

History

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A history major can be an ideal choice for a variety of careers. In addition to preparing students to be professional historians or researchers, it lays the foundation for professions such as law or teaching and for careers in business, public service, the military, the media, library science, and archival work.

Major

Requirements for a Major in History. Students in the School of Liberal Arts who major in history must complete a minimum of 33 credits in history courses. These credits must include:

HIST 100	Experiencing History	3
HIST 300	Historical Methods	3
HIST 490	Senior Seminar	3
One of the following (or another 200-level course approved by chair):		
HIST 217	World History to 1600	3
or HIST 225	Modern Latin America	
or HIST 231	Introduction to African American History	
or HIST 240	East Asian Civilizations	
or HIST 242	Introduction to African History	
Course designated as pre-modern		*
European History at 300-level or above		6
US History at 300-level or above		6
World History at 300-level or above		6
Additional 300-level Electives		3
Total Credits		33

*can also fulfill another History requirement

A minimum grade of C is necessary to receive credit in the major. Students are encouraged to pursue opportunities for study abroad. In addition, internships in a wide variety of related fields are available for history majors.

Students in the School of Education who concentrate in Social Studies must complete 27 credits in history courses if they specialize in Adolescent Education, and 24 credits if they specialize in Childhood Education. These credits must include:

HIST 206	United States Through 1876	3
HIST 207	United States Since 1876	3
HIST 217	World History to 1600	3
HIST 218	World History Since 1600	3

Both Adolescent and Childhood Education majors must complete 6 credits in world history, at least 3 of which must be at the 300 level. In addition, Adolescent Education majors must complete HIST 300 Historical Methods and HIST 490 Senior Seminar. A minimum grade of C is necessary to receive credit in the major.

Double-Major with Education

Students in the School of Education concentrating in Social Studies may earn a double-major in the History Department in the School of Liberal Arts. They must complete a minimum of 30 credits in history courses. These credits must include:

HIST 206	United States Through 1876	3
HIST 207	United States Since 1876	3
HIST 217	World History to 1600	3
HIST 218	World History Since 1600	3
HIST 300	Historical Methods	3
HIST 490	Senior Seminar	3
World History at 300-level or above		6
Additional 300-level electives**		6
Total Credits		30

**History 100 may be counted as the second Additional 300-level elective.

A minimum grade of C is necessary to receive credit in the major.

Minor

Requirements for a Minor in History

15 credits of history courses, with most at the 300-level or above. The program is worked out individually with the department chair. A minimum grade of C is required to receive credit in the minor.

All history majors and minors are invited to participate in the social, co-curricular, and vocational activities of the department. The department houses a chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the international history honor society. Outstanding history majors are elected to its membership. In addition, the department has two lecture series honoring the memory of past department chairs. An annual lecture in honor of Brother Casimir Gabriel Costello, F.S.C., features European history, and a biennial series focuses on topics in early American history in honor of Professor Robert Christen.