

History

Required Courses

Why Choose History? - Program Spotlight

Historians are like 'social detectives.' They try to understand the men and women, groups and events of earlier times by studying the 'clues' left behind such as visual documents and artifacts, diaries, official documents and records, economic data and newspapers. Historians use these 'clues' to determine which events were most important, why things turned out the way they did, or what lessons we can learn from the past.

The history major prepares students to see 'the big picture' and to focus on our most important societal issues, decisions, and trends. The history major prepares students to gather, assimilate, and interpret a wide variety of information from many different sources and to view issues from different perspectives. Students entering the History major should have strong reading skills and be interested in learning about the experiences of others. Students in the History major study the history of the United States, the history of other regions of the world, and the methods of historical research. They also have the opportunity to select courses of special interest to them, such as African American history or the history of science and technology. Advanced students may participate in undergraduate research projects or internships.

Career Opportunities

The History major also gives students a broad and in-depth understanding of the diverse political, economic, and cultural factors affecting American life and the global marketplace today. For this reason, the History major is excellent preparation for a wide variety of career paths, including the law, education, journalism, government, public policy analysis, business, or executive-level management.

Admission Requirements

First year student admission is open to high school graduates (or equivalent) who demonstrate appropriate academic preparedness, maturity and seriousness of purpose. High school courses and grade point average, ACT/SAT16 composite score, and ACT/SAT16 Mathematics and Reading sub scores will be considered in the admission and course placement process. Transfer students must have at least 12 credits at the time of application with a minimum 2.0 overall GPA including an English and mathematics course or they will be considered as first year students.

General Education Requirements

All University General Education requirements for a Bachelor's degree are here

Please consult this link for a complete listing of General Education Electives.

Consult the Required Courses above or the program advisor for program specific General Education requirements.

Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in History, a student must complete a minimum of 120 credit hours including the History major, the BA core, an academic minor in another field of study, and all general education requirements for Bachelor of Arts degree. No grade lower than 'C' will count toward the History major.

More Information

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