

History

History is the study of the complex forces in the past precipitating change in the human environment. These forces include ideas, political and economic developments, and social and cultural conditions. Historical investigation demands logical thinking and critical analysis as well as imagination and intuition. Students of history learn to recognize the significance of the sequential nature of events and to bring order to apparently random facts. Historical knowledge fosters an appreciation of human diversity, a global perspective, and a rich comprehension of the contemporary world and one's own experience.

The Degree Program

The Bachelor of Arts degree is offered in History.

Related Major Skills

- critical thinking
- evidence analysis
- logic and problem-solving
- training in how to conduct library, web-based, and interview research
- strengthened ability in written and oral communication
- planning and organization
- ability to think from international and cross-cultural perspectives
- ability to work independently and in teams
- efficiency

Required Courses

The major consists of a minimum of 8 courses (32 credit hours) in History. Six of these courses must be above the 100 level, including HIST 300:

- **Six (6) courses:**
 - At least one (1) course in United States history
 - At least one (1) course in European history
 - At least one (1) course in Non-Western history (Africa, Asia, or Latin America)
 - At least one (1) course that focuses on the pre-1800 period
 - At least one (1) course that focuses on the period after 1800
- **At least one (1) History elective at any level**
- **At least one (1) History elective at the 300 or 400 level**
- **History 300WRT: Research Seminar, normally taken in the junior year**

To develop their understanding of how historical knowledge relates to other academic disciplines, students may take one course taught by a faculty member outside the History department, provided that the course has been approved for the major by the department in advance (e.g., ECON 302: Economic History of the U.S.). History majors should select related courses in disciplines consistent with their career interests. Because of its interdisciplinary nature, History fits well with most disciplines, and a carefully conceived curriculum can give the History major strength in pursuing very challenging career goals. For example, History majors intending to pursue graduate study or an international career should acquire a proficiency in one or more foreign languages. It is strongly recommended that pre-law students take courses in English History, Accounting, and Logic. A minor in Business or Economics prepares a student for positions in business, applied history, management, governmental and nonprofit agencies.

Students Seeking Licensure to Teach History and Social Studies in high school are required to double-major in History and Education Studies.

In addition, one course in Economics (ECON 221: Macroeconomic Principles) and two courses in Political Science (PSCI 101: The American Political System and PSCI 103: International Relations) are required for the social studies licensure.

Internship Opportunities

Students may elect to complete an internship under the supervision of a faculty member in this department and receive credit for the experience. Such internships give majors the “hands-on” experience which is so necessary in this field. Among locations where History majors have completed internships are the following:

- Friends Historical Collection at Guilford College
- Greensboro and High Point Historical Museums
 - Local Law Offices
 - Women’s Resource Center of Greensboro
 - Tannenbaum Park
 - Battleground Park
 - Local Archeological Sites
- Old Salem in Winston-Salem
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Possible Career Choices

Look at what some of our graduates are doing:

advertising executive	foreign service officer	labor union organizer
community advocate	foundation staffer	lobbyist
computer analyst	educator	paralegal
archivist	information manager	personnel manager
broadcaster	information specialist	public relations staffer
campaign worker	intelligence agent	records manager
consultant	journalist	researcher
congressional aide	lawyer	writer
editor	librarian	

Faculty

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Degree Programs Offered

Accounting ¹	Environmental Studies ³	Philosophy
African American Studies ³	Exercise and Sports Studies	Peace and Conflict Studies ³
Art	Forensic Accounting ¹	Physics
Biology	Forensic Biology ¹	Political Science ¹
Business Management ¹	French	Psychology ¹
Chemistry	Geology and Earth Sciences	Religious Studies
Community and Justice Studies ¹	German	Sociology/Anthropology
Computer Information Systems ¹	German Studies	Spanish
Computing and Information Technology ¹	Health Sciences ³	Sport Management
Criminal Justice ¹	History ¹	Sports Medicine
Economics	Integrative Studies	Theatre Studies
Education Studies ^{2, 3}	International Studies	Women’s Studies ³
English	Mathematics	
	Music	

¹ Programs can be completed entirely at night.

² Internship/student teaching must be completed in the daytime.

³ Requires a second disciplinary major.