

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 to University (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree/requirements/universityrequirements/>), general education (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree/requirements/generaleducationrequirements/>), and College of Arts and Science (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/#undergraduatetext>) requirements, students must also meet the following major program requirements. All major requirements in the College of Arts and Science must be completed with grades of C- or higher unless otherwise indicated.

| Major core requirements | | 33 |
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| I. Introductory Courses. Choose 1 course in at least 3 of the following areas. At least one course must be a "Pre-modern/Early Modern" course and one course must be a "Modern" course. | | 9 |
| Pre-modern/Early Modern | | |
| HIST 1100 | Survey of American History to 1865 | 3 |
| HIST 1400 | American History | 5 |
| HIST 1500 | Origins of European History | 3 |
| HIST 1520 | The Ancient World | 3 |
| HIST 1560 | The World of the Middle Ages | 3 |
| HIST 1570 | Survey of Early Modern Europe, 1350-1650 | 3 |
| HIST 1790 | History of Early Africa | 3 |
| HIST 1830 | Survey of East Asian History | 3 |
| HIST 1840 | Colonial Latin America | 3 |
| HIST 1870 | Imperial China: China to 1600 | 3 |
| Modern | | |
| HIST 1200 | Survey of American History Since 1865 | 3 |
| HIST 1400 | American History | 5 |
| HIST 1405 | Understanding Africa | 3 |

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| HIST 1410 | African American History | 3 |
| HIST 1510 | History of Modern Europe | 3 |
| HIST 1800 | History of Modern Africa | 3 |
| HIST 1810 | History of South Africa | 3 |
| HIST 1850 | Latin America Since Independence | 3 |
| HIST 1871 | History of China in Modern Times | 3 |
| HIST 1872 | Mao's China and Beyond: China Since 1949 | 3 |
| HIST 2210 | Twentieth Century America | 3 |
| HIST 2520 | From Waterloo to Sarajevo: European History, 1815-1914 | 3 |
| U.S. History | | |
| HIST 1100 | Survey of American History to 1865 | 3 |
| HIST 1200 | Survey of American History Since 1865 | 3 |
| HIST 1400 | American History | 5 |
| HIST 1410 | African American History | 3 |
| HIST 2210 | Twentieth Century America | 3 |
| Africa/Middle East | | |
| HIST 1405 | Understanding Africa | 3 |
| HIST 1520 | The Ancient World | 3 |
| HIST 1790 | History of Early Africa | 3 |
| HIST 1800 | History of Modern Africa | 3 |
| HIST 1810 | History of South Africa | 3 |
| HIST 3505 | History of Ancient Egypt | 3 |
| HIST 3515 | Ptolemaic Egypt from Alexander the Great to Cleopatra | 3 |
| Latin America | | |
| HIST 1840 | Colonial Latin America | 3 |
| HIST 1850 | Latin America Since Independence | 3 |
| Europe | | |
| HIST 1500 | Origins of European History | 3 |
| HIST 1510 | History of Modern Europe | 3 |
| HIST 1520 | The Ancient World | 3 |
| HIST 1560 | The World of the Middle Ages | 3 |
| HIST 1570 | Survey of Early Modern Europe, 1350-1650 | 3 |
| HIST 2520 | From Waterloo to Sarajevo: European History, 1815-1914 | 3 |
| Asia | | |
| HIST 1830 | Survey of East Asian History | 3 |
| HIST 1870 | Imperial China: China to 1600 | 3 |
| HIST 1871 | History of China in Modern Times | 3 |
| HIST 1872 | Mao's China and Beyond: China Since 1949 | 3 |
| II. Research Skills: HIST 2950 Sophomore Seminar | | 3 |
| III. Area Specific Courses | | 9 |
| Choose 3 courses, 1000 level or above, from 3 of the areas listed (not to include HIST 1100, HIST 1200, HIST 1500, HIST 1510) | | |
| One course must be a 3000 level or above | | |
| U.S. History | | |
| HIST 1410 | African American History | 3 |
| HIST 2100 | The Revolutionary Transformation of America | 3 |
| HIST 2120 | The Young Republic | 3 |
| HIST 2150 | The American Civil War: A Global History | 3 |
| HIST 2210 | Twentieth Century America | 3 |

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| HIST 2220 | America in the 1960's | 3 | HIST 4420 | American Urban History | 3 |
| HIST 2240 | Flight in America: From the Wright Brothers to the Space Age | 3 | HIST 4425 | The Superhero in American Culture From Washington to Wolverine | 3 |
| HIST 2400 | Social History of U.S. Women | 3 | HIST 4430 | The Great West in American History | 3 |
| HIST 2410 | African American Women in History | 3 | HIST 4440 | History of the American Environment | 3 |
| HIST 2420 | Conspiracy Theories and Conspiracies in American History and Culture | 3 | HIST 4445 | American Political Economy from the Commerce Clause to the Great Recession | 3 |
| HIST 2430 | History of American Religion | 3 | HIST 4460 | Economic Characteristics of the African American Experience | 1 |
| HIST 2440 | History of Missouri | 3 | HIST 4480 | The History of Genocide and Atrocity | 3 |
| HIST 2445 | American Constitutional Democracy | 3 | HIST 4900 | Beltway History: American Constitutional Democracy in Theory and Practice | 3 |
| HIST 3000 | History of Religion in America to the Civil War | 3 | HIST 4904 | Historical and Contemporary Slavery | 3 |
| HIST 3010 | Colonial America | 3 | Africa/Middle East | | |
| HIST 3200 | Black Freedom Movement, 1955-1973 | 3 | HIST 1405 | Understanding Africa | 3 |
| HIST 3210 | History of Religion in Post-Civil War America | 3 | HIST 1520 | The Ancient World | 3 |
| HIST 3220 | U.S. Women's Political History, 1880-Present | 3 | HIST 1790 | History of Early Africa | 3 |
| HIST 3400 | Religious Biography: Black Religion | 3 | HIST 1800 | History of Modern Africa | 3 |
| HIST 3410 | Global History of Black Power | 3 | HIST 1810 | History of South Africa | 3 |
| HIST 3420 | America's Environmental Experience | 3 | HIST 2904 | Black Studies in Slavery and Freedom | 3 |
| HIST 3430 | Sex Radicals in U. S History | 3 | HIST 3505 | History of Ancient Egypt | 3 |
| HIST 3485 | The United States and the Middle East | 3 | HIST 3624 | Comparative Approaches to Black Studies in History | 3 |
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| HIST 4000 | Age of Jefferson | 3 | HIST 3515 | Ptolemaic Egypt from Alexander the Great to Cleopatra | 3 |
| HIST 4010 | The Age of Jackson | 3 | HIST 3800 | Women in African History | 3 |
| HIST 4020 | United states History from 1800-1860 | 3 | HIST 3815 | Africa and the World: Studies in African Histories, Cultures and Politics | 3 |
| HIST 4040 | Slavery and the Crisis of the Union: The American Civil War Era | 3 | HIST 4560 | The Crusades | 3 |
| HIST 4050 | American Colonial History to 1760 | 3 | HIST 4615 | Empire's Crossroads: Britain and the Middle East | 3 |
| HIST 4055 | Witchcraft in Seventeenth Century New England | 3 | HIST 4825 | Africa from the Slave Trade to Independence | 3 |
| HIST 4060 | The Period of the American Revolution, 1760-1789 | 3 | HIST 4835 | Race and Politics in South Africa | 3 |
| HIST 4070 | Indians and Europeans in Early America | 3 | HIST 4904 | Historical and Contemporary Slavery | 3 |
| HIST 4100 | American Cultural and Intellectual History to 1865 | 3 | Latin America | | |
| HIST 4200 | American Cultural and Intellectual History Since 1865 | 3 | HIST 1840 | Colonial Latin America | 3 |
| HIST 4210 | Origins of Modern America, 1877-1919 | 3 | HIST 1850 | Latin America Since Independence | 3 |
| HIST 4220 | U.S. Society Between the Wars 1918-1945 | 3 | HIST 3860 | History of Mexico | 3 |
| HIST 4230 | Our Times: United States Since 1945 | 3 | HIST 3870 | Social Revolution in Latin America | 3 |
| HIST 4235 | The Wire: Race, Urban Inequality, and the "Crisis" of the American City | 3 | HIST 3880 | History of Caribbean America | 3 |
| HIST 4260 | The Age of Ascendancy: U.S. Foreign Relations, 1945 - Present | 3 | HIST 4821 | Constitutionalism in the Americas | 3 |
| HIST 4270 | African-Americans in the Twentieth Century | 3 | Europe | | |
| HIST 4280 | America in the Reagan Years | 3 | HIST 1520 | The Ancient World | 3 |
| HIST 4290 | Innovation in 20th and 21st Century America | 3 | HIST 1540 | England Before the Glorious Revolution | 3 |
| HIST 4310 | Adoption, Child Welfare and the Family, 1850-Present | 3 | HIST 1560 | The World of the Middle Ages | 3 |
| HIST 4400 | History of American Law | 3 | HIST 1570 | Survey of Early Modern Europe, 1350-1650 | 3 |
| HIST 4410 | Introduction to U.S. Social History | 3 | HIST 2520 | From Waterloo to Sarajevo: European History, 1815-1914 | 3 |
| HIST 4415 | African Americans and American Justice | 3 | HIST 2530 | Ukrainian History from Medieval to Modern Times | 3 |
| | | | HIST 2550 | Farm to Table in Ancient Greece and Rome: Small Farms and Big Business | 3 |
| | | | HIST 2560 | Modern Military History | 3 |

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| HIST 2570 | The First World War and its Aftermath | 3 | HIST 4680 | From the Rise of the Nazis to the Fall of the Wall: German History in the Twentieth Century | 3 |
| HIST 2580 | Mafia Myth and Reality: The Italian Mafia and the Nation-State, 1860 to the Present | 3 | HIST 4685 | The Holocaust | 3 |
| HIST 2590 | Epidemics and Society | 3 | HIST 4690 | Modern France 1815 to Present | 3 |
| HIST 2600 | Early Christianity | 3 | HIST 4700 | Imperial Russia, 1682-1825 | 3 |
| HIST 2620 | History of Christianity, 1500-Present | 3 | HIST 4865 | Buying Desire: History of Consumption | 3 |
| HIST 2630 | History of Christian Traditions | 3 | HIST 4710 | The Russian Revolution | 3 |
| HIST 2700 | History of Pirates: Maritime Raiding From the Ancient to the Modern Eras | 3 | Asia | | |
| HIST 3510 | The Ancient Greek World | 3 | HIST 1820 | Asian Humanities | 3 |
| HIST 3520 | The Roman World | 3 | HIST 1830 | Survey of East Asian History | 3 |
| HIST 3530 | The Hellenistic World: From Alexander to Rome | 3 | HIST 1870 | Imperial China: China to 1600 | 3 |
| HIST 3540 | 20th Century Europe | 3 | HIST 1871 | History of China in Modern Times | 3 |
| HIST 3545 | World War II | 3 | HIST 1872 | Mao's China and Beyond: China Since 1949 | 3 |
| HIST 3550 | Science and Medicine in Ancient and Medieval Europe | 3 | HIST 2820 | Taiwan: The First Chinese Democracy | 3 |
| HIST 3560 | The Scientific Revolution | 3 | HIST 3820 | Twentieth Century China | 3 |
| HIST 3570 | European Women in the 19th Century | 3 | HIST 3830 | Chinese Women's History | 3 |
| HIST 3580 | Modern Italy, 1815 to the Present | 3 | HIST 3845 | Rights and Revolutions in Asia | 3 |
| HIST 3590 | The Early Middle Ages | 3 | HIST 3845 | Rights and Revolutions in Asia | 3 |
| HIST 3600 | The Later Middle Ages | 3 | HIST 3860 | History of Mexico | 3 |
| HIST 4075 | Global History in Oxford | 4 | HIST 4800 | Modern China and Japan: War, Imperialism and Memory | 3 |
| HIST 4480 | The History of Genocide and Atrocity | 3 | HIST 4860 | Colonial Masculinity/Colonial Frontier | 3 |
| HIST 4500 | Philip II and Alexander the Great of Macadonia | 3 | HIST 4870 | Southeast Asia Since the Eighteenth Century | 3 |
| HIST 4510 | Crime and Punishment: Law in Classical Athens | 3 | HIST 4880 | Chinese Migration: From Yellow Peril to Model Minority | 3 |
| HIST 4520 | The Rise and Fall of the Roman Republic | 3 | Transnational | | |
| HIST 4530 | The Roman Empire | 3 | HIST 2150 | The American Civil War: A Global History | 3 |
| HIST 4535 | Monastic Worlds | 3 | GN_HON 2245H | Revolutions | 3 |
| HIST 4540 | The Later Roman Empire | 3 | HIST 2560 | Modern Military History | 3 |
| HIST 4550 | Age of the Vikings | 3 | HIST 2590 | Epidemics and Society | 3 |
| HIST 4560 | The Crusades | 3 | HIST 2904 | Black Studies in Slavery and Freedom | 3 |
| HIST 4570 | Intellectual History of Europe, 17th and 18th Centuries | 3 | HIST 3505 | History of Ancient Egypt | 3 |
| HIST 4580 | The "Making" of Modern Europe: Identity, Culture, Empire | 3 | HIST 3545 | World War II | 3 |
| HIST 4585 | Rome from Fascism to Liberation, 1922-1944 | 3 | HIST 3620 | Britain and the Sea | 3 |
| HIST 4590 | Stuart England | 3 | HIST 4075 | Global History in Oxford | 4 |
| HIST 4600 | English Legal and Constitutional History | 3 | HIST 4260 | The Age of Ascendancy: U.S. Foreign Relations, 1945 - Present | 3 |
| HIST 4605 | Spain in the Age of Empire, 1450-1750 | 3 | HIST 4450 | Historic Preservation | 3 |
| HIST 4610 | Early Modern Britain, 1450-1688 | 3 | HIST 4480 | The History of Genocide and Atrocity | 3 |
| HIST 4615 | Empire's Crossroads: Britain and the Middle East | 3 | HIST 4865 | Buying Desire: History of Consumption | 3 |
| HIST 4620 | Modern England | 3 | IV. History Electives | | 6 |
| HIST 4630 | The Age of the Renaissance | 3 | Choose any 2 history courses, 3000 level or above | | |
| HIST 3640 | Reformations and Religious Conflicts in Early Modern Europe | 3 | V. Capstone (Required Prerequisite: HIST 2950) Choose one option | | 6 |
| HIST 4645 | Witchcraft and Witch Hunting in Pre-Modern Europe | 3 | A. One seminar (HIST 4970, HIST 4971, HIST 4972) and one 4000 level history course | | |
| HIST 4650 | Revolutionary France, 1789-1815 | 3 | B. Undergraduate Thesis: HIST 4980 & HIST 4981 | | |
| HIST 4660 | Gender, War, and Migration: Europe, 1914 to the Present | 3 | 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. | | |
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| HIST 4290 | Innovation in 20th and 21st Century America | 3 |
| HIST 4310 | Adoption, Child Welfare and the Family, 1850-Present | 3 |

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| HIST 4430 | The Great West in American History | 3 |
| HIST 4440 | History of the American Environment | 3 |
| HIST 4445 | American Political Economy from the Commerce Clause to the Great Recession | 3 |
| HIST 4460 | Economic Characteristics of the African American Experience | 1 |
| HIST 4480 | The History of Genocide and Atrocity | 3 |
| HIST 4900 | Beltway History: American Constitutional Democracy in Theory and Practice | 3 |
| HIST 4904 | Historical and Contemporary Slavery | 3 |

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 | | | |
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| Fall | CR | Spring | CR |
| Second Language Requirement | | 4 Second Language Requirement | 4 |
| ENGLSH 1000 | | 3 Math and Quantitative Reasoning | 3 |
| Introductory History (Pre-Modern/Early Modern Area) | | 3 HIST 1200 (Missouri State Law Requirement/Introductory History: (Modern Area) | 3 |
| Biological or Physical lab | | 4 Social Science from Arts and Science | 3 |
| | | Humanities | 3 |
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| Second Year | | | |
| Fall | CR | Spring | CR |
| Second Language Requirement | | 4 History Area Specific | 3 |
| HIST 2950 | | 3 Introductory History (3rd Area) | 3 |
| Biological or Physical lab | | 5 Behavioral Science from Arts and Science | 3 |
| Humanities | | 3 undefined | 3 |
| | | Second major, minor, certificate, or elective | 3 |
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| Third Year | | | |
| Fall | CR | Spring | CR |
| History 3000+ Elective | | 3 History 3000+ level- Area Specific | 3 |
| Area Specific-US History Course | | 3 Humanities, 2000+ level | 3 |
| Behavioral Science, 2000+ level | | 3 Social Science from Arts and Science | 3 |
| Social Science, 2000+ level | | 3 Second major, minor, certificate, or elective | 3 |
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| Fourth Year | | | |
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| Fall | CR | Spring | CR |
| History 3000+ Elective | | 3 History 4000+ Elective | 3 |
| Second major, minor, certificate, or elective | | 3 Humanities | 3 |
| HIST 4970W, 4971W, or 4972W | | 3 Second major, minor, certificate, or elective | 3 |
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Total Credits: 120