

2009-2010

# *B.A. in History*

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

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## *What is the Study of History?*

History is humanistic in its emphasis on the influence of ideas and values, its capacity to both instruct and entertain, and as interpretive literature. In its investigation of social processes, groups and institutions, and the examination of human motivation, it is a social science. It acts as a bridge among disciplines, borrowing from all and contributing a sense of context and sequence to the perception of actions and individuals.

## *Why Should I Consider This Major?*

The past occupies a central place in how our society envisions itself. Therefore, the study and evaluation of the past must occupy a central place in our universities. While the study of History involves a careful search through existing evidence to determine what happened in the past—hence the common perceptions of historians buried deep in dusty archives—understanding how and why that evidence was created and then saved stands at that center of the discipline.

Sometimes historians also ask why certain stories are retold or rediscovered. We are left with the task to discern what the evidence meant in its own time as well as in ours. To make those determinations, historians as a body draw from a wide range of influences, from the certainties of generalizations made within the social sciences to the uncertain complexities of the humanist-centered arts. The questions we ask and the critical commentaries we develop are as important as the answers we seek.

## *How to Declare:*

It is recommended students contact the Department as soon as they wish to declare a major in History. A faculty advisor will be assigned at that point.

## *Mid-Program Checkpoint:*

Students intending to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree in History within four years should complete the following courses by the start of their junior year. Students are expected to fulfill all prerequisite requirements for courses and work with a departmental advisor as soon as possible.

### **Coursework:**

Complete at least three courses from  
HIST 103, 104, 111, 112, 113, 280,  
281, or EAST 201 or 202

### *Contact Information:*

#### **History Department Website:**

<http://www.wvu.edu/depts/history/>

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### *Sample Careers:*

Foreign Service Officer  
Museum Curator  
Government Official  
Journalist  
Social Studies Teacher  
FBI/CIA Agent  
Librarian  
Historical Preservation Specialist



# History Major Requirements: 60 Credits

Credits for the history degree are to be distributed as follows:

**History 499: Historical Research (4 credits)**

**Four courses in one of the fields below**

**Three courses in a second field**

**Two courses in a third field**

**Electives under advisement to reach a minimum 60 credits**

A minimum grade point average in History courses of 2.5 is required for graduation. No class with a grade less than C may be counted in this major.

At least one-half the total history credits taken in fulfillment of the History requirements must be in upper division (300-400 level) courses.

## United States

- HIST 103 American History to 1865 (4) E
- HIST 104 American History Since 1865 (4) M
- HIST 155 The Idea of Utopia (4) E or M
- HIST 158 Race/Identity in Modern America (4) M
- HIST 203 Writing-Gender/Race 1492-1877 (5) E
- HIST 263 African Americans Since 1865 (5) M
- HIST 265 LGBT Exp. in U.S. History (5) M
- HIST 275 The Indian in American History (5) M
- HIST 350 American Colonial History (4) E
- HIST 353 Latinas/os in the U.S. West (5) M
- HIST 360 Religion in Early America (4) E
- HIST 361 Religion in Modern America (4) M
- HIST 362 Asian American History (5) M
- HIST 363 The American Revolution (4) E
- HIST 366 The Early American Republic (4) E
- HIST 367 U.S. Women to 1865 (5) E
- HIST 368 U.S. Women from 1865 (5) M
- HIST 369 Topics in U.S. Women's History (4)
- HIST 379 Canadian American Relations (4) M
- HIST 391 History of the Pacific Northwest (4) M
- HIST 408 WW II: The European War (4) M
- HIST 409 WW II: The Pacific War (4) M
- \*HIST 447 History of Sciences of Nature (4) M
- HIST 452 U.S. Intellectual History 1776-1900 (5) E
- HIST 453 U.S. Intellectual Hist, 1900-Today (5) M
- HIST 454 Civil War and Reconstruction (4) E
- HIST 459 U.S. Since 1941 (5) M
- HIST 460 American Environmental History (4) E or M
- HIST 461 U.S. Urban History (5) M
- HIST 462 Indust & Reform: U.S. 1865-1920 (5) M
- HIST 462 Indust. & Reform: U.S. 1865-1920 (5)
- \*HIST 464 Comparative Forest History (4) E or M
- HIST 465 History of Sexuality in the U.S. (4) E or M
- HIST 467 American Cult. History 1790-1880 (4) E
- HIST 491 Regional/Local Community History (4) M

## Western Hemisphere

- HIST 273 Latin America: 1492-1824 (4) M
- HIST 274 Latin America: 1824-Present (4) M
- HIST 277 Canada: A Historical Survey (4) M
- HIST 278 Multiculturalism in Canada (4) M
- HIST 376 French Colonial Can. 1534-1763 (4) M
- HIST 378 Canada: A Nation of Immigrants (4) M
- HIST 379 Canadian American Relations (4) M
- HIST 471a Women/Gender in Colonial L.A. (4)
- HIST 474 History of Mexico (5)
- M HIST 475 Topics in Latin American History (4) M

- HIST 477 World War I & Canadian Society (4) M
- HIST 471b Women/Gender in L.A. 1825-Present (4)

## Europe

- \*HIST 111 Prehistory to 476 (4) A
- HIST 112 Western Civilization 476-1713 (4) E
- HIST 113 Western Civilization 1713-Present (4) M
- HIST 155 The Idea of Utopia (4) E or M
- \*HIST 312 History of Ancient Greece (5) A
- \*HIST 313 History of Ancient Rome (5) A
- HIST 314 The Enlightenment Tradition (5) M
- HIST 315 Europe: Early Middle Ages 300-1050 (5) E
- HIST 316 Europe: High Middle Ages 1050-1450 (5) E
- HIST 320 War in the Middle Ages (4) E
- HIST 325 Marriage/Family in Erpn History (4) E or M
- HIST 333 Imperial Russia 1689-1917 (4) M
- HIST 334 History of Soviet Russia (4) M
- HIST 336 Comparative Imperialisms (5) M
- HIST 348 European Intellectual History (5) M
- HIST 387 History of the Jews (5) E, M or T
- HIST 408 WW II: The European War (4) M
- HIST 415 Seminar in Medieval History (4) E
- HIST 418 Medieval England (4) E
- HIST 420 Renaissance & Reformation (5) M
- HIST 422 History of Medieval Italy (4) E
- HIST 428 Modern Europe 1914-1945 (5) M
- HIST 431 Germany from 1750-1914 (5) M
- HIST 432 Germany from 1914-Present (5) M
- HIST 435 Women in Russia & Soviet Union (4) m
- HIST 440 Britain 1688-Present (5) E
- HIST 441 France 1453-1815 (5) M
- HIST 442 France since 1815 (5) M
- \*HIST 447 History of the Sciences of Nature (4) M
- HIST 449 E. Central Europe/Balkans Since 1900 (5) M
- \*HIST 464 Comparative Forest History (4) E or M

## Ancient

- \*HIST 111 Prehistory to 476 (4) T
- HIST 151 Communities of the Ancient World (4) T
- HIST 197 World History 1500-Present (4) T
- \*HIST 280 Intro to East Asian Civilizations (5)
- \*HIST 310 History of Ancient Mesopotamia (5)
- \*HIST 311 History of Ancient Egypt (5)
- \*HIST 312 History of Ancient Greece (5) T
- \*HIST 313 History of Ancient Rome (5) T
- \*HIST 370 Chinese History to 600 AD (4) A
- \*HIST 385 Pre-Colonial Africa (5)
- HIST 387 History of the Jews (5) E, M or T
- HIST 410 First Cities: Urbanization (4) T

## East and South Asia

- \*HIST 280 Intro to East Asian Civilizations (5) E
- HIST 281 E.A. History-Early Modern/Modern (5) M
- \*HIST 370 Chinese History to 600 AD (4) A
- HIST 371 Chinese History 600-1800 (4) E
- HIST 372 Chinese History 1800-Present (4) M
- \*HIST 374 Pre-Modern Japanese History (4) E or M
- HIST 375 Modern Japanese History (4) M
- HIST 377 Japanese History through Film (5) M
- HIST 409 WW II: The Pacific War (4) M
- \*HIST 464 Comparative Forest History (4)
- HIST 479 Medieval & Early Mod Chinese History (4) E
- \*HIST 480 Modern Chinese Social History (4) M
- HIST 481 The Chinese Revolution (4) M
- HIST 483 Edo Social History (5) M

- HIST 484 Women in Japanese History (5) M
- HIST 485 Japanese Military History: Samurai (5) M
- HIST 486 Religion in Japanese History (5) E or M

## Africa and Middle East

- HIST 285 Intro to African Civilizations (5) E or M
- HIST 286 Modern Africa (5) M
- HIST 287 Intro to Islamic Civilization (5) E or M
- \*HIST 310 History of Ancient Mesopotamia (5) A
- \*HIST 311 History of Ancient Egypt (5) A
- \*HIST 385 Pre-Colonial Africa (5) M
- HIST 386 Southern Africa (5) M
- \*HIST 387 History of the Jews (5) E or M or A or T
- HIST 388 East Africa (4) M
- HIST 389 Islam in Sub-Saharan Africa (4) M
- HIST 405 The Traditional Middle East (5) E
- HIST 406 Middle East, 1800 to the Present (5) M
- HIST 407 History of the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict (4) M
- HIST 488 Modern Egypt/Libya & Nile Valley (5) M

## Courses for areas depending on topic:

- HIST 199 Thinking Historically (4)
- HIST 364 Film as History: Variable Topics
- HIST 390 Topics in History: Variable Topics
- HIST 398 Methods of Research & Analysis
- HIST 493 Public History Seminar (5)
- HIST 494 Public History Internship (3-5)

\*Course may be used to fulfill only one area requirement.

M-later period; E-fulfills earlier period of the requirements;

T-fulfills 2 cont. requirement; A-Ancient

Completion of this combined major may lead to an endorsement in Social Studies. To receive such an endorsement, all courses must be completed with a grade of C or better.

At least 30 of the 60 credits must be at the upper division level, and no course of less than a C (2.0) may be counted in this major. Students must achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 in the courses in this major.

## Other History options:

- B. A. History (60 credits)
- Minors in Foreign Cultures (see *Catalog*)
- Minor in History (25 credits)
- Minor in Area Studies: Latin America, Canada or East Asia (see *Catalog*)
- Minor in Public History (25 credits)
- B.A.Ed. History/Elementary Education (45 credits plus certification)

These courses are required (or advised) for this major and may be used to satisfy GUR or Writing Proficiency requirements:

BCOM: HIST 203

HUM: HIST 103, 104, 111, 112, 113, 151, 155, 199, 277, 314

SSC: ECON 206, 207, PLSC 250, EGEO 201

ACGM: HIST 273, 274, 280, 281, 285, 286, 287, 385, 387

BGCM: HIST 158, 261, 263, 265, 275, 278, 353, 362

WP: Three Writing Proficiency points are required for graduation (they are noted as WP1, WP2, and WP3). Check [Classfinder](#) or [Online Timetable](#) for departmental offerings each quarter.