

History (HIS)

Division of Social Sciences

- **BA Major in History: 41 credit hours**
- **BS Major in History Education: 37 credit hours**
- **Minor: 18 credit hours**
- **Major/Minor GPA required for graduation: 2.5 cumulative GPA and all major courses completed with a C- or better. For students pursuing an initial licensure in secondary education, all coursework taken towards licensure must be completed with a C or better.**

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- **Capstone in History: Senior Thesis in History (HIS 410)**
- **Capstone in History Education: Student Teaching**
- **Research: Historical Methods (HIS 110) and Seminar In Historical Research (HIS 310)**
- **Foreign Language: 6 credit hours for the BA in History**

Description of Major: The study of history is a solid preparation for life in an increasingly unpredictable modern world. Its study sharpens abilities to analyze and evaluate information critically, to interpret relationships, to translate ideas into different forms, to apply concepts to varying situations, to synthesize new concepts from given information, and to evaluate alternative courses of action or interpretations of historical data. A history major will develop strong writing and research capabilities, culminating in a major original research paper based on primary source materials.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students will:

- Build historical knowledge.
- Interpret primary and secondary sources to make historical arguments.
- Apply historical methods and the research process using discipline-specific standards, i.e., the Chicago Manual of Style.
- Create historical arguments and narratives to answer research questions.

Preparation: History has proven to be an outstanding preparation for successful careers in law, teaching, business, writing, and other fields. Social science secondary education students who are interested in procuring a history concentration may pursue a Bachelor of Science in history education. This degree, while not as comprehensive as the traditional history major, will nevertheless enable the holder to compete for teaching positions within the state of Illinois, seek a variety of business and non-profit professional careers in which the traditional liberal arts are valued, and pursue graduate studies in history.

HISTORY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS 41 crs.

HIS 110	HISTORICAL METHODS	(1)
HIS 161	WORLD CIVILIZATION TO 1450	(3)
HIS 162	WORLD CIVILIZATION SINCE 1450	(3)
HIS 163	TWENTIETH CENTURY WORLD HISTORY	(3)
HIS 261	UNITED STATES HISTORY TO 1877	(3)
HIS 262	UNITED STATES HISTORY SINCE 1877	(3)
HIS 310	SEMINAR IN HISTORICAL RESEARCH	(1)
HIS 410	SENIOR THESIS IN HISTORY (W)	(3)
	FOREIGN LANGUAGE	(6)
	ADDITIONAL HISTORY ELECTIVES	(15)
	(6 MUST BE 300-LEVEL US AND 6 MUST BE 300-LEVEL NON-US)	

HISTORY EDUCATION MAJOR REQUIREMENTS REQUIRED HISTORY COURSES

37 crs.

HIS 110	HISTORICAL METHODS	(1)
HIS 161	WORLD CIVILIZATION TO 1450	(3)
HIS 162	WORLD CIVILIZATION SINCE 1450	(3)

HIS 163	TWENTIETH CENTURY WORLD HISTORY	(3)
HIS 261	UNITED STATES HISTORY TO 1877	(3)
HIS 262	UNITED STATES HISTORY SINCE 1877	(3)
HIS 331	ILLINOIS HISTORY	(3)
HIS 372	AMERICAN ECONOMIC HISTORY	(3)
HIS 376	MINORITIES IN THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE	(3)
<i>or</i>		
HIS 371	U.S. WOMEN'S HISTORY	(3)
	ADDITIONAL HISTORY ELECTIVES	(12)
	(6 MUST BE 300-LEVEL US AND 6 MUST BE 300-LEVEL NON-US)	

RECOMMENDED ELECTIVES

SOC 150	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	(3)
SSC 150	WORLD GEOGRAPHY	(3)
ECO 212	PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS	(3)
PSI 101	AMERICAN POLITICS	(3)
PSI 102	STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	(3)
PSI 210	INTRODUCTION TO WORLD POLITICS	(3)
PSY 153	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY	(3)

For a list of professional education program requirements, see the secondary education section under "School of Education."

RECOMMENDED ELECTIVES

PHI 363	HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY: GREEK AND MEDIEVAL (W)	(3)
PHI 364	HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY: RENAISSANCE AND MODERN (W)	(3)
PSI 101	AMERICAN POLITICS	(3)
PSI 230	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY	(3)
ANT 149	INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	(3)

HISTORY MINOR REQUIREMENTS **18 crs.**

HIS 161	WORLD CIVILIZATION TO 1450	(3)
<i>and</i>		
HIS 162	WORLD CIVILIZATION SINCE 1450	(3)
<i>or</i>		
HIS 261	UNITED STATES HISTORY TO 1877	(3)
<i>and</i>		
HIS 262	UNITED STATES HISTORY SINCE 1877	(3)
	ADDITIONAL HISTORY ELECTIVES	(12)
	(9 CREDITS MUST BE AT THE 300 LEVEL OR ABOVE.)	

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