History

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Chair of the Department

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:

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<td>HIST 100</td>
<td>Experiencing History</td>
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<td>HIST 300</td>
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<td>HIST 490</td>
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<td>One of the following (or another 200-level course approved by chair):</td>
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<td>HIST 217</td>
<td>World History to 1600</td>
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<td>History of the Medieval World</td>
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<td>or HIST 220</td>
<td>Race &amp; Gender in Medieval Europe</td>
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<td>or HIST 231</td>
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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.

Social Studies Concentration

Students in the Division of Education who concentrate in Social Studies and specialize in Adolescent Education must complete 24 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 the 300-level or above  3
Elective History at the 300-level or above  3

Students in the Division of Education who concentrate in Social Studies and specialize in Childhood Education must complete 24 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
World History at the 300-level or above  3
World History at the 200- or 300-level or above  3

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

Double-Major with Adolescent Education

Students in the Division of Education who concentrate in Social Studies and specialize in Adolescent Education 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  3
Additional 300-level electives  9

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

Total Credits  30

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, but typically includes at least three 300-level
courses, one in each region: Europe, U.S., World. 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.