History, B.A.

DEPARTMENT

Department of History
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MN in History, Minor
BA in History, B.A.
MA in History, M.A.
MA in History - Teaching Option, M.A.
MN in Jewish Studies, Minor
CERT in American History, Certificate of Adv. Study

Courses Offered

History

History is the study of humanity’s recorded past. It encompasses all aspects of human behavior, social organization, and cultural development. The arts and the sciences, the development of technology, and changing economic forces are as much a part of history as is politics or social conflict.

Students of history are engaged in a journey through time in which they can witness and compare the development of a variety of cultures and the interrelations between people in many different circumstances. Through the study of past events, history provides a great storehouse of experience by which the theories of the other social sciences can be tested. And through its analysis of the development of institutions and cultures, it provides one of our best tools for understanding social phenomena.

History is also one of the broadest and most universal of the humanities. Just as the personalities of individuals are shaped through the totality of their past experiences, so cultures and institutions also develop in time. The study of history can help students understand themselves and their culture better and develop a more tolerant and humane spirit toward others. In this way, as in so many others, a knowledge of the past can help all of us meet the problems of today with greater understanding and compassion.

Program

The History Department offers a major and minor in history for the Bachelor of Arts degree, a graduate program leading to the Master of Arts, and courses for use in the teaching credential program. It participates in the interdisciplinary programs and minors in Armenian studies, Asian studies, classical studies, Latin American studies, Russian area studies, and women's studies. History courses may also be used as electives toward graduation in most other majors, and the History Department encourages students to take minors and second majors in other fields as well.

The History Department is a chartered member of Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society. Our chapter is Alpha Kappa Beta.

REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

History Major

A grade of C or higher is required for all courses to be counted toward the major.

1. Major requirements (45 units)
   Lower-division requirements: HIST 4, 20, and 21 (9 units)
   Select two: HIST 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 (6 units)

   Upper-division requirements:
   HIST 100W (3 units)
   Select nine courses from the fields listed on this page (27 units)
2. General Education requirements (49 units)

3. Other requirements (6 units)
   Upper-division writing and Multicultural and International (MI)

4. Sufficient elective units to meet required total units (varies)
   (See Degree Requirements); may be used toward a double major or minor

5. Total units (120)*

   * G.E. and MI courses can be double-counted with major requirements. The writing requirement is met by HIST 100W. See advisor for details.

Advising Notes
1. HIST 4 is required before enrollment in HIST 100W for all students catalog year 2004-05 to present.
2. It is strongly recommended that history majors take both HIST 11 and 12.
3. History majors are not permitted to take history courses by CR/NC grading.
4. General Education and elective units may be used toward a double major or minor (see double major or departmental minor). Consult the appropriate department chair, program coordinator, or faculty advisor for further information.
5. Students who are planning to do graduate work in history are advised to take a foreign language as an undergraduate in consultation with the History Department.
6. HIST 100W should be scheduled in consultation with faculty.
7. All majors must take a total of 27 units from the three fields listed below, taking into account the following requirements:
   • Students must take a minimum of two courses (6 units) in each field.
   • Up to 3 units of HIST 190 may be applied toward the major.
   • HIST 190 may not be taken in lieu of a course offered by the department. Students should have taken courses in the appropriate field prior to taking HIST 190.
   • No more than 3 units of HIST 193 can be applied to any one field.

Fields


FACULTY
The Department of History has more than 15 faculty members offering a wide variety of courses in the history of Europe, the United States, Latin America, the British Empire, Africa, the Middle East, and the Far East, as well as courses in intellectual and cultural history, social history, military history, and the history of women.

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.
The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.