

History

Degree Type
B.A.

Objectives:

To provide students with an integrated path of study that includes surveys of various historical regions and periods, the techniques of historical research and writing, and practical and professional experience. To prepare students for advanced study or careers in archival work, historical preservation, government service, international studies, library work, law, and teaching.

Requirements:

In addition to the two foundational courses (205 and 305), history majors take courses from the following groups:

(a) History 100-199: Area Studies

This group of courses provides broad survey coverage of major geographical regions and time periods of world history. These courses are designed to give students a foundational understanding of the major events, trends, figures, and questions of the regions, nations, and periods under study. Students gain fundamental experience confronting historical problems and engaging both primary and secondary texts.

(b) History 200-299: Methods and Perspectives

This group employs case studies to introduce students to the principal subfields, approaches, and methods of professional historians. In each course, students investigate the sources, questions, conclusions, problems, and key works related to each method or approach while developing skills reading scholarly literature and secondary texts. Students are encouraged to consider the methods and perspectives that will inform their research during their capstone experiences.

(c) History 300-399: Topics and Themes

These courses allow students to study specific historical events, periods, and trends in greater depth. Students are encouraged to apply methodological and cognitive learning to the specific problems and questions of selected topics.

(d) History 400-499: Capstone Experiences

This group includes either a seminar culminating in a research paper or a professional experience resulting in a substantial reflective essay.

(e) Electives and Minors

Students majoring only in history must take two additional history courses as electives and complete a minor in another discipline.

Item #	Title	Semester Hours
HIIST 205	Historical Methods	3.0

Three courses, including at least one U.S. Survey from:

Item #	Title	Semester Hours
HIST 105	The World to 1500	3.0
HIST 110	Modern World History	3.0
HIST 111	American History to 1861	3.0
HIST 112	American History Since 1861	3.0
HIST 122	Modern Europe	3.0
HIST 123	America and the World	3.0

Two courses from:

Item #	Title	Semester Hours
HIST 210	Archaeology & Prehistory	3.0
HIST 220	Economic History (US)	3.0
HIST 232	Myth Magic Ritual-Ancient Wld	3.0
HIST 251	Perspectives in History	3.0
HIST 306	The Old South	3.0
HIST 307	Civil War & Reconstruction	3.0
HIST 309	Studies in U.S. Women's History	3.0
HIST 310X	History of Christianity	3.0
HIST 316	Hist & Geog of VA & TN	3.0
HIST 318	Appalachia	3.0
HIST 319	Colonial & Revolutionary Ameri	3.0
HIST 320	Middle Period America	3.0
HIST 321	Ancient Greece	3.0
HIST 322	Ancient Rome	3.0
HIST 324	Medieval Europe	3.0
HIST 335	History of Race in the U.S.	3.0
HIST 340	History of England	3.0
HIST 350	Special Topics in History	3.0
HIST 352X	Jesus	3.0

One Course From:

Double majors may substitute a 400-level capstone course in their other major, but must take an additional 200 or 300 level history course if they make this substitution.

Item #	Title	Semester Hours
HIST 450	Seminar	3.0
HIST 460	Independent Study	3.0
HIST 470	Internship I	6.0
HIST 490	Honors Project	3.0

Two History Electives

Students majoring only in history.

As many as two of the elective courses may be chosen from Social Sciences disciplines (Business Administration, Economics, Geography, Mass Communications, Political Science, and Public Policy and Community Service) and applied to the B.A. in History degree provided those courses are not counted toward another major and are approved by the advisor and the department chair.

Additional Requirement — One Course From:

Item #	Title	Semester Hours
STAT 161	Introduction to Statistics	4.0
STAT 162	Introduction to Statistics for the Social Sciences	4.0
STAT 163	Introduction to Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	4.0
Total Credits		37-40