



Department of History FAQs

1. What are the requirements for a major or minor in History?

The history major consists of 11 courses, including two courses at the 100-level, one 200-level thematic course with an emphasis on historical methods, seven upper-level courses distributed over four geographic areas and periods of history, and a 400-level capstone course. The History minor consists of five courses, no more than two 100-level course and at least one 300-level course. The History major or minor pairs well with International Studies, Political Science, Legal Studies, Secondary Education/Social Studies co-major, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Museum Studies, American Culture and Difference, Women Gender and Sexuality Studies and our Certificate in the Study of War and Society.

2. Will any of my AP or IB history courses count for the History major or minor?

Yes, we accept AP U.S. History and AP World History, with scores of 4 or higher. IB history courses are evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

3. Will any of my History courses count toward core curriculum requirements?

Yes, one of your 100-level History courses fulfills the core-area requirement in historical analysis. The History Department also has upper-level courses that are designed to fulfill the core-flagged requirements in Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice (DISJ), Global Perspectives (GP) and Integration in the Humanities (IH). Finally, the History minor or Certificate in the Study of War and Society will fulfill the Enhanced Curriculum Experience core requirement.

4. What types of careers can I pursue with a degree in History?

As a History major or minor, you will not only learn about the history of different parts of the world, but you will also develop critical and transferrable skills in research, diverse analyses, and persuasive writing. Because these skills are sought after in a wide range of careers, the opportunities are limitless. According to national data, the careers for History grads f/ 2010-20:

Top 5 Careers

Education & Library
Management: Business/Arts
Lawyer or Paralegal
Sales & Marketing
Journalism & Media

Additional Career Paths

Archivist/ Historic Preservationist
Media & Public Relations
Film/Video Editor
Museum curator or technician
Secondary Education Social Studies educator

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