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Come and see us to discuss your postgraduate options. The Head of Department, Graduate Adviser or Honours Coordinator will be pleased to meet with you.

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History

Postgraduate programmes



Graduate studies in History

As New Zealand's largest history department, we have specialist expertise in a wide range of historical fields and time periods, including:

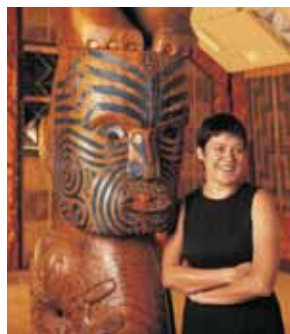
- pre-modern and modern Europe
- New Zealand history
- Māori and indigenous histories
- American history
- the histories of Asia, Australia and the Pacific.

The Department has particular strengths in sexual histories, the history of medicine, the medieval and early modern world, and transnational and comparative histories.

Our professors and lecturers are known nationally and internationally for their accomplishments in research, teaching and graduate supervision. Through taught courses and supervised research, we work closely with you to foster a broad knowledge and deep understanding of your chosen field and to enable you to carry out original research that makes a significant contribution to historical study. Recognising the importance of international ties in today's world, our department prioritises overseas collaboration and exchange. We have established links with leading research-intensive universities in North America, Europe and Asia, and provide contestable funding to support our students with conducting research abroad and presenting at international conferences.

Where will a postgraduate degree in History take you?

Our graduates have pursued employment in historical research, government service, publishing, and museum and archival work, as well as going onto further postgraduate study or careers in academic settings in New Zealand and overseas. Recent Masters of Arts graduates have entered employment at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the United States Consulate in Auckland. Others have won scholarships for doctoral study at prestigious universities overseas, including Columbia University and Johns Hopkins University in the United States and Oxford University in the United Kingdom.



Graduate options

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in History

The BA(Hons) is a one-year (or two-year part-time) taught degree undertaken following the completion of the BA. Advanced, year-long courses are taught as small-group seminars. Combined with the research and writing expertise you will gain from completing a BA(Hons) dissertation, this course of study will transform you from an undergraduate learner to a postgraduate creator of historical knowledge. The BA(Hons) provides a highly valued qualification ideal for entering the workforce or a pathway to further historical study. As an alternative to the BA(Hons), you can pursue a Postgraduate Diploma in Arts, specialising in History.

Master of Arts (MA) in History

The MA is a one-year (or two-year part-time) research degree which may be taken following a BA(Hons) or PGDipArts. Students research and write an original MA thesis on a topic of their choice under the close supervision of a staff member with expertise in the field. Recently completed MA theses have covered topics such as the history of the restaurant, romance in the interwar years and Christian fundamentalism in New Zealand, while theses currently underway include representations of British airpower, British diplomats in China and Spanish missionaries in the New World.

Doctoral study (PhD) in History

The PhD in History is pursued over a minimum of three years and a maximum of four years of full-time study. PhD students research and write a thesis which makes an original contribution to the international literature in their historical field. Recently completed PhD theses have included topics such as medical and social histories of tuberculosis, child immunisation and water fluoridation in New Zealand, as well as representations of prostitution in Victorian England and historic commemorations in New Zealand and Northern Ireland. One of our PhD students recently won a University of Auckland Best Doctoral Thesis Award, and student theses have yielded significant scholarly publications in history.