# History

**Department of History**

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Students **must** consult with their assigned advisor before they will be able to register for courses.

History B.A.

Course Requirements for B.A. in History

Courses

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| HIST 281W | History Matters I: Methods and Skills | 3 | F, Sp |
| HIST 282W | History Matters II: Historical Research | 3 | F, Sp |
| HIST 389W | History Matters III: Senior Research Project | 2 | F, Sp |

ONE COURSE from

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| HIST 101 | Multiple Voices: Africa in the World | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 102 | Multiple Voices: Asia in the World | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 103 | Multiple Voices: Europe in the World to 1600 | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 104 | Multiple Voices: Europe in the World Since 1600 | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 105 | Multiple Voices: Latin America in the World | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 106 | Multiple Voices: Muslim People in the World | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 107 | Multiple Voices: The United States in the World | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 108 | History of Science and Medicine | 4 | Annually |

ONE COURSE EACH from Categories A, B, and C

Category A: U.S. History

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| HIST 201 | U.S. History: 1400-1800 | 3 | F, Sp |
| HIST 202 | U.S. History: 1800-1920 | 3 | F, Sp |
| HIST 203 | U.S. History: 1920 to the Present | 3 | F, Sp |
| HIST 209 | The American Revolution | 3 | Annually |
| HIST 217 | American Gender and Women’s History | 3 | Annually |
| HIST 218 | American Foreign Policy: 1945 to the Present | 3 | F |
| HIST 219 | Popular Culture in Twentieth Century America | 3 | Alternate years |
| HIST 320 | American Colonial History | 3 | Annually |
| HIST 322 | The Early American Republic | 3 | Annually |
| HIST 323 | The Gilded Age and Progressive Era | 3 | Alternate years |
| HIST 324 | Crises of American Modernity, 1914-1945 | 3 | Annually |
| HIST 325 | Superpower America 1945-1990 | 3 | Annually |
| HIST 328 | History of the American West | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 329 | Civil War and Reconstruction | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 330 | History of American Immigration | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 331 | Rhode Island History | 3 | Sp |
| HIST 332 | The American Presidency | 4 | Annually |
| HIST 334 | African American History | 3 | Annually |
| HIST 336 | The United States and the Emerging World | 3 | Sp |

Category B: European History

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| HIST 220 | Ancient Greece | 3 | Alternate years |
| HIST 221 | The Roman Republic | 3 | Alternate Years |
| HIST 222 | The Roman Empire | 3 | Alternate Years |
| HIST 223 | Medieval History | 3 | Alternate years |
| HIST 224 | The Glorious Renaissance | 3 | F |
| HIST 234 | Challenges and Confrontations: Women in Europe | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 235 | Voices of the Great War | 3 | Alternate years |
| HIST 258 | Environmental History | 3 | Annually |
| HIST 306 | Protestant Reformations and Catholic Renewal | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 307 | Europe in the Age of Enlightenment | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 308 | Europe in the Age of Revolution, 1789 to 1850 | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 309 | Europe in the Age of Nationalism, 1850 to 1914 | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 310 | Twentieth-Century Europe | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 311 | The Origins of Russia to 1700 | 3 | Alternate years |
| HIST 312 | Russia from Peter to Lenin | 3 | Alternate years |
| HIST 313 | The Soviet Union and After | 3 | Alternate years |
| HIST 315 | Western Legal Systems | 4 | As needed |
| HIST 316 | Modern Western Political Thought | 4 | F |
| HIST 317 | Politics and Society | 4 | Sp |
| HIST 318 | Tudor-Stuart England | 3 | As needed |

Category C: Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East History

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| HIST 204 | Global History Since 1500 | 3 | F, Sp |
| HIST 236 | Post-Independence Africa | 3 | Annually |
| HIST 238 | Early Imperial China | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 239 | Japanese History through Art and Literature | 3 | Alternate years |
| HIST 241 | Colonial and Neocolonial Latin America | 3 | Annually |
| HIST 242 | Modern Latin America | 3 | Annually |
| HIST 340 | The Muslim World from the Age of Muhammad to 1800 | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 341 | The Muslim World in Modern Times, 1800 to the Present | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 342 | Islam and Politics in Modern History | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 345 | Conflict, Globalization, and Modern East Asia | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 348 | Africa under Colonial Rule | 3 | Annually |

FOUR ADDITIONAL COURSES from any of the three above categories.

Note: Of these SEVEN courses in the above categories, THREE must be at the 200-level and FOUR must be at the 300-level. At least ONE of these courses must primarily focus on history pre-1800.

Note: Connections courses cannot be used to satisfy these requirements.

Subtotal: 33-37

History Minor

Course Requirements

The minor in history consists of a minimum of 22 credit hours (seven courses), as follows:

Courses

ONE COURSE from:

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| HIST 101 | Multiple Voices: Africa in the World | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 102 | Multiple Voices: Asia in the World | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 103 | Multiple Voices: Europe in the World to 1600 | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 104 | Multiple Voices: Europe in the World Since 1600 | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 105 | Multiple Voices: Latin America in the World | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 106 | Multiple Voices: Muslim People in the World | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 107 | Multiple Voices: The United States in the World | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 108 | History of Science and Medicine | 4 | Annually |

and SIX additional 200- or 300-level history courses, chosen in consultation with advisor.

Note: Connections courses cannot be used to satisfy these requirements.

Total Credit Hours: 22

Public History Minor

Course Requirements

The minor in public history consists of a minimum of 19 credit hours (eight courses), as follows:

Courses

ONE COURSE from

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| HIST 101 | Multiple Voices: Africa in the World | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 102 | Multiple Voices: Asia in the World | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 103 | Multiple Voices: Europe in the World to 1600 | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 104 | Multiple Voices: Europe in the World Since 1600 | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 105 | Multiple Voices: Latin America in the World | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 106 | Multiple Voices: Muslim People in the World | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 107 | Multiple Voices: The United States in the World | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 108 | History of Science and Medicine | 4 | Annually |

AND

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| HIST 331 | Rhode Island History | 3 | Sp |
| HIST 381 | Workshop: History and the Elementary Education Teacher | 1 | F |
| HIST 389W | History Matters III: Senior Research Project | 2 | F, Sp |

ONE ADDITIONAL COURSE in U.S. History

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | One additional course in U.S. History | 3 |  |

TWO SEMESTERS of

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| HIST 357 | Public History Experiences | 3 | Annually |

Total Credit Hours: 19

History M.A.

Admission Requirements

1. A completed application form accompanied by a $50 nonrefundable application fee.

2. Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate records.

3. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale in undergraduate course work.

4. A minimum of 24 credit hours of undergraduate courses in history (these courses should not include a Western civilization series or its equivalent).

5. An official report of scores on the Graduate Record Examination.

6. Three letters of recommendation, with two from history professors.

7. A plan of study approved by the advisor and appropriate dean.

8. An interview.

Course Requirements

CHOOSE A or B below

A. Thesis Plan

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| HIST 501 | Historiography | 3 | F |
| HIST 521 | Topics in Comparative History | 3 | Sp |
| HIST 561 | Graduate Seminar in History | 3 | F |
| HIST 562 | Graduate Reading Seminar | 3 | Sp |
| HIST 571 | Graduate Reading Course in History | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 599 | Directed Graduate Research | 3-6 | As needed |

NINE ADDITIONAL CREDIT HOURS OF COURSES, with advisement, from

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| HIST 521 | Topics in Comparative History | 3 | Sp |
| HIST 550 | Topics in American History | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 551 | Topics in Western History | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 552 | Topics in Non-Western History | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 561 | Graduate Seminar in History | 3 | F |
| HIST 562 | Graduate Reading Seminar | 3 | Sp |
| HIST 571 | Graduate Reading Course in History | 3 | As needed |

Subtotal: 30

Note: Three credit hours of courses in a related discipline may be substituted for one of these courses, with advisor’s consent.

ORAL EXAMINATION on the thesis and the major field

Subtotal: 30

B. Seminar Plan

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| HIST 501 | Historiography | 3 | F |
| HIST 521 | Topics in Comparative History | 3 | Sp |
| HIST 561 | Graduate Seminar in History | 3 | F |
| HIST 562 | Graduate Reading Seminar | 3 | Sp |
| HIST 571 | Graduate Reading Course in History | 3 | As needed |

Note: HIST 561, HIST 562: (taken twice)

NINE ADDITIONAL CREDIT HOURS OF COURSES, with advisement, from

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| HIST 521 | Topics in Comparative History | 3 | Sp |
| HIST 550 | Topics in American History | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 551 | Topics in Western History | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 552 | Topics in Non-Western History | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 571 | Graduate Reading Course in History | 3 | As needed |

Subtotal: 30

Note: Three credit hours of courses in a related discipline may be substituted for one of these courses, with advisor’s consent.

**HISTORY COURSES:**

HIST 203 - U.S. History: 1920 to the Present (3)

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 108; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

HIST 204 - Global History since 1500 (4)

Global history from 1500 to the present is surveyed. Identities and contributions of diverse world civilizations are explored, highlighting issues in the economic, political, social, cultural, and environmental domains.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 108; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

HIST 207 - History Through Numbers (4)

This course uses statistics to enable students to broaden their historical reasoning so as to better assess the multiplicity of human, institutional, and environmental factors creating present and past historical reality.

General Education Category: Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning.

Prerequisite: Completion of any mathematics general education distribution, and one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, HIST 108.

Offered: Fall, Spring