History

General Information

Degrees and Areas of Concentration

Students and Faculty in the History Department are curious and creative. We ask big questions about the past to understand the present and build the future. Faculty members bring our diverse backgrounds, experiences, and expertise to the courses we offer in African, African American, European, Latin American, Japanese, World, and United States history from ancient to modern times. Our students go on to thrive in a wide range of careers: business, museums and public history, education, libraries, law, management and more.

The department offers the B.A. in history, and, in cooperation with the College of Education, the B.S. Ed. in Secondary Education with Emphasis in History and Social Studies and the B.A. in History with Secondary Social Studies Teacher Certification. Students can complete the History major and minor online. Faculty collaborations on campus and in the community make the History Department a starting place for interdisciplinary certificates and minors in African and African American Studies, American Studies, Latina/Latino Studies, and Religious Studies. Students can access internship and research opportunities through our partnerships with museums, archives, schools, and cultural organizations. Majors and minors build their skills in writing, research, communication, and analysis, and enjoy small, advanced level classes, ensuring they receive individual attention from faculty committed to their intellectual and professional development.

At the graduate level, the department offers an M.A. in History and an M.A. in Museums, Heritage, and Public History. The department also offers a graduate certificate in History Education and a graduate certificate in Museums, Heritage and Public History. These certificates can be taken by itself or in conjunction with the M.A. in History or M.Ed. in Secondary Education.

Bachelor of Liberal Studies Option:

A minor in history may be combined with a minor in another discipline and a capstone to form a Bachelor of Liberal Studies. The relevant capstones are either HIST 4999 or any HIST 4142/HIST 4143 level course. Since students taking HIST 4999 must have taken HIST 3199, it is suggested such students use this class to satisfy the Logic and Methodology requirement. Students can use the same course to satisfy the Logic and Methodology requirement of both minors, but cannot use the same science courses. Also, a Bachelor of Liberal Studies program is easily combined, in turn, with a major in any science as a double major. Employers appreciate this pathway as it provides graduates with a deeper historical and conceptual understanding of the science(s) he or she is studying.

Career Outlook for B. A. and M. A. graduates

Study and research in history sharpens organizational and writing skills important to success in a variety of fields. Professionals in business, education, law, banking, libraries, and foreign service all find it relevant to their careers. Interest in local history has created employment opportunities in museum, archival, and preservation work that are growing faster than the norm. History alumni in a wide variety of fields are as conscious of and appreciative of their training in history as those who have chosen it as a profession. For more information on the national outlook for history majors, see American Historical Association’s Career Resources.

Degrees

History BA

History MA

• Museums, Heritage and Public History Emphasis

History BA/MA Dual Degree Program

Minors

African/African Studies Minor

Anthropology Minor

Global Health and Social Medicine Minor

History Minor

Latina/Latino Studies Minor

Certificates

History Education Graduate Certificate

Museums Heritage and Public History Graduate Certificate

Courses

Courses offered by the department can be found at the links below:

History (HIST)

Anthropology (ANTHRO)