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And your major.

History BA

Do you often ask "how" and "why"? Are you curious and analytical and up for a challenge? A History degree is for those who answer "Yes!" Studying history introduces you to the fascinating and familiar in ancient and modern societies, to cultures in faraway places, and to the complexities of our own neighborhoods. A history major will help you understand the present in new ways and build your professional future through hands-on research. By honing the skills demanded by employers in a wide variety of fields, history is a versatile and marketable major.

Career Outlook

Employers report a degree from the humanities is desirable for fields that require analysis, communication, and flexibility including business, banking, libraries, law, foreign service, and public policy. The median income for individuals with a History B.A. degree is the highest in the Liberal Arts, with a significant boost in earnings for individuals with an M.A. in History. A growing interest in local history has created employment opportunities in museum, archival, and preservation work and the Department of Labor expects jobs in these fields to grow at a faster pace than average over the next decade.

Future Career Options

- Private, public, and non-profit sectors
- Museums and heritage sites
- Business
- Law
- Criminology
- Project Management
- Teaching
- Social Work
- Management and Administration
- Public Policy
- Marketing
- Media and Communications
- Human Resources
- Publishing and Editorial Work

Skills developed through degree completion

When we explore the past, we develop skills to:

- ask questions that matter
- find, interpret, and organize sources and data
- identify causes and anticipate consequences
- interpret conflicting data and reconcile differing viewpoints
- communicate clearly and powerfully
- write persuasively
- appreciate cultures and attitudes of people and societies other than our own
- navigate sensitive social contexts
- build knowledge of the past and present

Successful alumni have gone on to fulfill many of the opportunities above. Additional possibilities are taken from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Contact an advisor to discuss additional future career options.

4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

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Bachelor of Arts in History

Year
1

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

HIST 1001: American Civilization to 1865 or HIST 1002: American Civilization 1865 to Present (3)
ENGL 1100: First-Year Writing (3)
FGN LANG 1001: Language & Culture I (5)
GEN ED CORE: Mathematics Proficiency (3)
INTDSC 1003: University Studies (1)

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SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

HIST 1XXX: History Core (3)
FGN LANG 1002: Language & Culture II (5)
GEN ED CORE: Communication Proficiency (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Social Sciences (3)
HIST 2101: Hot Topics in History (1)

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Year
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FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

HIST 2000-3999: History Core (3)
HIST 1XXX: History Core (3)
FGN LANG 2101: Language & Culture III (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math & Life/Natural Sciences (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Social Sciences (3)

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SPRING SEMESTER (14 credit hours)

HIST 2000-3999: History Core (3)
HIST 2100: Careers with a History Degree (1)
HIST 3199: Historical Inquiry (4)
ENGL 3100: Junior-Level Writing (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math & Life/Natural Sciences (3)

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FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

HIST 2000-3999: History Core (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Social Sciences (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math & Life/Natural Sciences (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (3)

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SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

HIST 2000-3999: History Core (3)
Cultural Diversity (Choose a History course) (3)
GEN ED CORE: Information Literacy (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (3)

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4

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

HIST 4XXX: History Elective (3)
HIST 3999: Internship (3) or HIST 3XXX Elective (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (3)
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SPRING SEMESTER (15-17 credit hours)

HIST 4XXX: History Elective (3) or HIST 4999 (5)
Elective (3)
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Degree completed!



2023-2024 4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

This is a sample academic map for the courses to take each academic semester/session. ***This map is not a substitute for academic advisement.*** Contact your advisor when making final selections.



– University Studies

is required for all first-year students and those with less than 24 credit hours.



– Milestone courses

should be taken in the order shown to ensure you stay on a timely and accurate path toward graduation.



– Summer and Intersession courses

Don't forget that summers and winter breaks are a way to fast-track your route to degree completion – and lighten your load during fall and spring!



– Career Preparation

Boost professional skills in the History internship and Careers course.



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