

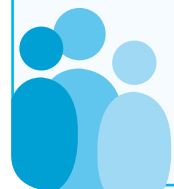
BACKGROUND TO THE REVISION PROCESS

During the Revision of Specifications process, we consulted our stakeholders through:

- Questionnaires
- Focus Group meetings
- Subject Advisory Team meetings.

We have drawn up this revised specification with the help of:

- Teachers and Heads of Departments in post-primary schools;
- Lecturers in Institutes of Further and Higher Education;
- Representatives from Employer Committees;
- Members of Subject Associations;
- Subject experts from Education and Library Boards; and
- Specialists from our Curriculum Development Teams.



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"I'm really pleased to introduce this revised specification. We have designed it to meet the needs of learners in Northern Ireland whilst also providing a qualification that has international currency. We're proud to be your local awarding body. It is my priority to ensure that our dedicated subject team listens, responds and provides you with a first-class service."

Anne Marie Duffy – Examinations Manager, CCEA

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98.9% of teachers are satisfied with our administration of examinations.

* Source: CCEA's 2006 Post-Primary Customer Satisfaction Research



REVISED GCE AS & A2 SPECIFICATION SNAPSHOT FOR HISTORY

For first teaching from September 2008

For first award of AS Level in Summer 2009

For first award of A Level in Summer 2010

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SUMMARY

- AS 1: **Choose 1 from 5 options** – External exam, 1hr 30mins, 50% of AS, 25% of A2, available January and Summer
- AS 2: **Choose 1 from 6 options** - External exam, 1hr 30mins, 50% of AS, 25% of A2, available January and Summer
- A2 1: **Choose 1 from 5 options** – External exam, 1hr 15 mins, 20% of A Level, available Summer only
- A2 2: **Choose 1 from 4 options** – External exam (1 question set in the context of an historical enquiry which includes the use of sources and 1 essay question in each), 2hrs, 30% of A Level, available Summer only

KEY FEATURES

- Subject content is organised into four teaching and learning units with a choice of options per unit.
- The AS course broadens students' education and provides a foundation for the A Level qualification.
- Both A2 units provide stretch and challenge, as students are required to demonstrate their historical knowledge, understanding and skills and draw on the knowledge and skills acquired at AS.
- Historical skills from the Assessment Objective will be a valuable asset to students in the context of further and higher education and employment.

BENEFITS TO LEARNERS

- We have designed this specification to help learners develop:
- Their interest and enthusiasm for history and an understanding of its value and significance in today's society;
 - An understanding of different identities within society and an appreciation of social, cultural, religious and ethnic diversity;
 - Their understanding of their past through experiencing a broad and balanced course of study;
 - As effective and independent learners and as critical and reflective thinkers with curious and enquiring minds;
 - The ability to ask relevant and significant questions about the past and to carry out research and evaluate conclusions;
 - Their understanding of historical terms, concepts and skills;
 - The ability to make links with and/or across different periods and aspects of the past; and
 - The ability to organise and communicate their historical knowledge in different ways, arguing a case and reaching substantial judgements.

CURRENT		NEW		WHAT HAS CHANGED AND WHY?	
MODULE	TITLE	UNIT	TITLE	WHAT HAS CHANGED?	WHY HAS IT CHANGED?
AS 1	(1 option from a choice of 5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Religious Change in England 1520-1547 Confrontation in England 1603-1629 Reaction and Reform in England 1815-1841 The Road to Revolution in Europe 1823-1848 The Nazis and Germany 1919-1945 	AS 1	(1 option from a choice of 5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> England 1520-1570 England 1603-1649 England 1815-1868 Unification of Italy and Germany 1815-1871 Germany 1918-1945 	We've widened some dates. There is now a new option – Option 4: Unification of Italy and Germany 1815-1871.	To meet the requirements of the new subject criteria. It was felt that the breath of study was too narrow in some options. Our response to teachers' requests
AS 2	(1 option from a choice of 5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authority in Ireland 1520-1547 Colonisation in Ireland 1607-1636 Challenge and Crisis in Ireland 1824-1849 Re-established Monarchy in France 1824-1848 Fascism and Italy 1918-1943 	AS 2	(1 option from a choice of 6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spain and Europe 1556-1592 The Ascendancy of France 1660-1714 Challenge and Crisis in Ireland 1821-1867 France 1815-1871 Russia 1903-1941 Italy 1914-1943 	We have increased the number of options from five to six. We've removed the following content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authority in Ireland Colonisation in Ireland. There is also now a new option – Option 4: France 1815-1871. We increased the length of the exam from 45 minutes to 1½ hours.	To ensure that the 20th century options, which traditionally have a larger uptake, can still be taught and are not lost in the move from three to two units To meet the requirements of the new subject criteria and in response to teachers requests Because of the move to two units and the requirement that the total AS assessment times must be three hours
AS 3	(1 option from a choice of 5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mid-Tudor Crisis in England 1547-1571 The English Civil War 1629-1653 The Condition of England 1841-1865 Continuity and Change in Europe 1823-1856 Revolutionary Change in Russia 1917-1941 			We have deleted the current AS 3 unit and integrated content from some of its options with the new AS units.	To fulfil subject criteria requiring that three AS units be reduced to two
A2 1	(1 option from a choice of 5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spain and Europe 1556-1592 The Ascendancy of France in Europe 1688-1713 Revolutionary France 1789-1814 The Unification of Germany 1848-1871 The Causes of the Second World War 1918-1941 	A2 1	(1 option from a choice of 5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglo-Spanish relations 1509-1609 Crown and Parliament 1603-1702 Liberalism and Nationalism in Europe 1815-1914 Unionism and Nationalism in Ireland 1800-1900 Clash of Ideologies 1900-2000 	We have removed options in A2 1. The new options in A2 1 are generally the same as the current A2 2, though we have widened some dates. We've reduced the length of the A2 1 exam from 1½ hours to 1¼ hours. This is 15 minutes shorter than is currently required for A2 2.	To accommodate the move from six to four units To ensure that the options that traditionally have a larger uptake can still be taught and are not lost in the move from three to two units Because the move from six to four units impacts on the assessment time for each unit
A2 2	(1 option from a choice of 5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish and English Colonisation 1500-1600 Crown and Parliament in England 1600-1702 Liberalism and Nationalism in Europe 1814-1914 Nationalism and Unionism in Ireland 1800-1900 The Clash of Ideologies in Europe 1900-2000 	A2 2	(1 option from a choice of 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> England 1570-1603 Ireland 1607-1691 Ireland 1775-1800 Partition of Ireland 1900-1925 	We've moved the options currently in A2 2 to A2 1. We've also moved the options in A2 3 to A2 2. The length of the exam is now 2 hours.	To meet the requirements of the new criteria Because the move from six to four units impacts on the assessment time allocated to each unit
A2 3	(1 option choice of 5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elizabethan England 1570-1603 The Later Stuarts 1660-1688 Reform to Rebellion in Ireland 1775-1800 Politics and Society in Victorian England 1868-1894 The Partition of Ireland 1900-1925 			We have deleted the A2 3 unit. Some of the options from A2 3 have been moved to A2 2.	To fulfil subject criteria requiring that three units be reduced to two To satisfy the requirements of the subject criteria

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