

History B.A.

History Major

The B.A. History major requires a minimum of 120 total hours to graduate. This total includes UNIFI/General Education requirements and the following specified major requirements, plus electives to complete the minimum of 120 hours.

The Global Studies track within the History major is intended for students with an interest in global history and transnational issues. It combines historical and interdisciplinary approaches with foreign language capacity to provide fundamental tools and skills to understand and compete in our globalized world. See statements on language proficiency other than English below, and the two highly recommended components of the Global Studies track - Study Abroad and the Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership.

Liberal Arts Track

Required:

History Core

HIST 1010	Introduction to Historical Skills	3
HIST 1011	Field Experience: Public History	1
HIST 1110	United States History to the Civil War and Emancipation	3
HIST 1120	United States History since the Civil War and Emancipation	3
HIST 1210	Making the Modern World	3
HIST 4000	Senior Seminar in Advanced Historical Skills	3

Electives in History 21

Electives must include at least one course in US History at the 4000-level; one in World History at the 4000-level; and one in Pre-1600 History at the 4000-level. The remaining four courses can come from any category.

US History Electives (at least one 4000-level class):

HIST 2011	Engaging Sources: (Topic)	
HIST 2020	Health in History: (Topic)	
HIST 4010/5010	Introduction to Public History	
HIST 4110/5110	American Colonial History	
HIST 4130/5130	The Early Republic, 1785-1850	
HIST 4140/5140	Civil War and Reconstruction	
HIST 4150/5150	Foundations of Modern America: The United States, 1877-1929	
HIST 4160/5160	U.S. History from 1929 to 1960	
HIST 4170/5170	U.S. Environmental History	
HIST 4175/5175	History on Film	
HIST 4180/5180	Recent United States History	
HIST 4200/5200	History of Iowa	

HIST 4235/5235 Popular Culture in the United States

HIST 4245/5245 African-American History

HIST 4250/5250 Religion in America

HIST 4260/5260 United States Women's History

HIST 4270/5270 American Indian History

HIST 4280/5280 The American Radical Tradition

HIST 4556/5556 History of Outdoor Recreation

World History Electives (at least one 4000-level class):

HIST 2210 Problems & Perspectives in Global History: (Topic)

HIST 2320 The Modern West: Technology, Science, & Culture

HIST 3110 Conflict and Justice in History: (Topic)

HIST 3279 Conflict and Justice Study Abroad: (Topic)

HIST 4510/5510 Europe from the French Revolution to World War I

HIST 4520/5520 Europe from World War I to the Present

HIST 4610/5610 English History since 1688

HIST 4640/5640 Modern Mediterranean Europe: History and Culture

HIST 4650/5650 Modern Central and Eastern Europe

HIST 4660/5660 History of Imperial Russia

HIST 4670/5670 History of Soviet Russia

HIST 4675/5675 Great Power Diplomacy from the Congress of Vienna to the Present

HIST 4680/5680 Military History from Napoleon to the Present

HIST 4690/5690 Modern European Women's History

HIST 4720/5720 Modern Latin American History

HIST 4740/5740 Modern African History

HIST 4820/5820 Modern Middle East History

HIST 4840/5840 Mughals and Marauders; Merchants and Mahatmas: A History of South Asia since 1526 CE

HIST 4860/5860 Modern Chinese History

HIST 4880/5880 The Legacy of the Samurai: Japan since 1800

HIST 4910/5910 Global Studies: (Topic)

Pre-1600 History (at least one 4000-level class):

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HIST 2310	From Mesopotamia to the Middle Ages: The Premodern West
HIST 4310/5310	History of Ancient Greece
HIST 4320/5320	History of Ancient Rome
HIST 4330/5330	Greek and Roman Life and Culture
HIST 4340/5340	Barbarians, Saints, and Pestilence: The Middle Ages
HIST 4350/5350	Rebirth, Reform, and Rebellion: The Beginnings of the Modern World
HIST 4420/5420	History of Ireland
HIST 4440/5440	Kings, Heretics, Witches, and Revolutionaries: England to 1688
HIST 4480/5480	The Ancient Near East
HIST 4730/5730	African Kingdoms & Societies
HIST 4830/5830	Sanskrit and Sovereigns; Sultans and Sufis: A History of South Asia to 1526 CE
HIST 4850/5850	Pre-Modern Chinese History
HIST 4870/5870	Courtiers, Warriors, and Merchants: Japan to 1800

Total Hours **37**

Global Studies Track

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HIST 4000	Senior Seminar in Advanced Historical Skills	3

Elective Courses

Transnational Perspectives **9**

HIST 2210	Problems & Perspectives in Global History: (Topic)
HIST 4910/5910	Global Studies: (Topic)

Non-US National/Regional Perspectives – choose two courses from the following: **6**

HIST 3279	Conflict and Justice Study Abroad: (Topic)
HIST 4310/5310	History of Ancient Greece
HIST 4320/5320	History of Ancient Rome
HIST 4330/5330	Greek and Roman Life and Culture
HIST 4340/5340	Barbarians, Saints, and Pestilence: The Middle Ages

HIST 4350/5350	Rebirth, Reform, and Rebellion: The Beginnings of the Modern World
HIST 4360/5360	Age of Absolutism and the Enlightenment
HIST 4420/5420	History of Ireland
HIST 4440/5440	Kings, Heretics, Witches, and Revolutionaries: England to 1688
HIST 4480/5480	The Ancient Near East
HIST 4510/5510	Europe from the French Revolution to World War I
HIST 4520/5520	Europe from World War I to the Present
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HIST 4880/5880	The Legacy of the Samurai: Japan since 1800

Interdisciplinary Perspectives – choose three courses from the following: **9**

COMM 4344/5344	Intercultural Communication
COMM 4346/5346	Gender Issues in Communication
EARTHSCI 1320	Earth History *
FREN 3004	Introduction to Literature in French *
FREN 4021/5021	Special Topics in Language and Culture *

FREN 4022/5022	Special Topics in French Literature *
FREN 4025/5025	Contemporary France *
FREN 4028/5028	Special Topics in Francophone Literature *
GEOG 4150/5150	Regional Geography: (Variable Topic)
GEOG 3110	Economic Geography
GEOG 3220	Environmental Geography: Variable Topic
GEOG 4110/5110	Cultural Geography
GEOG 4120/5120	Demography and Population Geography
PHIL/RELS 2550	Environmental Ethics
POLSCI 1025	Global Politics
POLSCI 1040	Comparative Politics
POLSCI 3119	Politics of the Global Economy
POLSCI 3121	Unconventional Warfare
POLSCI 3123	Nationalism
POLSCI 3125	Politics of International Development
POLSCI 3126	Human Rights
POLSCI 3135	Politics in Europe
POLSCI 3143	International Law
POLSCI 3145	International Organizations
POLSCI 3164	Russian Politics
RELS 1020	Religions of the World
RELS 2100	Hinduism and Buddhism
RELS 2110	Confucianism, Daoism, and Zen
RELS 2120	Judaism and Islam
RELS 2130	Christianity
SW/SOC SCI 1041	Global Social Work
SOC 3045/5045	Social Inequality *
SOC 3060/5060	Sociology of Culture *
SOC 3080/5080	Immigration and Transnationalism *
SOC 4071/5071	Feminist Theories in the Social Sciences *
SPAN 3012	Survey of Spanish American Literature *
SPAN 3018	Survey of Spanish Literature *
SPAN 3020	Cultures and Civilization of Latin America *
SPAN 3023	Cultures and Civilization of Spain *
SPAN 3031	Topics in Spanish American Literature and Culture: *
SPAN 3035	Topics in Literature and Culture of Spain: *
SPAN 4062/5062	Spanish American Literature: *

SPAN 4063/5063	Peninsular Literature: *
Total Hours	40***

* Prerequisite(s) required

This program will require up to **six hours of coursework in a language other than English beyond the minimum hours the **university's Foreign Language Competency** requirement if a student does not demonstrate a proficiency at the **fourth** semester level.

Statement on Foreign Language Competency:

Students must be able to demonstrate competence in a language other than English at the intermediate (second year) college level; however, foreign language study past the two-year requirement is highly recommended. Language proficiency may be achieved through high school and college study (two years of high school study equals one year of college-level study), transfer credit, study abroad, native or heritage knowledge, or a combination of the above. Students seeking to use four years of high school foreign language study to satisfy the language requirement will be required to complete a proficiency exam. Heritage speakers seeking to use their home/family language to satisfy the language requirement may be required to complete a proficiency exam.

Recommended: Study Abroad

History-Global Studies students are strongly encouraged to study abroad for a minimum of one semester. Courses taken abroad can be used to satisfy program requirements, and UNI financial aid can be applied to study abroad.

Recommended: Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership

If you are interested in employment in the non-profit sector the Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership may be a good complement to the History-Global Studies major. This certificate provides knowledge, skill-building and professional experience for students interested in working for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and international non-governmental organizations (INGOs). Earning this certificate at UNI also will enable you to earn a national Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Nonprofit Leadership Alliance. See the UNI Catalog (Department of Health, Recreation, and Community Services) for certificate requirements.

Note: In order to graduate with a major in History, students must achieve a total major GPA of at least 2.50. Only courses with an earned grade of at least a C- will count toward the major.

Four-Year Plan

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This is a sample plan of study with a suggested sequencing of classes for the major. University electives may be applied to earn additional academic majors, minors, or certificates. Students should regularly meet with their academic advisor to plan their specific semester schedule to include UNIFI/General Education program and/or university elective hours required.

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Course	Title	Hour
Freshman		
Fall		
HIST 1110	United States History to the Civil War and Emancipation	3
UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		12
Hours		15
Spring		
HIST 1120	United States History since the Civil War and Emancipation	3
UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		13
Hours		16
Sophomore		
Fall		
HIST 1210	Making the Modern World	3
HIST 1010	Introduction to Historical Skills	3
HIST 1011	Field Experience: Public History	1
UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		7
Hours		14
Spring		
History Electives		3
UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		12
Hours		15
Junior		
Fall		
History Electives (include the "to 1600" requirement)		6
UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		9
Hours		15
Spring		
History Electives		6
UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		9
Hours		15
Senior		
Fall		
History Electives		6
UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		9
Hours		15
Spring		
HIST 4000	Senior Seminar in Advanced Historical Skills	3
UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		12
Hours		15
Total Hours		120

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UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		13
Hours		16
Sophomore		
Fall		
HIST 1210	Making the Modern World	3
HIST 1010	Introduction to Historical Skills	3
HIST 1011	Field Experience: Public History	1
History Electives: Transnational Perspectives		3
UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		4
Hours		14
Spring		
History Electives: Interdisciplinary Perspectives		3
History Electives: Transnational Perspectives		3
UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		9
Hours		15
Junior		
Fall		
History Electives: Interdisciplinary Perspectives		3
History Electives: Non-US/Regional Perspectives		3
UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		9
Hours		15
Spring		
History Electives: Transnational Perspectives		3
History Electives: Non-US/Regional Perspectives		3
UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		9
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Fall		
History Electives: Interdisciplinary Perspectives		3
UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		12
Hours		15
Spring		
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Learning Outcomes

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Writing Skills (University Goal: Communication):

- Students will be able to use their research to create a cogent, well-organized and readable historical essay.
- Students will demonstrate evidence of revision in their written work.
- Students will be able to demonstrate writing as a process of understanding complex issues rather than a simple summary of information.

Analytical Skills (University Goal: Critical Thinking & Discipline-Specific Skills):

- Students will be able to identify levels of analysis in historical writing, from narrative to historicism.

- Students will be able to create an original approach to a topic by placing it within an analytical framework consisting of 1) possible historical contexts; 2) possible analytical lenses, including politics, class, race, gender, identity, and geography or place.
- Students will be able to develop a thesis in relationship to relevant scholarly literature.

Historical Research Skills (University Goal: Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills):

- Students will be able to develop original research that uses both primary and secondary sources.
- Students will be able to navigate a library and / or an archive, using finder's guides and databases for books, articles, and documents.
- Students will be able to create correctly formatted citations (footnotes or endnotes) and bibliographies using the "Chicago style" or "Turabian style" of citation.

Historical Knowledge (University Goal: Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills):

- Students will be able to identify historical contexts.
- Students will be able to demonstrate an adherence to historical accuracy.
- Students will be able to demonstrate a recognition of diversity in people and perspective.
- Students will be able to avoid timeless, universal, or ahistorical explanations for past events.

Related Programs

- History - Teaching B.A.
- History M.A.