

# History, Ph.D.

## Degree Requirements

- **Credit Hours:** Students are required to complete a minimum number of 34 credit hours in History at the 400 level and above.
- **Grade Point Average:** Students must earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in courses applied to the degree.
- **Program of Study:** A candidate must complete a program of study in four fields (a major field and three minor fields) developed in consultation with faculty field examiners.
  - Students may be required to take additional coursework depending upon their preparation in exam fields. Decisions about required coursework will be made in consultation with field examiners and the director of graduate studies.
  - At least three fields must be in History while the fourth may be in a related field with the approval of the director of graduate studies.
  - At least one of the four fields must be in a geographic area outside the student's main area of concentration for dissertation research.
- **Comprehensive Examination:** For each of the four fields of study, students take a comprehensive examination (written and oral) based on knowledge derived from coursework and readings from a book-list prepared in consultation with the faculty field adviser.
- **Dissertation:** Dissertation work should normally be in the history of the United States, Europe, or modern Africa.
- **Benchmarks:** For details, go to the History Degree Progress tab (<http://catalog.wvu.edu/graduate/eberlycollegeofartsandsciences/history/#degreeprogressesstext>)

## Curriculum Requirements

| Code  | Title   | Hours    |
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| <b>Historiography Requirement</b>                 |   | <b>3</b> |
| HIST 700  | Historiography  |          |
| <b>Primary Field: *</b>                           |   | <b>9</b> |
| Select at least one Reading/Seminar sequence      |   |          |
| HIST 701<br>& HIST 702                            | Readings in Medieval History<br>and Seminar in Medieval History                                       |          |
| HIST 705<br>& HIST 706                            | Readings in Early Modern History 3 Hr<br>and Seminar in Early Modern History                          |          |
| HIST 717<br>& HIST 718                            | Readings In Modern European History<br>and Seminar in Modern European History                         |          |
| HIST 725<br>& HIST 726                            | Readings in African History<br>and Seminar in African History   |          |
| HIST 731<br>& HIST 732                            | Readings In American History: 1585-1763<br>and Seminar in American History: 1585-1763                 |          |
| HIST 757<br>& HIST 758                            | Readings in United States History: 1787-1850<br>and Seminar in United States History: 1787-1850       |          |
| HIST 759<br>& HIST 760                            | Readings in United States History: 1840-1898<br>and Seminar in United States History: 1850-1898       |          |
| HIST 763<br>& HIST 764                            | Readings in United States History: 1898-Present<br>and Seminar in United States History: 1898-Present |          |
| HIST 765<br>& HIST 766                            | Readings in United States Diplomatic History<br>and Seminar in United States Diplomatic History       |          |
| HIST 773<br>& HIST 774                            | Readings in Appalachian Regional History<br>and Seminar in Appalachian Regional History               |          |
| Select at least one additional related course: ** |   |          |
| HIST at the 400, 500, 600, or 700 level           |   |          |
| <b>Minor Field 1: *</b>                           |   | <b>6</b> |
| Select an additional Reading/Seminar pair         |   |          |
| HIST 701<br>& HIST 702                            | Readings in Medieval History<br>and Seminar in Medieval History                                       |          |
| HIST 705<br>& HIST 706                            | Readings in Early Modern History 3 Hr<br>and Seminar in Early Modern History                          |          |

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| HIST 773<br>& HIST 774             | Readings in Appalachian Regional History<br>and Seminar in Appalachian Regional History               |           |
| <b>Minor Fields 2 &amp; 3: *</b>   |   | <b>12</b> |
| Select at least four courses: **   |   |           |
| Any HIST at the 400 level or above |   |           |
| <b>Research Requirement ***</b>    |   | <b>4</b>  |
| HIST 797                           | Research  |           |
| Total Hours                        |   | 34        |

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Courses selected for this section should not be used for another field.

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Excluding HIST 490, HIST 590, HIST 690, HIST 697 HIST 700, HIST 789, HIST 790, and HIST 797

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Students are expected to be involved in research throughout their graduate career, and enrollment in HIST 797, should reflect this activity. Students must complete at least four hours, however most students complete more than 60 credit hours of research.

## Major Learning Outcomes

### HISTORY

Students earning a Ph.D. in History will be able to:

- Examine and evaluate primary and secondary sources, historiographical methods, and debates among historians.
- Communicate their understanding of the content and context of the past by teaching about history to a variety of audiences.
- Assess the contours of historiographical debates over time and suggest future developments in the historiographical literature.
- Compose a research question and agenda that identifies the state of their field, potential weaknesses of our current historiographical understanding, or the limits of current debates.
- Use their understanding of the historical and historiographical literature to conduct historical research and produce and defend an original doctoral dissertation that makes a contribution to their field of study.