



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**NEWCASTLE**  
AUSTRALIA

[www.newcastle.edu.au](http://www.newcastle.edu.au)

# HISTORICAL STUDIES

FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND ARTS

## **Major Description**

This major provides students with the opportunity to study history that is relevant to the social sciences. An emphasis on the social, political and cultural aspects of historical events in relation to the development of today's cultures and societies allows social science students to examine history in a vocationally orientated manner. There is a large component of Ancient Historical studies in this major, which is not encompassed in the Bachelor of Arts History Major, but also covers courses ranging from the medieval period to contemporary times. Some courses survey the histories of nations or regions (Australia, Europe, Britain, Asia, and the United States); others examine specific historical themes or events, including the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Vietnam War, women's history, or film and history, as well as terrorism and failing states throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

Academically, the historical studies major can be completed in conjunction with other social science majors, such as [Economic Policy Analysis](#), [Politics and Policy](#) or [Sociology and Anthropology](#), to create a path to careers with more of a social welfare orientation. Employment opportunities for Historical Studies majors exist both in their discipline sector (e.g. Universities, museums, heritage management) but also in other industries that value their high level written and verbal communication as well as analytical and critical thinking skills. Completion of post-graduate qualifications may provide additional job opportunities such as teaching and law while completion of an honour year helps further develop skills and makes graduates particularly attractive to government employers.

[\*\*Click here for information on studying this major\*\*](#)

[\*\*View major\*\*](#) within the Program Handbook

## **Sample Job Titles** (*click for description*)

Depending upon the amount and level of study, and combination of majors completed, the following list provides some examples of jobs for historical studies majors.

[Administrator](#)

[Archaeological Excavator](#)

[Archivist](#)

[Cultural Heritage Officer](#)

[Cultural Interpreter](#)

[Curator](#)

[Demographer](#)

[Development Economist](#)

[Diplomat/Foreign Affairs and Trade Officer](#)

[Economic Analyst](#)

[Electorate Officer](#)

[Graduate Programs – Public and Private Sectors](#)

[Historian](#)  
[Intelligence Officer](#)  
[Journalist](#)  
[Librarian](#)  
[Lobbyist](#)  
[Museum Visitor Services Coordinator](#)  
[Osteologist](#)  
[Policy Officer/Analyst](#)  
[Political Adviser/Speech Writer](#)  
[Political Scientist](#)  
[Program Development Officer](#)  
[Project Coordinator](#)  
[Publications Officer / Editor](#)  
[Research Officer](#)  
[Social Researcher](#)  
[Sociologist](#) – including Economic, Political and Urban Sociologists  
[Teacher](#)  
[University Lecturer/Academic](#)  
[Visitor/Tourism Information Officer](#)

### **Sample Employers**

ACP Magazines <http://acp.com.au/>  
Allen and Unwin Pty Ltd <http://www.allenandunwin.com/>  
Allianz <http://www.allianz.com.au/>  
ANZ <http://www.anz.com/>  
Attorney-General's Department <http://www.ag.gov.au/>  
AusAID <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/>  
Australian Bureau of Statistics <http://abs.gov.au>  
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission  
<http://www.accc.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/142>  
Australian Council for the Arts <http://www.ozco.gov.au/>  
Australian Customs Service <http://www.customs.gov.au/site/page.cfm>  
Australian Department of Defence <http://www.defence.gov.au/index.htm>  
Australian National Library <http://www.nla.gov.au/>  
Australian Public Service Commission <http://www.apsjobs.gov.au/>  
Australian Secret Intelligence Service <http://www.asis.gov.au/>  
Australian Taxation Office <http://ato.gov.au>  
Australian War Memorial <http://www.awm.gov.au/>  
Centrelink <http://centrelink.gov.au>  
Clemenger BBDO <http://www.clemengerbbdo.com.au/bbdo.asp>  
Coles Group Ltd <http://www.colesgroup.com.au/Home/>  
Commonwealth Bank of Australia [www.commbank.com.au](http://www.commbank.com.au)  
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry <http://www.daff.gov.au/>  
Department of Defence - Defence Signals Directorate <http://www.dsd.gov.au/>  
Department of Education, Science and Training <http://www.dest.gov.au/>  
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations <http://www.dewr.gov.au/>  
Department of Finance and Administration <http://www.finance.gov.au/>  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade <http://www.dfat.gov.au/>  
Department of Immigration and Citizenship <http://www.immi.gov.au/>  
Fairfax Media <http://www.fxj.com.au/>  
Macquarie Bank <http://www.macquarie.com.au/au/index.html>  
Masterfoods Australia New Zealand <http://www.masterfoods.com.au/>  
National Archives of Australia <http://www.naa.gov.au/>  
National Australia Bank <http://www.nab.com.au/>  
National Museum of Australia <http://www.nma.gov.au/index.html>  
News Corporation <http://careers.newscorp.com/>  
NSW Department of Education <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/>  
NSW Local Government [http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/dlg/dlghome/dlg\\_index.asp](http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/dlg/dlghome/dlg_index.asp)  
NSW Police Recruitment <http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment>

Ogilvy <http://www.ogilvypr.com/about-ogilvy-pr/careers.cfm>  
Random House [http://careers.randomhouse.com/wms/bmhr/index.php?fl\\_randomhouse=1](http://careers.randomhouse.com/wms/bmhr/index.php?fl_randomhouse=1)  
Saatchi & Saatchi <http://www.saatchi.com/worldwide/index.asp>  
Scholastic <http://www.scholastic.com.au/>  
Sydney Morning Herald <http://www.smh.com.au/>  
TPA – The Publicity Agency <http://www.tpac.com.au/page/home>  
Unilever Australasia <http://www.unilever.com.au/>  
Westpac Banking Corporation  
<http://www.westpac.com.au/internet/publish.nsf/Content/PB+HomePage>

### **Prospects and Salary Information**

<http://jobsearch.gov.au/joboutlook/default.aspx> is great site to find salary information like weekly earnings, type of work and industry prospects. You can browse occupations by industry category, alphabetically or by performing a search.

Click the occupations below for a sample some of the jobs covered or follow the link above to do your own search.

- [Archivists and Intelligence Specialists](#)
- [Author and Book Editors](#)
- [Curators](#)
- [Historian](#)
- [Journalists/Editors](#)
- [Policy Analysts](#)
- [University Lecturers & Tutors](#)

### **Societies and Associations**

Associations and societies often provide relevant and up to date information about a variety of issues relating to specific industry sectors. These can be a good starting point to learn more about careers through profiles, industry news, links to academic journals and information on research developments. Many also offer student membership, conference information, newsletters and the opportunity to participate in projects.

Below are links to a variety of history related societies and associations that you might find interesting:

- Australian Council of Professional Historians Association Inc  
<http://www.historians.org.au/>
- Professional Historians Association NSW Inc. <http://www.phansw.org.au/>
- Culture and Recreation Portal <http://www.cultureandrecreation.gov.au/category/>.  
This site lists a number of associations around Australia that you may be interested in looking at or joining.
- Australian Professional Organisations, Associations & Societies  
<http://www.journoz.com/ausproforgs.html>
- Australian Publishers Association [http://www.publishers.asn.au/index.cfm?doc\\_id=65](http://www.publishers.asn.au/index.cfm?doc_id=65)
- Australian Society of Archivists <http://www.archivists.org.au/>
- Australian Sociological Association <http://www.tasa.org.au/home/>
- Cultural Sociology Group <http://www.culturalsociology.org/index.php>
- History Teachers Association of Australia <http://www.historyteacher.org.au/>
- Military Historical Society of Australia <http://www.mhsa.org.au/>
- National Archives of Australia <http://www.naa.gov.au/index.aspx>
- Naval Historical Society of Australia <http://www.navyhistory.org.au/>
- Oral History Association of Australia <http://www.ohaa.net.au/#>
- The Australian Historical Association <http://www.theaha.org.au/>

**Other organisations which provide useful information**

<http://www.jobguide.thegoodguides.com.au/occupation/search> job descriptions

<http://www.graduatecareers.com.au/content/view/full/25> Graduate Careers Australia industry career profiles