessments, (quizzes, essays, and practical exercises) to assess your understanding and progress

Complementary Courses

- ATAR Mathematics
- ATAR Politics & Law
- ATAR/General Geography
- ATAR/General Accounting & Finance
- ATAR/General Business Management and Enterprise

What courses and careers can it lead to?

ATAR Economics provides a foundation for higher education in economics, finance, business, or public policy. It promotes economic literacy, enabling you to understand and engage in discussions on economic matters. Studying ATAR Economics expands career prospects in finance, banking, consulting, policymaking.

Are there any prerequisites?

- B grade in Year 10 English & HASS

ATAR Politics and Law

What is ATAR Politics and Law?

ATAR Politics and Law explores the intricate workings of political systems and the foundations of our legal frameworks. By studying ATAR Politics and Law, you will gain a deeper understanding of how societies govern themselves, the rule of law, and the impact of political decisions on individuals and communities.

What will we cover?

- **Democratic and Non-Democratic Systems:** Explore the principles and characteristics of democratic systems, compare them with non-democratic systems, and analyse their strengths and weaknesses.
- **Law Making in Australia:** Investigate the processes involved in creating legislation in Australia, including the role of parliament, the executive, and the judiciary in shaping our legal system.
- **Adversarial Processes:** Examine the foundations of our legal system, focusing on adversarial processes, the role of lawyers, and the rights and responsibilities of individuals in legal proceedings.
- **Voting in Australia and the USA:** Study the electoral systems and processes in Australia and the United States, analysing voting patterns, political parties, and the impact of elections on governance.

What does a typical week look like?

- Interactive lectures and class discussions to introduce new concepts, theories, and case studies.
- Debates and simulations, allowing you to actively participate and develop critical thinking and persuasive communication skills.
- Case studies and analysis of real-world political and legal issues to enhance your understanding of their implications and complexities.
- Group projects and presentations, fostering teamwork and collaboration while exploring specific topics or current events.
- Independent research tasks, encouraging you to explore areas of interest and develop your own arguments and perspectives.
- Formative assessments (quizzes, essays, and oral presentations) to assess your understanding and progress.

Complementary Courses

- ATAR History
- ATAR Economics

What courses and careers can it lead to?

Law and Legal Professions. Politics and Public Service. International Relations and Diplomacy. Policy Development and Analysis. Advocacy and Activism. Journalism and Media. Research and Academia. Public Relations and Communications. Business and Corporate Governance

Are there any prerequisites?

- B grade in Year 10 English & HASS

ATAR Literature

What is ATAR Literature?

Through the exploration of various literary works, students gain a deeper understanding of the world, and the diverse ways people use language. By delving beneath the surface of a story, they uncover insights that go beyond the author's original intent, teaching them about human experiences and different perspectives. ATAR Literature goes beyond reading and writing skills, fostering essential qualities such as critical thinking, empathy, and effective communication. It equips students with the power of perspective, enabling them to connect with individuals from diverse backgrounds and find contentment and peace in their interactions. ATAR Literature also cultivates a love for ideas and intellectual curiosity, as students engage with profound concepts and uncover truths about the human condition.

What will we cover?

Students study a wide range of texts, including novels, short stories, poetry, plays, and other literary forms. These texts are selected from various cultural contexts and are valued for their form, style, and artistic value.

- Analysing the language, ideas, and structures of texts (poetry, prose, drama)
- Examining the relationships between texts, genres, authors, readers, audiences, and contexts
- Exploring the connections between texts
- Creating analytical and creative responses

What does a typical week look like?

A typical week in the Literature ATAR course consists of four one-hour lessons. During these lessons, students engage in various activities to enhance their understanding of literary texts. They participate in class discussions, analysing and interpreting texts, exploring different literary conventions, and discussing the relationships between language, text, and context. They also work on creating analytical and imaginative responses to the texts, experimenting with different styles and forms. In addition to classroom activities, students will have reading assignments and independent study time to further deepen their knowledge and appreciation of literature. Students are expected to read their studied texts and supplementary texts outside of school time.

Complementary Courses

- ATAR English
- ATAR Modern History
- ATAR Psychology
- ATAR/General Drama
- ATAR Politics and Law
- ATAR/General Media

What courses and careers can it lead to?

Publishing, editing, journalism, writing, and literary criticism. Students can also find opportunities in education as teachers or lectures of English or literature. Additionally, literature graduates often excel in fields such as advertising, marketing, public relations, and cultural organisations where their ability to analyse and interpret texts, as well as their strong communication skills, are highly valued.

Are there any prerequisites?

- A, or high B grade, in Year 10 English

ATAR English

What is ATAR English?

ATAR English is an engaging and comprehensive course designed to enhance your skills in critical thinking, communication, and literary analysis. It explores the power of language and literature, allowing you to develop a deep understanding of various text types and genres. Through the study of captivating stories, both fiction and non-fiction, you will sharpen your ability to express ideas, examine different perspectives, and construct convincing arguments.

What will we cover?

- **Short Stories:** Experience the rich diversity of short stories, analysing their themes, narrative techniques, and character development.
- **Novels:** Explore the depth and complexity of novels, discovering how authors construct compelling narratives and explore significant ideas.
- **Drama:** Immerse yourself in the world of plays, examining theatrical techniques and the ways in which dramatic texts convey meaning.
- **Feature Film:** Analyse the artistry and impact of feature films, studying the techniques used in cinematography, editing, and storytelling.
- **Documentary:** Investigate thought-provoking documentaries, examining their purpose, persuasive techniques, and portrayal of real-world issues.
- **Expository Texts:** Learn to critically evaluate and respond to expository texts, including essays, articles, and speeches

What does a typical week look like?

- **Interactive Discussions:** Engage in lively class discussions, where you have the opportunity to share your ideas, listen to your peers, and develop your ability to articulate thoughts effectively.
- **Text Analysis:** Analyse and interpret a variety of texts, focusing on themes, literary techniques, character development, and contextual influences.
- **Writing Workshops:** Enhance your writing skills through engaging writing workshops, which provide guidance on crafting effective essays, narratives, and persuasive pieces.
- **Visual Media Analysis:** Explore the world of visual media, examining feature films and documentaries to develop visual literacy skills and media analysis techniques.
- **Independent Reading:** Students are expected to complete reading/re-reading of class texts at home

Complementary Courses

- ATAR Modern History
- ATAR Literature
- ATAR/General Drama
- ATAR/General Media Production and Analysis

What courses and careers can it lead to?

Successful completion of Year 11 ATAR English opens up a world of opportunities for you. It serves as a foundation for further study in English, literature, journalism, media, communication, and related fields.

<https://myfuture.edu.au/bullseyes/details/11--english>

Are there any prerequisites?

- B grade, in Year 10 English

General English

What is General English?

So, we know English is compulsory – but we try hard to make it as interesting as possible. We obviously cover reading, writing, speaking, listening, and viewing.

What will we cover?

Students will start their General English course by remembering their past. We look at memoir and autobiography. You will learn to write about an event in your own lifetime. Obviously, something you would like to share – you do not have to tell any secrets! We also read a novel in class. We have a variety of activities to cover while studying the novel AND we try to help you even more by preparing some Externally Set Task responses ready for Year 12! We research and write feature articles and we analyse music videos and lyrics. Having your own device (laptop) really helps you with all of this. By Semester Two you will have settled in and be comfortable in your class. We will watch some episodes from a TV series (e.g. Brooklyn Nine Nine) and watch a feature film. You learn to persuade an audience and get involved in issues. There will be group work, individual work, presentations, and opportunities for you to build on your written and verbal communication skills.

What does a typical week look like?

Each unit takes between three and five weeks and does have an assessment. We usually have lessons of active teaching, where you will learn what to do and how to do it, followed by time in class to complete the work. Some assessments are done in class in a set time, others involve extended work over several classes. Some assessments get printed, some are handwritten, and some are submitted electronically through Moodle.

Complementary Courses

- General Drama
- General Ancient History
- General Geography
- General Photography
- General Media Production and Analysis

What courses and careers can it lead to?

English is necessary for whatever you intend doing in your future. Make the most of it!

There are no prerequisites for this course.

Foundation English

What is Foundation English?

Literacy skills are needed in everyday life, not only during your school years, but most importantly, in adulthood. Foundation English aims to build those skills so that you are ready to participate in the life you want to lead after finishing school. Classes are small, allowing for a higher level of teacher support than is usually possible. The classroom environment is safe and inclusive, and you're encouraged to support your learning colleagues, as they are encouraged to support you. Lessons are interactive and utilise a variety of teaching and learning methods to engage students such as, groupwork challenges, practical activities, independent research and strategic use of technologies like audio books and Immersive Reader.

What will we cover?

In Foundation English, you'll have opportunities to explore and share your outside interests whilst developing essential skills in reading, writing, viewing, speaking and listening. You'll learn about current, youth-focussed issues in Australia, and you'll be challenged to explore and develop your own values, opinions and ideas. High-interest texts and sources are used, including documentaries and television programs, a short novel, guest speakers, magazine articles, TED Talks, pop culture artifacts such as 'memes' and employment documents (resumes and cover letters).

What does a typical week look like?

Each topic usually runs for between 3 – 5 weeks, with a Reading, Writing, or Speaking assessment at the conclusion of the learning process. Assessments are designed to be completed in class and if your attendance is regular and you make good use of class time, there will never be any homework! Lessons are structured to enhance your engagement, with lots of varied learning activities.

Complementary Courses

Foundation English complements all General Pathway courses, as well as Foundation Mathematics.

What does it lead to?

Foundation English Year 11 leads into English General in Year 12.

Are there any prerequisites?

Students are only eligible to enrol in Foundation English in Year 11 if their OLNA Category is 1 in Reading and/or Writing at the end of Round Two Year 10.