



History BA

Do you often ask “how” and “why”? Are you curious, 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 these 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 BA degree is the highest in the liberal arts, with a significant boost in earnings for individuals with an MA 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

- Business
- Criminology
- Human Resources
- Law
- Management and Administration
- Marketing
- Media and Communications
- Museums and Heritage Sites
- Project Management
- Private, Public, and Nonprofit sectors
- Public Policy
- Publishing and Editorial Work
- Social Work
- Teaching

Skills Developed By 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.

IT STARTS RIGHT NOW

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

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



MILESTONE COURSES

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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2024-2025 4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

Bachelor of Arts in History

Year

1

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

HIST 1001: American Civilization to 1865 (3) or HIST 1002: American Civilization 1865 to Present (3)

ENGL 1100: First-Year Writing (3)

FGN LANG 1001: Language and Culture I (5)

GEN ED CORE: Mathematics Proficiency (3)

INTDSC 1003: University Studies (1)

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

HIST 1XXX: History Core (3)

HIST 2101: Hot Topics in History (1)

FGN LANG 1002: Language and Culture II (5)

GEN ED CORE: Communication Proficiency (3)

GEN ED EXPLORE: Social Sciences (3)

Year

2

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

HIST 1XXX: History Core (3)

HIST 2000-3999: History Core (3)

FGN LANG 2101: Language and Culture III (3)

GEN ED EXPLORE: Math and Life/Natural Sciences (3)

GEN ED EXPLORE: Social Sciences (3)

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 and Life/Natural Sciences (3)

Year

3

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

HIST 2000-3999: History Core (3)

GEN ED EXPLORE: Math and Life/Natural Sciences (3)

GEN ED EXPLORE: Social Science (3)

Elective (3)

Elective (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

HIST 2000-3999: Historical Core (3)

Cultural Diversity Requirement (choose a History course) (3)

GEN ED CORE: Information Literacy (3)

Elective (3)

Elective (3)

Year

4

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

HIST 3999: Internship (3) or HIST 3XXX: Elective (3)

HIST 4XXX: History Elective (3)

Elective (3)

Elective (3)

Elective (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (15-17 credit hours)

HIST 4XXX: History Elective (3) or HIST 4999: Senior Seminar (5)

Elective (3)

Elective (3)

Elective (3)

Elective (3)

Check once completed

