A new course in history has been launched at the UG level to offer students the opportunity to investigate practically any period or aspect of history that interests them.

The four-year programme at Shiv Nadar University (SNU) will integrate research and innovation in the classroom experience. "The programme covers individual disciplines in-depth and encourages breaking down the barriers between different disciplines and between the theoretical and the applied. The programme will give students an exposure to a combination of history with multiple subjects, for example, history with law. After studying this combination, students can explore career options like lawyers and paralegals, litigation support and legislative staff work; history with education — after studying this combination, students can become historians as educators," says Nikhil Sinha, vice-chancellor, Shiv Nadar University.

The emphasis on inter-disciplinary research will allow students to break the silos to promote learning at all levels. "The idea is to seamlessly connect all the schools to enable interaction across disciplines and actively engage faculty and students to constantly create knowledge rather than just disseminate it," he says.

Eligibility of students applying for the course will be based on their class XII scores. "We are open to inducting all students who meet our eligibility criteria and clear the selection process," says Sinha.

Talking about job opportunities that would be available to students after they complete the course, Sinha says that with the four-year degree, students will be able to apply for a career in multiple areas. "Students will be eligible to apply as educators (elementary, secondary schools and postsecondary education, in historic sites and museums); as researchers in museums and historical organisations, in cultural resources management and historic preservation; as communicators (writers and editors, journalists); as information managers (archivists, librarians); as advocates (lawyers and paralegals, litigation support, legislative staff work, etc," he says.

A career development cell will assist students in finding relevant work experience, he concludes.