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*University of Missouri-St. Louis*

# History

## *Why UM-SL?*

- We provide you with access to a world-class faculty. The regular faculty members in History hold the Ph.D. and publish extensively in the field of their specialization. At UM-St. Louis you study history with teachers who are scholars in their field.
- We maintain a close working relationship with the Mercantile Library, the Missouri Historical Society, the Missouri State Archives, the State Historical Society of Missouri, and with other historical agencies in the St. Louis area. Through internships, History students at UM-St. Louis can enjoy first-hand experience in jobs that connect the study of history to exciting careers.
- In the Virtual City, study history at the cutting edge of digital technology. Enjoy the opportunity to work on collaborative research projects with members of the faculty. In the senior seminar, the History Department's capstone experience, work with primary historical documents to write an original historical work.

## *Career Outlook*

The discipline of history is central to the University curriculum and to the life experience. The ability to put events or developments into the context of the past is useful as well as pleasurable. Responses to a questionnaire to our graduates have indicated that alumni in a wide variety of fields are as conscious of and appreciative of their training in history as those who have chosen it as a profession. Men and women in business, law, banking, library science, and foreign service have found it relevant to their careers. Study and research in history sharpen organizational and writing skills that are important to success in business and the legal profession. A growing interest in regional history has created employment opportunities in museum, archival, and preservation work, broadening the historian's traditional options of teaching, civil service, and social service.

Writing history accurately is a public service. To break off a significant fragment of the human past and examine it closely is an act of social impor-

tance; historical research contributes to society's store of useful memory. Writing a history essay or monograph carries with it the stirring experience of first-hand knowledge. One who paints, writes poetry, or carves in stone understands the problems of the masters better than any armchair critic. The writer of history gains an astuteness in understanding it. In facing social, political, or moral questions, a keenness for historical truth is valuable mental equipment.

## *General Information*

The study of history, in addition to providing background for other subjects and disciplines, is an essential part of a liberal arts education. It encourages students to develop self-knowledge and helps them to understand people of widely disparate backgrounds and periods. The History Department offers instruction in a wide variety of fields and formats at all levels, and the program is organized to serve as an introduction to the discipline of history.

## *Degrees and Areas of Concentration*

The Department offers work in East Asian, African and African-American, European, Latin American, and United States history from early to modern times. At the bachelor's level, the Department offers the B.A. in history, and, in cooperation with the College of Education, the B.A. in history with teacher certification and the B.S. in education with an emphasis in social studies.

At the graduate level, the Department offers an M.A. in history with work in Metropolitan, Regional, National, and Transnational history. It also offers an M.A. with a concentration in Museum Studies.

## *General Education Requirements*

History majors must meet the University and College general education requirements. History courses that will satisfy the State of Missouri's American History and Government requirement are:

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1001, American Civilization  
1002, American Civilization  
1003, African-American History  
1004, The History of Women in the United States  
2007, The History of Missouri  
3002, United States History: Revolution and  
the New Nation, 1763 to 1815  
3041, Topics in American Constitutional History

Students may take any language to fulfill the College's foreign language requirement. Majors may not take required history courses on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.

## ***Degree Requirements***

### **Bachelor of Arts in History**

Students are encouraged to take programs which combine breadth of coverage with intensity. The following history courses are required:

Two of the following:

1001, American Civilization  
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1003, African-American History  
1004, The History of Women in the United States

Plus two of the following:

1030, The Ancient World  
1031, Topics in European Civilization:  
The Emergence of Western Europe to 1715  
1032, Topics in European Civilization: 1715 to the  
Present

One three-hour lower division course in Non-Euro-American history

24 hours of upper division courses in history as specified in the on-line *UM-St. Louis Bulletin: Undergraduate, Graduate and Professional Catalog*.

### **Other**

39 hour minimum/45 maximum; No grade below C in major; Courses 4011, 4012, 4013, and 3258 do not count toward major. After fulfilling the general education and specific major degree requirements, students are to take the remaining 30 hours required to complete the B.A. or B.S. degrees from courses which the appropriate department has evaluated as being of university-level quality from one or more of the following or their equivalents at other institutions: anthropology/ archaeology, art (appreciation, history, studio), biology, chemistry, communication, criminology and criminal justice, economics, English, foreign languages/literatures, history, mathematics/computer science, music (appreciation, history, performance), philosophy, physics, political science, psychology, social work, sociology, business, education, engineering, and interdisciplinary.

### **Minor in History**

Students may minor in history by taking 18 hours of history courses as follows:

1. One course numbered 1000–1064 in each of the following areas: United States history, European history, and Non-Euro-American history
2. One course numbered 2000–4004, except 4011, 4012, 4013, and 3258, in each of the following areas: United States history, European history, and Non-Euro-American history

No course in which a grade below a “C” is received shall count toward a minor.

### **Related Areas**

Since history is a broad discipline, it can be combined with serious work in any other discipline. Courses in the humanities, social sciences, languages, the natural sciences, and business may complement the history program. Students should consult with faculty advisors to select courses suited to their individual interests.

### **Bachelor of Arts with Teacher Certification**

For information, refer to the College of Education section in the on-line *UM-St. Louis Bulletin: Undergraduate, Graduate and Professional Catalogue*.

### **Bachelor of Science in Education: Emphasis in Social Studies**

The requirements are the same as for the B.A. degree except students fulfill the College of Education general education requirements rather than those of the College of Arts and Sciences. For information, refer to the College of Education section in the on-line *UM-St. Louis Bulletin: Undergraduate, Graduate and Professional Catalog*.

The Department publishes a handbook for history majors which may be obtained from Dr. Andrew Hurley, Undergraduate Advisor, 516-5705.

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