

History



Department of Social Sciences

College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

The Field

History is the art and science of understanding humanity in time. It seeks to recreate the context of changing human activities, be they cultural, economic, political, or social. Because of its special concern for time, history is a valuable field of study for those who want an understanding of where humanity has been and where it is going, and of the world and their own place in it. Furthermore, history provides a solid background for those who seek a career in teaching, government work, law or business. In its role as a part of the humanities, history also enriches an individual's personal life and environment.

Career Opportunities

Since the study of history helps us to recognize and analyze the complexity of changing forces that have shaped the world in which we live, history provides a solid liberal arts foundation for many career options. Students desiring to put their research and organizational skills to good use should consider fields such as historic preservation, archives management, library science, or genealogy. Education, at the elementary, secondary, and college level, is also a popular choice for history majors. Journalism, editing, and market analysis are other good options. Complementing your history major with a minor in communications, statistics, foreign language, business, or computer science, would be an excellent way to build your skill set and make you more marketable.

The Major

(Requirements are subject to change. Degree-seeking students will be subject to the requirements in effect at the time that they are admitted or re-admitted.)

Prerequisites

Three of the following:

- HIST 101 Ancient World
- HIST 102 Medieval World
- HIST 103 Modern World
- HIST 104 Chinese Civilization
- HIST 105 Japanese Society & Culture
- HIST 106 African Past
- HIST 108 Latin America: The Colonial Era
- HIST 109 Latin America: The Modern Era
- HIST 111 American Past I
- HIST 112 American Past II
- HIST 113 Islamic Civilization to 1500
- HIST 114 Islamic Civilization 1500 to Present

Requirements

27 credit hours of history coursework numbered 300 or above, including six hours in American history; nine hours in European, Asian, African, or Latin American history; plus History 300 and History 4999 (or History 498). History 300 should be taken during or prior to the first semester of the junior year.

Cognates

Six hours from courses numbered 300 or above in anthropology, art history, economics, geography, literature, music history, philosophy, political science, psychology, sociology.

Portfolio

History majors must complete a faculty-approved portfolio of four papers from upper-division history courses, including a paper each from History 300 and History 4999 (or History 498).

Minor/Area of Focus

History is also available as a minor or as an area of focus in General Studies or Liberal Studies. The minor or area of focus requires six hours of upper level U.S. history, and six hours of upper level non-U.S. history.

The Courses

HIST 101	Ancient World
HIST 102	Medieval World
HIST 103	Modern World
HIST 104	Chinese Civilization
HIST 105	Japanese Society and Culture
HIST 106	African Past
HIST 108	Latin America: The Colonial Era
HIST 109	Latin America: The Modern Era
HIST 111	American Past
HIST 112	American Past II
HIST 113	Islamic Civilization to 1500
HIST 114	Islamic Civilization: 1500 to Present
HIST 300	Study of History
HIST 301	Armenia in World History
HIST 302	Russian Intellectual History
HIST 304	Studies in Detroit Culture
HIST 306	20th Century Russian Intellectual History
HIST 307	Early Russian History
HIST 308	Imperial Russia
HIST 309	The Russian Revolution
HIST 314	England: Tudors and Stuarts
HIST 315	Modern Britain
HIST 316	African American History
HIST 319	Civil War and Reconstruction

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HIST 321	Late Imperial China
HIST 322	Traditional China
HIST 323	History of Modern China
HIST 325	Traditional Japan
HIST 326	Modern Japan
HIST 329	Medieval Society
HIST 330	The Renaissance
HIST 331	The Reformation Era: 1500-1648
HIST 333	Europe in the Age of Revolution: 1750-1815
HIST 334	Europe in the Age of Imperialism: 1815-1914
HIST 335	20th Century Europe: 1900-1945
HIST 336	The Contemporary World: 1945-Present
HIST 337	Islamic Movements in Middle Eastern History
HIST 338	Women and Islam in Middle Eastern History
HIST 339	Ottoman Empire in the 19th Century
HIST 340	Freud's Vienna: 1866-1920
HIST 341	History, Literature and 20th Century Iran
HIST 343	Germany Before Hitler
HIST 345	West Africa Since 1800
HIST 3520	Lebanon in Modern Middle East
HIST 354	The United States and Vietnam
HIST 355	English Colonies in America: 1607-1763
HIST 356	American Revolution: 1763-1815
HIST 358	Emergence of the Modern United States: 1876-1916
HIST 359	Era of World Wars: 1916-1946
HIST 360	The United States Since 1946
HIST 360I	Michigan History
HIST 3602	Comparative American Identities
HIST 361	United States Economic History
HIST 362	European and International Economic History
HIST 363	Religion in American History I: 1607-1865
HIST 3635	The 1960s In America
HIST 364	Religion in American History II: 1865-Present
HIST 365I	Women Leadership/Social Change
HIST 368	Black Experience in the United States: 1865-Present
HIST 369	Civil Rights Movement in America
HIST 3695	American City
HIST 370	Women in America— The Historical Perspective
HIST 374	History of Industrial Technology
HIST 378	History of Consciousness
HIST 379	Language, Myth & Dreams
HIST 381	Intellectual History of Modern Europe
HIST 383	Labor in America
HIST 384	Immigration in America
HIST 385	Modern France
HIST 386	Comparative History of Technology
HIST 387	The Holocaust
HIST 389	Nazi Germany
HIST 390	Topics in History
HIST 398	Independent Studies in History
HIST 485	History Internship
HIST 490	Selected Topics in History
HIST 4999	History Seminar
HIST 498	Senior Honors Thesis
HIST 499	Advanced Independent Studies in History

Evening Offerings

History faculty are committed to a comprehensive evening program. However, evening students should watch for infrequently offered courses and take them when available.

Faculty

Camron Michael Amin, Ph.D., University of Chicago, Professor. Teaches modern Iranian history with a focus on two areas: the press in Iranian history and gender in Iranian history.

Hani Bawardi, Ph.D., Wayne State University, Assistant Professor, Center for Arab-American Studies and History. Teaches the immigration to the U.S. from the Middle East, Islamic Civilizations, and U.S. History.

Sidney Bolkosky, Ph.D., SUNY at Binghamton, William E. Stirton Professor in the Social Sciences, Professor of History, Director of Honors Program. Teaches the Holocaust, modern European intellectual history, and the history of psychoanalysis and modern German history.

Elaine Clark, Ph.D., University of Michigan, Professor. Teaches the history of the Middle Ages, with special emphasis on social history and the history of English law.

Martin Hershock, Ph.D., University of Michigan, Associate Professor and Department Chair. Teaches the impact of the social/economic change associated with America's antebellum "market revolution" upon the era's political culture and how, in turn, that connection helped to trigger civil war.

Georgina Hickey, Ph.D., University of Michigan, Associate Professor. Teaches U.S. cultural and social history, women's history, urban history, late 19th/early 20th century history, labor history, and African American history.

Sally Howell, Ph.D., University of Michigan, Assistant Professor. History and Center for Arab American Studies. Teaches courses on the history of America, Arab Americans, Muslim Americans, and American religion.

Joe Lunn, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin, Madison, Professor. Teaches modern European and African history, modern French and European intellectual and cultural history, and West Africa and Senegambia history.

Gerald Moran, Ph.D., Rutgers University, Professor. Teaches early American history, with a focus on social history and the history of religion, education, family, and gender.

Pamela Pennock, Ph.D., Ohio State University, Associate Professor. Teaches modern U.S. history, U.S. history after 1945, and women's history.

Ahmad Rahman, Ph.D., University of Michigan, Associate Professor. Teaches African and American history with a focus on intellectual history, social movements, and the African diaspora.

Ara Sanjian, Ph.D., School of African and Oriental Studies of the University of London, Associate Professor of History and Director of the Armenian Research Center. Teaches the history of Armenia, the Soviet Union, and the Middle East.

Lowell Skar, Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania, Assistant Professor of History. Teaches Asian history, specializing in Chinese and Japanese history and the history of medicine, technology and religion.

For More Information

For additional information about the history program, contact:
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