

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for History Courses

Q.1. What are the key skills that student attains from History course?

Answer: Pursuing a course in history at the undergraduate level enables students to acquire critical and analytical thinking, skills that are a prerequisite for overall development of the individual and society at large. Also, students are able to develop cogent debating skills, as they are constantly required to evaluate various historians' viewpoints on different topics. Moreover, the study of history is instrumental in developing a long term perspective on social, economic, political and cultural issues.

Q.2. Is the student required to have history in class 11th or 12th to opt for history as main subject in BA program?

Answer: No. Students from any stream Arts/Science/Commerce can opt for History papers.

Q.3. If student does not opt for History as main subject, is there any other way of attaining training in History?

Answer: BA program and B. Com program students can opt to study history papers by choosing Generic Elective papers for acquiring training in history.

Q.4. What kind of opportunities can a BA (Hons) History or BA program student with History option expect for higher studies?

Answer: Pursuing undergraduate courses in history can enable students to opt for Masters degree in history. They can also pursue masters in Journalism, Social work, Archaeology, Museum studies, or MBA.

Q.5. How does the study of history expand student's career options?

Answer: History graduates are highly valued for their critical and analytical skills. These skills enable them to enjoy an upper hand in different jobs. History graduates are in high demand in publishing industry, retail industry, museums, archives as well as field of archaeology. Moreover, History continues to remain a popular subject choice for civil service examinations among students.

Q.6. How does history course prepare student for various entrance and competitive exams?

Answer: The study of history enables students to have a deep understanding of changes and continuities in the society, economy, polity as well as culture in time and space. The broad understanding thus gained enables students to develop an overall understanding of society, economy, political system as well as culture. These understandings are critical for clearing all kind of competitive examinations as well as entrance examination.

Q.7. Is History course beneficial for student if she wishes to pursue some other course as main subject?

Answer: The study of history enables one to develop a cogent and rational outlook. It also promotes scientific temperament among the students. These skills are critical for pursuing any and every course.

Q.8. How are History students placed?

Answer: History students are preferred in many sectors. Apart from academics, many students have diverse job portfolios ranging from famous civil servants, archaeologists, museum curators, journalists, social workers, tour and travel guides to many occupying managerial positions in public and private undertakings.

Q.9. Does student have to declare their subject choice in BA program at the time of admission?

Answer: Yes, the student needs to choose her main subjects in BA program right at the time of

admission. **Q.10. After opting for History course, is the student able to pursue extra-curricular interests?**

Answer: History demands sincerity and consistency in studies and in no way constrains the student to pursue her extra-curricular interests. Our students not only participate, but excel in sports, music, dance, dramatics etc.

Q.11. Does a student need to put in too much effort to successfully complete the History course?

Answer: Our students have smoothly obtained their degrees in this course and have thoroughly enjoyed the transformation in their intellectual awakening; however, it does require sincerity and regularity in studies.

Q.12. If a student is weak in History, how and how often can she approach a professor to work on it?

Answer: The History department is constituted of highly dynamic and committed teachers. Teachers are accessible to the students 24/7. Every member of the History department works towards helping students realise their utmost potential. Special effort is made by teachers to cater to the weak students by first identifying the weaknesses, and then working towards resolving the issues.