

Bachelor of Arts in History

The Bachelor of Arts in History degree explores history's fascinating events, people, and cultures that determined the course of modern civilization. Whether you're interested in the Antiquities, Western Civilization, Colonial or American History, the Civil War, World War II, the Cold War, Middle East history, or an analysis of Iran, this dynamic history program offers compelling choices. This bachelor's program emphasizes critical and analytical thinking, and effective research and writing skills. Graduates with history degrees can be found as curators, archivists, educators, or in professions involving research, writing, editing, advocacy, politics, or historical preservation.

Many university faculty members teaching these courses are published historians who bring unique perspectives and relevant research into the classroom. You'll also connect and interact online with other students who share your enthusiasm for history.

Degree Program Objectives

In addition to the institutional and degree level learning objectives, graduates of this program are expected to achieve these learning outcomes:

- Demonstrate knowledge of key historical facts, values, and ideas that have shaped civilizations throughout history.
- Analyze primary sources in their historical context.
- Analyze secondary sources and identify various approaches to historical interpretation through critical reading.
- Evaluate historical arguments based on primary sources and the historical method.
- Demonstrate ability to conduct independent historical research in primary and secondary sources and complete a major research paper.

Degree at a Glance

Code	Title	Semester Hours
	General Education Requirements	30
	Major Required	9
	Select one of the following concentrations:	39
	General Concentration (p. 3)	
	American History (p. 3)	
	European History (p. 4)	
	Global History (p. 4)	
	Final Program Requirements	6

Elective Requirements	36
Total Semester Hours	120

Degree Program Requirements

General Education Requirements (30 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Arts and Humanities (6 semester hours)¹		
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
ARAB100	Arabic I	
ARAB101	Arabic II	
ARTH200	Art Appreciation	
ARTH241	Film and Literature	
DSIN141	Image Enhancement using Adobe Photoshop	
FREN100	French I	
FREN101	French II	
GERM100	German I	
GERM101	German II	
JAPN100	Introduction to Japanese	
LITR215	Literature of American Encounters, Revolution, and Rebellion	
LITR218	From Abolition to #MeToo: Literature of the American Civil Rights Movement	
LITR222	Pivotal Figures in Early British Literature	
LITR225	British Literature from Wordsworth through the Wasteland	
LITR231	Leadership in World Literature: Antiquity to the Early Modern Period	
LITR233	Literature of the Newly Globalized World: The Individual's Struggle to Adapt	
MUSI200	Music Appreciation	
MUSI250	World Music and Cultures	
PHIL101	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL110	Critical Thinking	
PHIL200	Introduction to Ethics	
PHIL202	Philosophy of Science	
PORT100	Introduction to Brazilian Portuguese	
RELS201	Introduction to World Religions	
RUSS100	Russian I	
SPAN100	Spanish I	
SPAN101	Spanish II	
STEM270	Thinking and Acting Ethically	
Civics, Political and Social Sciences (6 semester hours)¹		

Select 2 courses from the following:	6
ANTH100 Introduction to Anthropology	
ANTH202 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
CHFD220 Human Sexuality	
COMM211 Social Media and Society	
COMM240 Intercultural Communication	
ECON101 Microeconomics	
ECON102 Macroeconomics	
EDUC200 Humane Education: A Global Interdisciplinary Perspective	
GEOG101 Introduction to Geography	
HOSP110 Practical Food Safety and Awareness	
IRLS210 International Relations I	
LITR212 Forgotten America—Under Represented Cultures in American Literature	
LITR235 Four Points of the Compass: Culture and Society Around the World	
POLS101 Introduction to Political Science	
POLS210 American Government I	
PSYC101 Introduction to Psychology	
SOCI111 Introduction to Sociology	
SOCI212 Social Problems	
SOCI220 American Popular Culture	
STEM280 Exploring Society and Cultures via Science Fiction	

Communication: Writing, Oral, and Multimedia (9 semester hours)

COMM120 Information and Digital Literacy	3
ENGL110 Making Writing Relevant	3
Select 1 course from the following:	3
COMM200 Public Speaking	
ENGL101 Proficiency in Writing	
ENGL115 Argumentation and Rhetoric	
ENGL210 Introduction to Literature	
ENGL220 Technical Writing	
ENGL221 Scientific Writing	
ENGL226 Effective Business Communication	
HRMT101 Human Relations Communication	
IRLS200 Information Literacy and Global Citizenship	
ITCC231 Introduction to Information Technology Writing	
MGMT100 Human Relations	

History (3 semester hours)

Select 1 course from the following:	3
HIST101 American History to 1877	
HIST102 American History since 1877	
HIST121 Western Civilization before The Thirty Years War	

HIST122 Western Civilization since The Thirty Years War	
HIST221 African-American History before 1877	
HIST222 African-American History since 1877	
HIST223 History of the American Indian	
HIST270 History of Science	
STEM185 The History and Context of STEM	

Mathematics and Applied Reasoning (3 semester hours)

Select 1 course from the following:	3
ACCT105 Accounting for Non Accounting Majors	
ENTD200 Fundamentals of Programming	
MATH110 College Algebra	
MATH111 College Trigonometry	
MATH120 Introduction to Statistics	
MATH125 Math for Liberal Arts Majors	
MATH225 Calculus	

Natural Sciences (3 semester hours)

Select 1 course from the following:	3
BIOL180 Introduction to Biology	
BIOL181 Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology	
CHEM180 Introduction to Chemistry	
ERSC180 Introduction to Meteorology	
ERSC181 Introduction to Geology	
EVSP180 Introduction to Environmental Science	
PHYS180 Introduction to Physics	
SPST180 Introduction to Astronomy	
STEM100 Introduction to STEM Disciplines	

Total Semester Hours 30

¹ All literature courses require successful completion of ENGL101 - Proficiency in Writing or ENGL110 - Making Writing Relevant .

Major Required (9 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
HIST111	World Civilization before 1650	3
HIST112	World Civilization since 1650	3
HIST300	Research Methods in History	3
Total Semester Hours		9

Students must choose a concentration for this degree program and may select from a General Concentration, Concentration in American History, Concentration in European History, or Concentration in Global History.

General Concentration (39 semester hours)

Students who pursue a General History Concentration will examine a wide array of historical events to include their causes, consequences, and social impact. They will learn critical and analytical thinking and effective writing and research methods. Students explore the philosophies, personalities, strategies, leadership, and other factors that influenced the world. Topics cover American History, Ancient and Classical History, as well as European and Global History.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate a broad knowledge of historical literature that is relevant to the discipline.
- Summarize historical experiences that go beyond a single time period and national or cultural experience.
- Identify historical forces that have shaped social change and contemporary human problems.
- Interpret documents, and other forms of evidence, in their historical context.
- Apply historical methods to critically evaluate the past.
- Articulate, in writing, a persuasive and well-structured historical argument.

Concentration Requirements (39 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
HIST230	History of East Asia	3
HIST301	Ancient Greece	3
HIST302	Ancient Rome	3
HIST402	Colonial America	3
HIST403	The Early Republic, 1783-1815	3
HIST406	Civil War And Reconstruction, 1861-1877	3
HIST350	History of the Middle East	3
HIST310	History of Modern Europe	3
HIST408	The United States: 1900 to Second World War	3
HIST409	The United States: WW II to the Present	3
Select 3 courses from the following:		9
HIST303	The Middle Ages	
HIST304	The Renaissance	
HIST305	France in the Age of Enlightenment	
HIST306	The British Empire	
HIST307	The Age of Dictators: Europe 1914-1945	
HIST308	History of European Colonialism	
HIST480	Special Topic: History	

HIST490 Independent Study: History

Total Semester Hours

39

Concentration in American History (39 semester hours)

Students in the American History Concentration are encouraged to take HIST101 American History to 1877 and HIST102 American History since 1877.

Students who pursue a concentration in American History will study U.S. history from the Colonial Period to the present. This includes an examination of the philosophies, personalities, strategies, leadership, and other factors that influenced the United States. Topics cover foreign policy and military operations as well as the domestic political, economic, and social components of America.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Assess the social, economic, and political situation in the United States from colonization to the present.
- Illustrate America's evolving relationship with the rest of the world.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the major events, ideas, trends, and problems in American history.
- Explain how the past has shaped the present.
- Interpret documents, and other forms of evidence, in their historical context.
- Apply historical methods to critically evaluate the past.
- Articulate, in writing, a persuasive and well-structured historical argument.

Concentration Requirements (39 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
HIST402	Colonial America	3
MILH320	The American Revolution	3
HIST403	The Early Republic, 1783-1815	3
HIST404	Jacksonian America, 1815-1846	3
HIST405	Antebellum America, 1846-1861	3
HIST406	Civil War And Reconstruction, 1861-1877	3
HIST407	The Gilded Age, 1877-1900	3
HIST408	The United States: 1900 to Second World War	3
MILH360	World War II	3
HIST409	The United States: WW II to the Present	3
Select 3 courses from the following:		9

HIST290	History of the Holocaust
HIST301	Ancient Greece
HIST302	Ancient Rome
HIST303	The Middle Ages
HIST305	France in the Age of Enlightenment
HIST306	The British Empire
HIST308	History of European Colonialism
HIST310	History of Modern Europe
HIST320	History of Russia
HIST340	History of Africa
HIST350	History of the Middle East
HIST480	Special Topic: History
HIST490	Independent Study: History
MILH355	World War I
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Total Semester Hours	39

Concentration in European History

Students in the European History Concentration are encouraged to take HIST121 Western Civilization before The Thirty Years' War, and HIST122 Western Civilization since the Thirty Years' War as part of their General Education Requirements.

Students who pursue a concentration in European History will focus on Europe's history from ancient Greece to the present. Students will examine the political, philosophical, scientific, and social changes that laid the foundation for early Europe to the key developments that gave rise to modernity. Topics include the development of political, economic, and cultural institutions in early European societies and the rise of Europe as a global power in the modern period.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Understand influences of the past on contemporary European events and problems.
- Analyze significant problems and situations as they relate to the current issues and the investigation of history.
- Demonstrate a wider perspective that recognizes the political, economic, and cultural interdependence of differing societies and people.
- Assess the specific contributions and perspectives of diverse members of European society.
- Interpret documents, and other forms of evidence, in their historical context.
- Apply historical methods to critically evaluate the past.

- Articulate, in writing, a persuasive and well-structured historical argument.

Concentration Requirements (39 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
HIST301	Ancient Greece	3
HIST302	Ancient Rome	3
HIST303	The Middle Ages	3
HIST304	The Renaissance	3
HIST305	France in the Age of Enlightenment	3
MILH365	The Napoleonic Wars and the Long Peace	3
HIST306	The British Empire	3
HIST307	The Age of Dictators: Europe 1914-1945	3
HIST308	History of European Colonialism	3
HIST310	History of Modern Europe	3
Select 3 courses from the following:		9
HIST340	History of Africa	
HIST350	History of the Middle East	
HIST360	History of Latin America	
HIST402	Colonial America	
HIST403	The Early Republic, 1783-1815	
HIST404	Jacksonian America, 1815-1846	
HIST405	Antebellum America, 1846-1861	
HIST406	Civil War And Reconstruction, 1861-1877	
HIST407	The Gilded Age, 1877-1900	
HIST408	The United States: 1900 to Second World War	
HIST409	The United States: WW II to the Present	
HIST415	The Cold War	
HIST480	Special Topic: History	
HIST490	Independent Study: History	
MILH355	World War I	
MILH360	World War II	
MILH411	Diplomacy and War I	
MILH412	Diplomacy and War II	
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Total Semester Hours		39

Concentration in Global History (39 semester hours)

Students enrolled in the Concentration in Global History will examine the cultural interconnections, trade networks, conflicts, and major events that have taken place in the world from pre-history to the present. Students will study the political, philosophical, scientific, and social changes that shaped the world. Special emphasis will be placed

on how the various regions of the globe interacted with one another over the millennia to create the modern world.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Assess the ways that different cultural groups have interacted through conquest, migration, commercial exchange, and cultural diffusion.
- Explain the development of different social, economic, and political systems.
- Describe the practices, ideals, and developments of major belief systems.
- Evaluate the social, economic, and political effects of the Industrial Revolution.
- Interpret documents, and other forms of evidence, in their historical context.
- Apply historical methods to critically evaluate the past.
- Articulate, in writing, a persuasive and well-structured historical argument.

Concentration Requirements (39 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
HIST230	History of East Asia	3
HIST340	History of Africa	3
HIST350	History of the Middle East	3
HIST308	History of European Colonialism	3
HIST306	The British Empire	3
HIST360	History of Latin America	3
HIST320	History of Russia	3
HIST310	History of Modern Europe	3
MILH355	World War I	3
MILH360	World War II	3
Select 3 courses from the following:		9
HIST301	Ancient Greece	
HIST302	Ancient Rome	
HIST408	The United States: 1900 to Second World War	
HIST409	The United States: WW II to the Present	
IRLS392	Globalization and the Market Economy	
HIST480	Special Topic: History	
HIST490	Independent Study: History	
Total Semester Hours		39

Final Program Requirements (6 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
HIST491	Writing a Research Proposal	3
HIST498	Senior Seminar in History (to be taken as the last course before graduation) ¹	3
Total Semester Hours		6

¹ Prerequisite: HIST491 - Writing a Research Proposal and Senior Standing and completion of all major courses prior to enrollment. May not be taken concurrently with HIST491.

Elective Requirements (36 semester hours)

Select any courses that have not been used to fulfill major requirements. Credits applied toward a minor or certificate in an unrelated field may be used to fulfill elective credit for the major.