

MAJOR IN HISTORY

Requirements

In addition to the Core Curriculum requirements, History majors are required to complete 42 units. The Bachelor of Arts degree may be earned by adding a foreign language to the major course requirements. The language requirement can be met by completing the intermediate courses (or their equivalent) of a modern foreign language. All History majors may transfer up to 18 units toward the major.

Code	Title	Units
Required Course		
HIST 300	INTRODUCTION TO HISTORICAL STUDY ^{1,2}	3
History Electives - Lower-Level Survey Courses		15
Select a minimum of one course in pre-modern history (history prior to 1500)		
Select a minimum of one course in U.S. survey from the following:		
HIST 145	HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE CIVIL WAR	
or HIST 147	HONORS HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE CIVIL WAR	
HIST 146	HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES SINCE THE CIVIL WAR	
or HIST 148	HONORS HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES SINCE THE CIVIL WAR	
Select a minimum of one course in European survey, for example:		
HIST 101	INTRODUCTION TO ANCIENT CIVILIZATION	
HIST 102	EUROPE: FROM THE AGE OF CAESAR TO THE AGE OF CALVIN, FIRST TO SEVENTEENTH CENTURY	
HIST 103	HISTORY OF EUROPEAN CIVILIZATION FROM THE 17TH CENTURY	
Select a minimum of two courses in thematic and/or global surveys (global surveys must be non-U.S. AND non-European history), for example: ³		
HIST 110	EAST ASIAN CIVILIZATION TO THE 19TH CENTURY	
HIST 111	MODERN EAST ASIA SINCE THE 19TH CENTURY	
HIST 117	ISLAMIC HISTORY: FROM THE RISE OF ISLAM TO THE RISE OF THE OTTOMANS	
HIST 118	MODERN MIDDLE EAST HISTORY	
HIST 121	LATIN AMERICA: COLONIAL PERIOD	
HIST 122	LATIN AMERICA: NATIONAL PERIOD	
HIST 135	HISTORY OF AFRICA TO 1900	
HIST 136	AFRICA SINCE 1900	
HIST 160	WORLD HISTORY BEFORE 1300	
HIST 161	WORLD HISTORY SINCE 1300	
HIST 200	INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS	
HIST 202	CITIES OF THE ANCIENT WORLD	
HIST 203	SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD	
HIST 205	ETHICAL PERSPECTIVES IN HISTORY	
HIST 206	INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL HUMANITIES	

HIST 210	URBAN ASIA: PAST AND PRESENT	
HIST 275	HISTORY OF ANCIENT ISRAEL	
HIST 277	A SURVEY OF JEWISH HISTORY	
History Electives - Upper-Level Courses ⁴		
Select seven upper-level courses (300- or 400-level courses) including the following:		21
A minimum of two courses in pre-modern history (history prior to 1500)		
A minimum of one course in U.S. history		
A minimum of one course in European history		
A minimum of two courses in global history ³		
HIST 486	SENIOR HISTORY SEMINAR ^{2,5,6}	3
Total Units		42

¹ HIST 300 must be taken during the junior year or equivalent.

² HIST 300 and HIST 486 may not be taken in the same term.

³ Of the four required global history courses (two lower-level and two upper-level), students must take at least one course from two of the five sub-regions (Africa, Middle East, Asia, Latin America, World History).

⁴ Transferred lower-level History (HIST) courses do not fulfill upper-level electives.

⁵ HIST 486 must be taken during the senior year.

⁶ Students completing the departmental honors program may fulfill the requirement of HIST 486 with HIST 499

Departmental Honors Program

The Department of History honors program allows undergraduates to develop their critical thinking and historical skills in a rigorous and collaborative environment that guarantees personal attention. The program is a two-semester sequence of independent study, the culmination of which is the writing of a senior thesis—a significant scholarly research paper prepared under the close supervision of a faculty member.

History majors with qualifying GPAs (a minimum 3.70 GPA in history and a minimum 3.50 cumulative GPA) can complete an honors thesis under the direction of an Assistant, Associate or Full Professor in the Department. Students who are interested in pursuing departmental honors should consult the Department Chair or the Honors Thesis Coordinator during their junior year.

Students apply to the program upon reaching 75 units, or three semesters before expected graduation. Once accepted, students register for HIST 498 under the supervision of their thesis adviser in one semester and then HIST 499 in the next semester. Students must receive a grade of A or A- in HIST 498 to register for HIST 499. HIST 499 fulfills the major capstone requirement, taking the place of the capstone seminar (HIST 486).

Departmental Honors are designated on a graduate's transcript when a student successfully completes HIST 498 and HIST 499. Students pursuing departmental honors are not required to be members of the Honors College. Departmental honors are distinct from Latin honors (cum laude, etc.) and from enrollment in the Honors College.

Code	Title	Units
Required Coursework for Departmental Honors in History		
HIST 498	HONORS DIRECTED READINGS	3-4

HIST 499	HONORS THESIS IN HISTORY	4
Total Units		7-8

Four-Year Plan of Study

Sample Four-Year Plan

The selected course sequence below is an example of the simplest path to degree completion. Based on course schedules, student needs, and student choice, individual plans may vary. Students should consult with their adviser to make the most appropriate elective choices and to ensure that they have completed the required number of units (120) to graduate.

Freshman

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
Select one of the following: (Core 5)	3 HIST Global Survey Course (Core 12) ¹	3
HIST 101	Core 2 (or Core 1)	3
HIST 102	Core 4	3
HIST 103	Core 7	4
HIST 145 or 146 (Core 11)	3 Elective	3
Core 1 (or Core 2)	3	
Core 3	3	
Elective	3	
	15	16

Sophomore

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
HIST Global Survey Course ¹	3 HIST Pre-Modern Survey Course ²	3
Core 6	3 Core 10	3
Core 8	3 Core 13	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Junior

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
HIST 300 (Core 9)	3 HIST Upper-Level, European	3
HIST Upper-Level, Pre- Modern	3 HIST Upper-Level, Global	3
HIST Upper-Level, U.S.	3 Upper-Level Elective	3
Core 12 (if not taken above) or Elective	3 Elective	3
Core 14	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Senior

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
HIST 486	3 HIST Upper-Level	3
HIST Upper-Level, Global	3 HIST Upper-Level, Pre- Modern	3
Upper-Level Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	2
	15	14

Total Units 120

¹ Global Survey Courses: HIST 110, HIST 111, HIST 117, HIST 118, HIST 121, HIST 122, HIST 135, HIST 136, HIST 160, HIST 161, HIST 202, HIST 203, HIST 275 or HIST 277

² Pre-Modern Survey Courses: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 110, HIST 117, HIST 121, HIST 135, HIST 160, HIST 275, or HIST 202

Learning Outcomes

1. Marshal and arrange appropriate historical evidence from primary and secondary sources to support historical arguments.
2. Demonstrate command of a body of historical knowledge related to major political, economic, social, and cultural events and issues in Western culture.
3. Demonstrate command of a body of historical knowledge related to major political, economic, social, and cultural events and issues in non-Western cultures.
4. Demonstrate information literacy, which includes technological competency.