

BA in History

Degree Program Description

History is the chronicle of humanity's activities throughout the ages. The study of history offers a means of understanding the present by investigating and analyzing the past. Students can choose from a wide selection of course work including courses in the history of the United States, Latin America, Europe (from ancient Greece to the present), Africa and East Asia. The curriculum provides course work in political, cultural, social, intellectual, environmental and diplomatic history. Beyond the classroom students gain hands-on experience by working as interns at partner institutions throughout mid-Missouri. Students skilled in research, analysis and writing are attractive to graduate schools in history, museum studies, and public affairs as well as law schools and business schools. Many history majors obtain their teaching certificate to allow them to teach in public schools. History majors are highly recruited in many fields of business, including management, marketing and finance. Libraries, museums, archives, publishing companies, and local history and preservation projects all offer careers with the possibility of continued specialization in history. A number of our majors have also found rewarding work in city, state and federal government, including city planning, historic preservation, and working on political campaigns locally and in Washington DC.

Major Program Requirements

A student majoring in history must complete a total of 33 history credits. A grade of C- or better is required for all courses taken for the major. In addition, students must complete all university graduation requirements (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/>), general education (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/>) and Arts and Science Foundation Requirements.

Major core requirements	33
I. Introductory Courses. Choose 1 course in at least 3 of the following 5 areas. At least one course must be a "Pre-modern/Early Modern" course and one course must be a "Modern" course. (Please contact the department for a list of approved courses)	9
Areas: U. S. History, Africa/Middle East, Latin America, Europe, Asia	
II. Research Skills: HIST 2950 Sophomore Seminar	3
III. Area Specific Courses	9
Choose 3 courses, 1000 level or above, from 3 of the 6 areas listed (not to include HIST 1100, HIST 1200, HIST 1500, HIST 1510)	
Areas: United States, Europe, Africa/Middle East, Asia, Latin America, Transnational	
One course must be a 3000 level or above	
IV. History Electives	6
Choose any 2 history courses, 3000 level or above	
V. Capstone (Required Prerequisite: HIST 2950) Choose one option	6
A. One seminar (HIST 4970, HIST 4971, HIST 4972) and one 4000 level history course	
B. Undergraduate Thesis: HIST 4980 & HIST 4981	
C. Honors Thesis: HIST 4995 & HIST 4996	
VI. U.S. History Requirement	

All students are required to take at least one 3 credit course in U.S. history (excluding HIST 1100 & HIST 1200). This course can be used to fulfill one of the requirements above.

Semester Plan

Below is a sample plan of study, semester by semester. A student's actual plan will vary based on course choices where options are available.

First Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
ENGLSH 1000		3 MATH 1050, 1100, or STAT 1200	3
Behavioral Science Course		3 Biological/Physical/Math Science Course with lab	5
Social Science Course		3 Minor	3
Humanities Course		3 History Course	3
History Course		3	
15			14
Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
Second Language		5 Second Language	5
Behavioral Science Course		3 Minor	3
Humanities Course		3 Humanities Course	3
Social Science Course		3 History Course	3
History Course		3	
17			14
Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
Second Language		3 Humanities Course	3
Biological/Physical/Math Science Course		4 Minor	3
History Course		3 History Course	3
History Course		3 History Course	3
Elective Course		3 Elective Course	3
16			15
Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
Minor		3 Social Science Course	3
Minor		3 History Course	3
History Course		3 History Course	3
Elective Course		3 Elective Course	3
Elective Course		3 Elective Course	3
15			15

Total Credits: 121