History, Minor

DEPARTMENT

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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

History Minor

The History Minor consists of 18-21 units of upper-division history courses. Students will choose six upper-division courses from the three fields (U.S., European, and World Regions). Students may take HIST 100W as one of the six courses, but in order to do so they must take the prerequisite of HIST 4. Therefore, students who take HIST 100W will take a total of seven classes for the minor. History minors are not permitted to take history courses by CR/NC grading.

Note: The History Minor also requires a 2.0 GPA and 6 upper-division units in residence.

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.