

# History, BA



**2020-2021**

## What Is the Study of History?

Most students are required to study history in both elementary and secondary schools. At that level, students often are given the impression that the study of history simply requires memorization of names, dates, and other facts about events in the past. At the college level, however, the study of history facilitates the development of research, analytical, evaluative, and interpretive skills. History majors learn how to locate and access a wide range of sources, to analyze historical evidence, including textual and visual sources, to evaluate historical interpretations, and to develop and support their own interpretations. The quantity of writing and discussion required in history courses also helps students to develop effective communication skills.

## Why Should I Consider This Major?

If you like to read, write, and learn about the experiences of people in different places and times, you should consider the history major. No other major prepares students for as many different careers. History majors' strong communication skills are valued by all employers, including businesses and government agencies. The research, analytical, and evaluative skills that history majors develop prepare them for graduate study in many humanistic disciplines, public affairs, and library science and for careers as journalists, government officials, and attorneys. A growing number of history majors have made careers in the expanding field of public history. They work in museums, archives, and historical preservation.

## How to Declare:

There are no prerequisites for declaring a major in History. Students who have earned Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate credit in history should not take the equivalent courses at Western. The History Department recommends that students take at least three introductory 100-level or 200-level history courses during their first year.

It is recommended that students contact a faculty advisor in the department as soon as they wish to declare a major in History.

### Contact Information:

#### Department Website:

<https://chss.wvu.edu/history>

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### Sample Careers:

Foreign Service Officer

Attorney

Museum Curator

Government Official

Journalist

Business Manager

Social Studies Teacher

FBI/CIA Agent

Librarian

Archivist

Historical Preservation  
Specialist

### Major/Career Resources:

<https://chss.wvu.edu/history/careers>

# History, BA, Major Requirements: 60 Credits

Credits for the history degree are to be distributed as follows:

- Three courses in three different fields
- At least one course in each field must be an upper-division course.
- History 499: Historical Research (5 credits)
- One 400-level course in addition to 499
- Must total 60 credits with at least 30 upper-division courses
- A minimum grade point average in History courses of 2.5 is required for graduation. No class with a grade less than C- may be counted in this major.

## United States

HIST 103 American History to 1865 (5)  
HIST 104 American History Since 1865 (5)  
HIST 131 Going to College in America (5)  
HIST 141 History of American West (5)  
HIST 158 Race/Identity in Modern America (5)  
HIST 262 African American History to 1865 (5)  
HIST 263 African Americans Since 1865 (5)  
HIST 265 LGBT Exp. in U.S. History (5)  
HIST 268 Introduction Asian American History (5)  
HIST 275 The Indian in American History (5)  
\*HIST 290 The Early Modern Atlantic World (5)  
HIST 314 The Amer & European Enlightenment (5)  
\*HIST 348: American Slavery (5)  
HIST 350 American Colonial History (5)  
HIST 351 The Long Crisis: U.S. History 1865-1920 (5)  
HIST 352 U.S. Civil War & Reconstruction (5)  
HIST 353 Latinas/os in the U.S. West (5)  
HIST 354 Energy in American History (5)  
HIST 355 Health & Disease in American History (5)  
HIST 356 Gender and History (5)  
HIST 357 The United States in the Cold War (5)  
HIST 358 Women of Color in the U.S. (5)  
HIST 359 America and Vietnam (5)  
HIST 360 Religion in Early America (5)  
HIST 361 Religion in Modern America (5)  
HIST 362 Civil Rights Black Power Era (5)  
HIST 363 The American Revolution (5)  
HIST 365 Sexuality in the U.S. (5)  
HIST 366 The Early American Republic (5)  
HIST 367 U.S. Women to 1865 (5)  
HIST 368 U.S. Women from 1865 (5)  
\*HIST 379 Canadian American Relations (5)  
HIST 380 Food & Environment in America (5)  
\*HIST 382 U.S. Neo-conservatism and Middle East (5)  
HIST 391 History of the Pacific Northwest (5)  
HIST 392 Tribal Sovereignty and WA History (5)  
\*HIST 404 Colonialism and the Middle East (5)  
\*HIST 408 World War II: The European War (5)  
\*HIST 409 World War II: The Pacific War (5)  
\*HIST 447 History of the Sciences of Nature (5)  
HIST 450 Climate & Culture in America (5)  
HIST 452 U.S. Intellectual History 1776-1900 (5)  
HIST 453 U.S. Intellectual History 1900-Today (5)  
HIST 460 American Environmental History (5)  
HIST 461 U.S. Urban History (5)  
HIST 464 Sat. Night Live & the U.S. in the 1970s (5)  
HIST 467 Self/Society in Am. 1790-1910 (5)  
\*HIST 469 African Slavery in Atlantic World (5)  
\*HIST 471 Piracy in the Early Modern Atlantic World (5)  
\*HIST 474 U.S. Latin American Relations (5)  
HIST 475 Topics in American Indian History (5)

## Europe

\*HIST 111 Prehistory to 476 (5)  
HIST 112 Western Civilization 476-1713 (5)  
HIST 113 Western Civilization 1713-Present (5)  
HIST 233 Modern Jewish History (5)  
\*HIST 289 Islam in France (5)  
HIST 290 The Early Modern Atlantic World (5)  
\*HIST 312 History of Ancient Greece (5)  
\*HIST 313 History of Ancient Rome (5)  
\*HIST 314 The Amer & European Enlightenment (5) HIST 315 Europe: Early Middle Ages 300-1050 (5) HIST 316 Europe: High Middle Ages 1050-1450 (5) HIST 318 Medieval England (5)  
HIST 320 War in the Middle Ages (5)  
HIST 321 Reform. Europe-Age of Religious Wars (5)  
HIST 330 Germany in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (5)  
HIST 331 History of the Holocaust (5)  
HIST 333 Imperial Russia 1689-1917 (5)  
HIST 334 20<sup>th</sup> Century Russia (5)  
HIST 341 France 1500-1815 (5)  
HIST 342 France 1815-1945 (5)  
\*HIST 381 Jewish Nationalism (5)  
\*HIST 408 World War II: The European War (5)  
HIST 414 The Carolingian Era (5)  
HIST 421 Gender in Early Modern Europe (5)  
\*HIST 447 History of the Sciences of Nature (5)  
\*HIST 471 Piracy in the Early Modern Atlantic World (5)

## Ancient

\*HIST 111 Prehistory to 476 (5)  
HIST 121 World History to 500 (5)  
HIST 151 Communities of the Ancient World (5)  
\*HIST 280 Intro to East Asian Civilizations (5)  
\*HIST 310 History of Ancient Mesopotamia (5)  
\*HIST 311 History of Ancient Egypt (5)  
\*HIST 312 History of Ancient Greece (5)  
\*HIST 313 History of Ancient Rome (5)  
\*HIST 370 Chinese History to 600 AD (5)  
\*HIST 385 West African History (5)  
HIST 410 First Cities: Urbanization (5)  
HIST 412 Ancient Rivers & Roads (5)

## East and South Asia

\*HIST 280 Intro to East Asian Civilizations (5)  
\*HIST 281 E.A. History-Early Modern/Modern (5)  
\*HIST 370 Chinese History to 600 AD (5)  
HIST 372 Chinese History 1800-Present (5)  
\*HIST 373: Yokai: Monsters & the Monstrous in Japanese History  
\*HIST 374 Pre-Modern Japanese History (5)  
\*HIST 375 Modern Japanese History (5)  
HIST 409 World War II: The Pacific War (5)  
\*HIST 479 Med & Early Mod Chinese History (5)  
\*HIST 480 Modern Chinese Social History (5)  
\*HIST 481 The Chinese Revolution (5)  
HIST 483 Early Modern Japan (5)  
HIST 484 Women in Japanese History (5)  
HIST 485 Japanese Military History: Samurai (5)  
\*HIST 486 Religion in Japanese History (5)

## Africa and Middle East

\*HIST 232 History of the Jews Before the Modern Era (5)  
\*HIST 285 African History to 1800 (5)  
HIST 286 African History, 1800 to present (5)  
HIST 287 Intro to Islamic Civilization (5)  
HIST 288 History of Modern Middle East (5)

HIST 290 The Early Modern Atlantic World (5)  
\*HIST 310 History of Ancient Mesopotamia (5)  
\*HIST 311 History of Ancient Egypt (5)  
HIST 335 Women and Gender in Judaism (5)  
HIST 369 Women, Gender & Sexuality in Afr. Hist (5)  
\*HIST 381 Jewish Nationalism (5)  
\*HIST 382 U.S. Neo-conservatism and Middle East (5)  
HIST 383 Modern Iraq (5)  
HIST 384 Palestine, Zionism, and Israel (5)  
\*HIST 385 West African History (5)  
HIST 386 Southern Africa (5)  
HIST 387 Africa since the 1960s (5)  
\*HIST 404 Colonialism and the Middle East (5)  
HIST 405 The Traditional Middle East (5)  
HIST 406 Middle East, 1800 to the Present (5)  
HIST 407 Hist. of the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict (5)  
\*HIST 471 Piracy in the Early Mod Atlantic World (5)  
HIST 488 Modern Egypt/Libya & Nile Valley (5)

## Western Hemisphere (outside U.S.)

HIST 273 Latin America: 1492-1824 (5)  
HIST 274 Latin America: 1824-Present (5)  
HIST 277 Canada: A Historical Survey (5)  
HIST 278 Multiculturalism in Canada (5)  
\*HIST 290: The Early Modern Atlantic World (5)  
HIST 376 French Colonial Canada: 1534-1763 (5)  
\*HIST 379 Canadian American Relations (5)  
\*HIST 469 African Slavery in Atlantic World (5)  
\*HIST 474 U.S. Latin American Relations (5)  
HIST 477 World War I & Canadian Society (5)  
HIST 478 Hist. of Nationalism in French Canada (5)

## Courses for areas depending on topic:

HIST 123 World History, 1500 to Present (5)  
HIST 364 Film as History: Variable Topics (5)  
HIST 390 Topics in History: Variable Topics (5)  
HIST 393 Introduction to Public History (5)  
HIST 401 Methods of Research and Analysis (5)  
HIST 470 World History of Democracy, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> c (5)  
HIST 476 World Histories of the Middle Class (5)  
HIST 490 Advanced Topics in History (5)  
HIST 494 Public History Internship (3-5)  
HIST 498 Editing History Writing for the Profession (5)

\*Course may be used to fulfill only one area requirement.

## Other History options:

BA, History/Social Studies (90 credits)  
BAE, History-Elementary (45 credits)  
Minor in History (25 credits)  
Minor in Foreign Cultures (see Catalog)  
Minor in Public History (25 credits)  
Major or minor in Area Studies: Canadian-American Studies, East Asian Studies, Latin American Studies (see Catalog)

These courses are required (or advised) for this major and may be used to satisfy General University Requirements:

HUM: HIST 103, 104, 111, 112, 113, 121, 123, 131, 151, 152, 277, 314

ACGM: HIST 232, 233, 273, 274, 280, 281, 285, 286, 287, 288, 359

BGCM: HIST 158, 262, 263, 265, 268, 275, 278, 353

Check [Classfinder](#) or [Online Timetable](#) for departmental offerings each quarter.