



History

Degree Awarded: Bachelor of Arts

Requirements for the Major: 30 credits

The major in History is designed to provide students a solid grounding in both the specific discipline of History and the larger tenets of a Liberal Arts education. Particular concentrations within the major enable students to build a knowledge base of different regions, cultures, and histories. By stressing such skills and outcomes as critical thinking and analysis, clear and proficient writing, and a deep understanding and appreciation of the past and its role in shaping the present, the History major prepares students for a wide variety of careers. Students who major in History build a foundation in research, writing, and analytical skills that prepares them for graduate or professional school, as well as careers in such fields as education, public service/public policy, law, public history/historic preservation, the arts and nonprofit work, international business, and corporate research/analysis positions.

Requirements for the Major:

Essential Competencies-Outcome Skills

Transfer courses do not receive outcome skills

Take two courses (six credits) from the following:

				IL	W	O	Q	IC	V
	HIST 103	The Ancient World	3	x				x	
	HIST 104	The Medieval World	3	x				x	
	HIST 105	The West in the Modern World	4	x				x	

Take two courses (six credits) from the following:

				IL	W	O	Q	IC	V
	HIST 111	Colonial and Revolutionary America	3	x				x	x
	HIST 112	The U.S.: Republic to Empire, 1789-1898	3	x				x	x
	HIST 113	The American Century Since 1898	3	x			x	x	x
	HIST/POLS 215	The Presidency							

Take HIST 280 The Historian's Craft (three credits) and two upper-level courses (six credits) in US History:

				IL	W	O	Q	IC	V
	HIST 280	The Historian's Craft	3		x	x	x		x
Take two of the following:									
*	HIST 315	World Since 1945	3						
	HIST 330	Contemporary U.S., 1945-present	3						
	HIST 340	Iowa History	3						
	HIST 346	Age of the American Revolution	3	x	x				
	HIST 349	Civil War and Reconstruction	3	x	x				
*	HIST 352	World War I	3					x	
*	HIST 354	World War II	3					x	
*	HIST 365	Korean & Vietnam Wars	3				x	x	x
*	HIST 380	History of Capitalism	3				x	x	
	HIST 390	Public History	3						x
	HIST 392	Independent Study (with appropriate topic)	3						
	HIST 430	Topics in History (with appropriate topics)	3						

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Essential Competencies-Outcome Skills****Transfer courses do not receive outcome skills******Take three upper-level courses (nine credits) in World History:**

				IL	W	O	Q	IC	V
	HIST 303	Roman Republic and Empire	3						
	HIST 307	The Vikings	3			x		x	
	HIST 308	The Crusades	3						
*	HIST 315	World Since 1945	3						
	HIST 324	Modern Russia	3		x			x	
	HIST 326	Modern Britain	3		x		x	x	
	HIST 327	Modern Germany	3		x			x	x
	HIST 332	Modern Latin America	3	x	x			x	
	HIST 334	Modern Middle East	3	x				x	
*	HIST 335	The British Empire	3					x	
	HIST 336	Modern Africa	3			x		x	x
*	HIST 352	World War I	3					x	
*	HIST 354	World War II	3					x	
*	HIST 365	Korean & Vietnam Wars	3				x	x	x
*	HIST 380	History of Capitalism	3				x	x	
	HIST 381	Gaming in History	3		x	x			x
	HIST 392	Independent Study (with appropriate topic)	3						
	HIST 430	Topics in History (with appropriate topics)	3						

***COURSES MARKED WITH AN ASTERISK (*) MAY ONLY BE USED TO FULFILL REQUIREMENTS IN ONE OF THE ABOVE AREAS**

These courses will be counted in computing the 2.2 GPA required for the major. Students must receive a C or better in all courses in the major.

Recommended for majors who wish to pursue graduate work in History:

				IL	W	O	Q	IC	V
	HIST 390	Public History (for students who wish to pursue public history)	3						x
	HIST 399	Internship in History (for students who wish to pursue public history)	3						x
		Foreign language coursework as appropriate (consult with advisor)							

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