

History

Degree Offered

- Bachelor of Arts

Program Objectives and Goals

The Department of History offers courses focusing on a variety of world regions and time periods. Degree requirements insure that majors obtain an acquaintance with the history of several such regions and periods and develop skills in research and writing. Majors and non-majors may qualify for membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honorary.

Students who earn a degree in the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences must complete the University requirements, the College requirements for their specific degree program, and their major requirements.

Minors

All students have the possibility of earning one or more minors; follow the link for a list of all available minors and their requirements (<http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/minors>). Please note that students may not earn a minor in their major field.

Certificate of Global Engagement

Students in the Eberly College, regardless of their major, can earn a Certificate of Global Engagement. Completion of the Certificate demonstrates the student's knowledge of diverse cultures, as well as the ability to communicate and interact effectively with people of different cultural backgrounds. Students will be required to apply their knowledge of contemporary issues and global social contexts to their course work and their broader citizenship. For details regarding Certificate requirements, please visit the Eberly College page (<http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/eberlycollegeofartsandsciences/#otherdegreestext>).

Career Prospects

The bachelor of arts with a major in history is designed to prepare students for careers in teaching, business, and government, and for graduate work in history, law, and related social sciences and humanities.

FACULTY

CHAIR

- Joseph Hodge - Ph.D. (Queen's University at Kingston)
Modern Britain, British empire, decolonization, international development, Africa

ASSOCIATE CHAIR

- Kate Staples - Ph.D. (University of Minnesota)
Medieval, gender, England, material culture

PROFESSORS

- Katherine Aaslestad - Ph.D. (University of Illinois)
Modern Europe, Germany, cultural
- Robert E. Blobaum - Ph.D. (University of Nebraska)
Eberly Family Distinguished Professor, modern Central and Eastern Europe
- William I. Brustein - Ph.D. (University of Washington)
European fascism, European political and religious extremism, comparative anti-Semitism
- Elizabeth Fones-Wolf - Ph.D. (University of Massachusetts)
20th-century U.S., social and economic
- Kenneth Fones-Wolf - Ph.D. (Temple University): Stuart and Joyce Robbins Distinguished Chair in History
U.S. labor, Appalachia, immigration, religion
- Robert M. Maxon - Ph.D. (Syracuse University)
East Africa, colonial Kenya
- Matthew A. Vester - Ph.D. (University of California)
Early modern Europe, Italy

ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS

- Joshua Arthurs - Ph.D.(University of Chicago)
Modern Europe, Italy, cultural

- Melissa Bingmann - Ph.D. (Arizona State University)
Public history, 20th-century U.S.
- Tyler Boulware - Ph.D. (University of South Carolina)
Early American, frontier, Native America
- Joseph Hodge - Ph.D. (Queen's University at Kingston)
Modern Britain, British Empire, decolonization, international development, Africa
- Brian Luskey - Ph.D. (Emory University)
19th-century U.S., social and cultural
- James Siekmeier - Ph.D. (Cornell University)
U.S. diplomatic, modern Latin America
- Jason Phillips - Ph.D. (Rice University)
Civil war and reconstruction, southern history, 19th-century U.S.
- Kate Staples - Ph.D. (University of Minnesota)
Medieval, gender, England, material culture
- Mark Tauger - Ph.D. (UCLA)
20th-century Russia/USSR, historiography, world/comparative

ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

- Krystal Frazier - Ph.D. (Rutgers University)
African American, oral history
- William Gorby - Ph.D. (WVU)
West Virginia, Appalachia
- Macabe Keliher - Ph.D. (Harvard)
Premodern and modern China, East Asia, legal, Chinese intellectual
- Tamba E. M'bayo - Ph.D. (Michigan State University)
West Africa, colonial and postcolonial, African diaspora and Pan-Africanism
- Michele Stephens - Ph.D. (University of Oklahoma)
Latin America, indigenous peoples, race and gender

INSTRUCTORS

- Jenny Boulware - M.A. (University of South Carolina)
Public history
- Carletta Bush - Ph.D. (WVU)
Modern U.S.

EMERITUS FACULTY

- William S. Arnett
Associate Professor
- Jack Hammersmith
Professor
- Barbara J. Howe
Associate Professor
- Elizabeth K. Hudson
Associate Professor
- Emory L. Kemp
Professor
- Ronald L. Lewis
Professor, Stuart and Joyce Robbins Chair
- Mary Lou Lustig
Professor
- Stephen C. McCluskey
Professor
- A. Michal McMahon
Associate Professor
- John C. Super
Professor

Admission Requirements

Students who meet University admission requirements and are in good standing may be directly admitted to the history major.

Benchmark Expectations

Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA overall and a minimum of a 2.00 GPA in History every semester (with a 2.2 in HIST required for graduation). All majors must meet with their History adviser every semester. Students who do not meet these benchmarks may be removed from their major.

Click here to view the Suggested Plan of Study (p. 6)

GENERAL EDUCATION FOUNDATIONS

Please use this link to view a list of courses that meet each GEF requirement. (<http://registrar.wvu.edu/gef>)

NOTE: Some major requirements will fulfill specific GEF requirements. Please see the curriculum requirements listed below for details on which GEFs you will need to select.

General Education Foundations

F1 - Composition & Rhetoric		3-6
ENGL 101 & ENGL 102 or ENGL 103	Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research Accelerated Academic Writing	
F2A/F2B - Science & Technology		4-6
F3 - Math & Quantitative Skills		3-4
F4 - Society & Connections		3
F5 - Human Inquiry & the Past		3
F6 - The Arts & Creativity		3
F7 - Global Studies & Diversity		3
F8 - Focus (may be satisfied by completion of a minor, double major, or dual degree)		9
Total Hours		31-37

Please note that not all of the GEF courses are offered at all campuses. Students should consult with their advisor or academic department regarding the GEF course offerings available at their campus.

Degree Requirements

Students must complete WVU General Education Foundations requirements, College B.A. requirements, major requirements, and electives to total a minimum of 120 hours. For complete details on these requirements, visit the B.A. Degrees tab on the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences (<http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/eberlycollegeofartsandsciences/#bachelorofartstext>) page.

Departmental Requirements for the B.A. in History

Students wishing to graduate with a degree in History must complete a total of thirty-three to thirty-six hours of history courses (for the B.A. 42 credit rule, please see B.A. link above). Students must abide by the following rules:

- **Capstone Requirement:** The university requires the successful completion of a Capstone course. Students majoring in History will complete HIST 484 to satisfy this requirement.
- **Writing and Communication Skills Requirement:** The Department of History is a **SpeakWrite Affiliated Program**, committed to fostering and assessing students' written, verbal, visual, and mediated communication skills. The History major requires its Bachelor of Arts program graduates to complete ENGL 101 and ENGL 102 (or ENGL 103), and a minimum of four additional **SpeakWrite Certified Courses**™ as a part of their programs of study.
- **SpeakWrite Certified Courses are:**
 - **United States:** HIST 250, HIST 257, HIST 259, HIST 264, HIST 358, HIST 365, HIST 375, HIST 412, HIST 451, HIST 452, HIST 453, HIST 454, HIST 456, HIST 457, HIST 459, HIST 460, HIST 463, HIST 464, HIST 467, HIST 470, HIST 473, HIST 489.
 - **Europe:** HIST 203, HIST 204, HIST 207, HIST 209, HIST 220, HIST 221, HIST 313, HIST 317, HIST 318, HIST 331, HIST 346, HIST 416, HIST 417, HIST 418, HIST 421, HIST 423, HIST 424.
 - **Africa, Asia, Latin America:** HIST 241, HIST 242, HIST 325, HIST 350, HIST 365, HIST 439.
- **Calculation of the GPA in the Major:** Students must earn a minimum GPA of 2.2 with no grade lower than a C- in all courses applied to major requirements. If a course is repeated, all attempts will be included in the calculation of the GPA unless the course is eligible for a D/F repeat.

- **Minor Concentration outside of History:** Students must either complete a formal minor; complete a second major; or complete an informal minor: 15 credits in the same subject or across departments, but outside of History, with at least 9 credits at the 300-level or above. Students must earn at least a C- in all courses in the minor area.
- **Benchmark Expectations:** For details, go to the History admissions tab (p. 2).

Curriculum Requirements

UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

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WVUE 191 First Year Seminar

GEF Requirements: hours may vary

ECAS B.A. Requirements

12

Fine Arts Requirement

Foreign Language

Global Studies & Diversity Requirement

DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

Introductory History Courses

12

HIST 200 Practicing History (Practicing History)

Select three courses:

HIST 101 Western Civilization: Antiquity to 1600

HIST 102 Western Civilization: 1600 to Present

HIST 104 Latin America: Past and Present

HIST 105 The Middle East

HIST 106 East Asia: An Introduction

HIST 152 Growth of the American Nation to 1865

HIST 153 Making of Modern America: 1865 to the Present

HIST 179 World History to 1500

HIST 180 World History Since 1500

History Concentration

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Select two of the following regions and then select nine hours from each of the chosen categories, with at least nine hours at the 300 or 400 level

United States

HIST 210 Modern Military History

HIST 250 West Virginia

HIST 256 History of the American Revolution: 1763-1790

HIST 257 Antebellum America: 1781-1861

HIST 259 The United States: 1865-1918

HIST 261 Recent America: The United States since 1918

HIST 264 American Indian History

HIST 353 1920s America

HIST 358 United States Cultural History: 1819-1893

HIST 360 America in the 1960's

HIST 365 The Vietnam War

HIST 375 Hollywood and History

HIST 412 Introduction to Public History

HIST 441 Seventeenth Century Colonial America

HIST 442 Eighteenth Century America

HIST 445 History of American Women

HIST 451 African-American History-1900

HIST 452 African-American Since 1900

HIST 453 Civil War and Reconstruction

HIST 454 The Coming of the United States Civil War

HIST 456 The Gilded Age in US History

HIST 457	The United States from McKinley to the New Deal, 1896 to 1933
HIST 459	United States History: New Deal to Great Society
HIST 460	World War II in America
HIST 463	American Foreign Relations to 1941
HIST 464	American Foreign Relations 1941 to Present
HIST 466	American Economic History to 1865
HIST 467	American Economic History Since 1865
HIST 468	The Old South
HIST 469	The New South
HIST 470	United States Civil Rights Movement
HIST 473	Appalachian Regional History
HIST 474	The City in American History
HIST 477	Working Class America
HIST 489	Introduction to Historic Preservation
Europe	
HIST 201	History of Ancient Times: Stone Age to the Fall of Rome
HIST 203	Introduction to Medieval Europe
HIST 204	Renaissance and Reformation
HIST 205	Absolutism & Enlightenment
HIST 207	Revolutionary Europe
HIST 209	Twentieth Century Europe
HIST 210	Modern Military History
HIST 211	The Mediterranean 1200-1800
HIST 217	History of Russia to 1917
HIST 218	History of Russia: 1900-Present
HIST 221	History of Modern Germany
HIST 220	The Holocaust (The Holocaust)
HIST 300	Greece and Rome
HIST 304	History of Sacred Places
HIST 313	France from 1450 to 1750
HIST 314	France Since 1815
HIST 317	German Central Europe, 1648-1900
HIST 318	Twentieth Century German Central Europe
HIST 330	History of Italy, 1200-1800
HIST 331	History of Italy since 1800
HIST 346	Women, Gender, and Kinship in Premodern Europe
HIST 402	Greece: From Troy to Alexander
HIST 416	The French Wars of Religion
HIST 417	World War II in Europe
HIST 403	Rome: From Romulus to Zenobia
HIST 418	Eastern Europe Since 1945
HIST 419	Revolutionary Russia: 1900-1953
HIST 420	USSR and After: 1953 to Present
HIST 421	Hitler and the Third Reich
HIST 422	Twentieth-Century Germany from Weimar to Bonn
HIST 423	History of Fascism
HIST 424	Britain 1455-1603
HIST 432	Eighteenth Century Britain: 1715-1832
HIST 480	History of the Alps
Africa, Asia, and Latin America	
HIST 201	History of Ancient Times: Stone Age to the Fall of Rome
HIST 225	Modern South Asia

HIST 241	Latin America: Culture, Conquest, Colonization	
HIST 242	Latin America: Reform and Revolution	
HIST 281	The Agrarian Transformation	
HIST 304	History of Sacred Places	
HIST 300	Greece and Rome	
HIST 320	Pre-Colonial Africa	
HIST 321	Colonial Africa and Independence	
HIST 325	Modern China	
HIST 326	Modern Japan	
HIST 350	The Aztec, Maya, and Inca	
HIST 365	The Vietnam War	
HIST 402	Greece: From Troy to Alexander	
HIST 403	Rome: From Romulus to Zenobia	
HIST 427	East Africa to 1895	
HIST 428	East Africa Since 1895	
HIST 433	West Africa to 1885	
HIST 434	West Africa from 1885	
HIST 438	Women in Colonial Latin America	
Non-Western History Requirement		3
Select one of the following, may overlap with another course taken		
At least one course in the African/ Asian/ Latin American list above		
or:		
HIST 179	World History to 1500	
or:		
HIST 180	World History Since 1500	
Capstone Experience		3
HIST 484	Historical Research-Capstone	
Minor Concentration (fulfills the F8 requirement)		15
Select one:		
Minor		
Departmental Concentration: please select fifteen hours of the same subject outside of the History Department; at least nine hours must be at the 300 or 400 level.		
General Electives		31
Number of electives may vary depending on overlap		
Total Hours		120

Suggested Plan of Study

The plan below illustrates a plan of study with a formal minor.

First Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
WVUE 191	1 ENGL 101 (GEF 1)	3
GEF 2	4 GEF 3	3
HIST 200	3 GEF 4	3
HIST Intro Course 1	3 HIST Intro Course 2	3
Foreign Language 101	3 Foreign Language 102	3
General Elective	1	
	15	15

Second Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
ENGL 102 (GEF 1)	3 ECAS Fine Arts Requirement (GEF 6)	3
GEF 5	3 Foreign Language 204	3

Foreign Language 203	3 HIST Concentration Area 1	3
ECAS Global Studies & Diversity Requirement (GEF 7)	3 Minor Course 1	3
HIST Intro Course 3	3 General Elective	3
	15	15

Third Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
HIST Concentration Area 1	3 HIST Concentration Area 2	3
HIST Concentration Area 1	3 HIST Concentration Area 2	3
Minor Course 2	3 Minor Course 3	3
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
HIST Concentration Area 2	3 HIST 484 (Capstone and Writing)	3
HIST Non-Western	3 Minor Course 5	3
Minor Course 4	3 General Elective	3
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
	15	15

Total credit hours: 120

Major Learning Goals

HISTORY

Upon successful completion of the B.A. degree, **History** majors will be able to:

1. Demonstrate general knowledge of the facts, concepts, and approaches of history.
2. Critically analyze and assess primary sources.
3. Critically analyze and assess secondary sources.
4. Conduct original historical research and report results in writing.
5. Produce historical essays that are coherent, grammatically correct, and use proper historical documentation.
6. Demonstrate ability to successfully present work in an oral presentation.

HISTORY MINOR

MINOR CODE - U018

A grade of C or higher must be earned in all minor courses

CORE COURSES 6

Select two of the following:

HIST 101	Western Civilization: Antiquity to 1600
HIST 102	Western Civilization: 1600 to Present
HIST 104	Latin America: Past and Present
HIST 105	The Middle East
HIST 106	East Asia: An Introduction
HIST 108	North America: Past and Present
HIST 152	Growth of the American Nation to 1865
HIST 153	Making of Modern America: 1865 to the Present
HIST 179	World History to 1500
HIST 180	World History Since 1500

UPPER-DIVISION ELECTIVES 9

Select nine additional hours from courses at the 300- or 400-level

Total Hours 15