

Department of History

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Major in History (B.A.)

Minor in History

The Department of History offers a major and minor in history. History majors may specialize in European or American history or may develop a contract major in consultation with department members. Students who elect to build a contract major may choose American Studies, the American South, American Slavery, American Women's History, Asian Studies, European Studies, history for pre-law, history for journalism, history for government service, history for divinity services, history for mass communications, and history for careers in business. Other thematic contracts are possible with department approval.

The history major develops students' writing, research, and reasoning abilities. It addresses the need to construct clear and appropriate interpretations about complex information. The major prepares students for a number of career paths including graduate training in a variety of disciplines. The major in history serves well the demand that graduates express their ideas clearly and think responsibly.

Students interested in public history should read about our public history major described under interdisciplinary majors.

Mission

In keeping with the mission of the College, the Department of History emphasizes teaching knowledge and skills necessary for students to be articulate and responsible citizens, and to understand the historical developments that have resulted in an interconnected world community. Specifically, the Department helps students, majors and non-majors alike, gain knowledge of the Judaeo-Christian heritage in a world context and guides them in understanding other cultures and value systems. Further, it helps students understand the nature of change and continuity in human experience over time. History students will grow to understand the relationship of history to life and to recognize the constant need to re-think the past in light of new questions, new information and new tools of analysis.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will develop an awareness of the importance of the past for its own sake and for its use in the present and future.
2. Students will demonstrate their learning and growth toward undergraduate competency in reading, researching, and writing history.
3. History majors will learn appropriate historiographical analysis and historical synthesis.

Department Obligations

1. The Department will offer courses for majors and non-majors alike that provide a strong foundation in important historical eras and cultures, and will offer courses which emphasize global diversity in cultures and environment.
2. The Department will offer for history majors and history minors courses which deal with historical methods, with original research, and which integrate and synthesize the study of history at St. Andrews.
3. The Department will provide in curriculum and instruction the opportunity for stu-

dents to exercise and develop skills of critical analysis and writing.

4. The Department will prepare and advise history majors for professional training, careers, law or graduate school, and teaching.

Honors in History

The Department may invite history majors to participate in Departmental Honors if they have a 3.6 GPA. in history courses and a 3.2 cumulative G.P.A. After successfully completing HIS 325 Junior Seminar with no less than a B course grade such students will, at the invitation of the Department, enroll in HIS 491 Honors Seminar during the fall of their senior year.

Continuing in the honors program requires the following by the end of HIS 491:

1. Approved thesis proposal.
2. Demonstration of adequate progress toward completion of the project.

The Department will consider students meeting these criteria for enrollment in HIS 497, Honors Research.

In addition to the successful completion of HIS 491, a student will earn Departmental Honors with successful completion of the following:

1. The submission of a thesis which conforms to the Department's Thesis Guideline manual on or before the designated deadline date. The normal deadline will be three weeks before spring graduation.
2. A successful defense of the thesis before a three or four person defense committee of whom at least two will be History Department faculty. At least one Department member must be tenured. The Department will arrange and convene this defense committee in consultation with the student.
3. The submission of a final copy of the approved thesis which includes: a. revisions of the thesis required by the defense committee, b. a manuscript which meets the preparation rules described by the History Department in the Thesis Guideline manual.
4. Notification by the director of the thesis to the Department that the student has met all the above conditions.

Major in History, 36 credits: B.A.

A standard major in history consists of 36 credits. A student may take a maximum of 15 credits at the 100-200 level that must include the HIS 201 and 202 sequence for American History majors or HIS 102 for European majors. An additional three credits must include either HIS 101 or 102 for American history majors or HIS 201 or 202 for European history majors. Students must take a minimum of 18 credits at the 300-400 level.

Required Courses for Majors

American History Majors only:

American History electives, History 201 & History 202 6

European History Majors only:

European History elective History 102 6

Approved elective: European students take either HIS 201 or 202;

American History Students take either HIS 101 or 102 3

History 325 3

History 425 or HIS 491/HIS 497 sequence 2/6

Elective course of history 21

Note: Contract majors will take a similar set of required courses prescribed by the Department.

Contract Major in History, 36-45 credits: B.A.

A contract major in History consists of 36-45 history and related credits carefully selected to meet the needs of the student. At least half of the credits in the contract must be history courses. A minimum of eighteen (18) credits in history at the 300-400 levels is required. Typical contract options include: American Studies, Southern(US) History, Slavery Studies, Asian Studies, European Studies, history for pre-law, history for journalism, history for government service, history for mass communications, and history for careers in business.

Samples of a Major in History

American History

Lower Level

HIS 101 Western Civilization I	3
HIS 102 Western Civilization II	3
HIS 201 American History Survey I	3
HIS 202 American History Survey II	3
HIS 248 African American History Survey	3

Upper Level

HIS 335 United States Slavery	3
HIS 334 Civil War and Reconstruction	3
HIS 356 The Second World War and the Holocaust	3
HIS 314 Historically Bad Behavior	3
HIS 371 The United States and the Vietnam War	3
HIS 325 Junior Methodology and Research Seminar in History	3
HIS 425 Senior Research Seminar in History	2

European History

Lower Level

HIS 101 Western Civilization I	3
HIS 102 Western Civilization II	3
HIS 201 American History Survey I	3
HIS 202 American History Survey II	3
HIS 283 Latin American History Survey II	3

Upper Level

HIS 353 The French Revolution and Napoleon	3
HIS 355 The Turn of the Century and World War I	3
HIS 356 The Second World War & the Holocaust, Europe 1919-1945	3
HIS 357 The Second World War; Asia and the Pacific 1919-1945	3
HIS 371 The United States and the Vietnam War	3
HIS 390 Special Area Studies Course	3

General History

Lower Level

HIS 101 Western Civilization I	3
HIS 102 Western Civilization II	3
HIS 201 American History Survey I	3
HIS 277 Topics in Latin American History	3
HIS 271 The United State and the Vietnam War	3

Upper Level

HIS 353 The French Revolution and Napoleon	3
HIS 334 Civil War and Reconstruction	3
HIS 335 United States Slavery	3
HIS 356 The Second World War & the Holocaust, Europe 1919-1945	3
HIS 357 World War Two: Asia and The Pacific 1919-1945	3
HIS 325 Junior Methodology and Research Seminar in History	3
HIS 425 Senior Research Seminar in History	2

Contract Major for History/Pre-Law

Lower Level

HIS 101 Western Civilization I	3
HIS 102 Western Civilization II	3
HIS 201 American History Survey I	3
HIS 202 American History Survey II	3
POL 201 Introduction to American Politics	3
COM 113 Public Speaking	2
POL 251 Introduction to Law	3

Upper Level

PHI 333 Philosophy of Law	3
POL 323 Conflict Resolution	3
POL 362 Constitutional Law	3
HIS 345 The American Civil Rights Movement	3
BUS 301 Business Law	3
HIS 325 Junior Methodology and Research Seminar in History	3
HIS 425 Senior Research Seminar in History	2

Contract for History/Economics

Lower Level

HIS 101 Western Civilization I	3
HIS 102 Western Civilization II	3
HIS 201 American History Survey I	3
HIS 202 American History Survey II	3
ACCT 201 Principles of Accounting I	3
ACCT 202 Principles of Accounting II	3
ECON 201 Microeconomics	3
ECON 202 Macroeconomics	3

Upper Level

HIS 345 The American Civil Rights Movement	3
ECON 333 Money, Banking, & Financial Institutions	3
BUS 321 Principles of Marketing Management	3
BUS 331 Principles of Management	3
BUS 341 Principles of Financial Management	3
HIS 353 The French Revolution and Napoleon	3
HIS 357 World War Two: Asia and The Pacific 1919-1945	3
HIS 314 Topics in American History	3
HIS 325 Junior Methodology and Research Seminar in History	3
HIS 425 Senior Research Seminar in History	2

Contract for Non-Western Cultures

Lower Level

HIS 101 Western Civilization I	3
HIS 102 Western Civilization II	3
HIS 282 Latin American History Survey I	3
HIS 283 Latin American History Survey II	3
SPA 151 Spanish I	3
POL 211 Introduction to International Politics	3

Upper Level

RST 372 Religions of India and South Asia	3
LIT 375 Japanese Fiction	2
POL 309 Area Studies	3
HIS 371 The US and the Vietnam War	3
HIS 377 Topics in Latin American History	3
HIS 314 Historically Bad Behavior	3
HIS 356 The Second World War & the Holocaust, Europe 1919-1945	3
HIS 357 The Second World War; Asia and the Pacific 1919-194	3
POL 342 Contemporary Issues	2
HIS 325 Junior Methodology and Research Seminar in History	3
HIS 425 Senior Research Seminar in History	2

Minor in History, 18 credits

The History Department offers a minor in history consisting of a minimum of eighteen (18) credits, at least half of which are upper level.

Required Courses

HIS 325 Junior Methodology and Research Seminar in History	3
Approved History Electives at the 100-200 levels	9
Approved History Electives at the 300-400 levels	6

General Requirement for All History and Public History Majors

All senior history and public history majors who expect to graduate in the spring semester of their senior year are required to submit a formal evaluation of their progress prescribed by the department in March of their senior year.