

# History - B.S.

College of  
Arts and Sciences

History is the study of the most important and exciting events that have ever occurred, providing students with a wide ranging introduction to modern societies, cultures, and global events. The Department of History's program provides rigorous instruction in critical thinking, writing, and composition. And as one of the broadest and most diverse disciplines in academia, history provides students with connections to numerous other programs and opportunities across campus. History majors develop research and presentation skills that are highly transferable to any career, including those in public policy, law, government, education, public relations, healthcare, journalism, publishing, sales, and marketing, among others.

## 120 hours (minimum)

Any student earning a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree must complete a minimum of 60 hours in natural, physical, mathematical, and computer science. Please note: courses with an HIS prefix are generally not accepted towards fulfilling this 60-hour requirement. Therefore, be sure to keep this requirement in mind as you choose your course work for the requirements in the major. A complete description of College requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree, including a specific listing of courses applicable to the 60-hour requirement, can be found in the *Arts and Sciences* section of the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Catalog.

## UK Core Requirements

See the *UK Core* section of the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Catalog for the complete UK Core requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill UK Core areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the UK Core requirements.

### I. Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity

Choose one course from approved list.....3

### II. Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities

Choose one course from approved list.....3

### III. Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences

Choose one course from approved list.....3

### IV. Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences

Choose one course from approved list.....3

### V. Composition and Communication I

CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I .....3

### VI. Composition and Communication II

CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II .....3

### VII. Quantitative Foundations

Choose one course from approved list.....3

### VIII. Statistical Inferential Reasoning

Choose one course from approved list.....3

### IX. Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA

Choose one course from approved list.....3

### X. Global Dynamics

Choose one course from approved list.....3

**UK Core hours** ..... 30

## Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)

HIS 499 Senior Seminar for History Majors (Subtitle required).....3

**Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement hours (GCCR)**..... 3

## College Requirements

I. Foreign Language (*placement exam recommended*) ..... 0-14

### II. Disciplinary Requirements

a. Natural Science.....3

b. Social Science.....3

c. Humanities (*completed by Major Requirements*)

III. Laboratory or Field Work..... 1

IV. Race and Ethnicity Requirement..... 0-3

V. Electives.....6

**College Requirement hours:** ..... 13-30

## Major Requirements

### Major Core Requirements

HIS 301 History Workshop: Introduction to the Study of History .....3

HIS 499 Senior Seminar for History Majors .....3

**Major Core hours:** ..... 6

## Other Course Work Required for the Major

### From the Major Department:

Students must complete a total of 30 credit hours in HIS prefix course work. Of those 30 credit hours 6 credit hours must be at the 100-level or above, 9 credit hours must be at the 200-level or above, and 15 credit hours must be at the 300-level or above. Students may not use the major core courses (HIS 301 and HIS 499) to satisfy the elective requirement.....30

Course work used to satisfy the region requirement may also be used to satisfy the historical era requirement.

### Regions

Students must take one course from each region listed below.

- United States history
- European history
- Asian or African or Middle Eastern or Latin American history

### Historical Eras

Students must take two courses from each historical era listed below.

- The period before 1789
- The period after 1789

Students must choose additional HIS prefix course work to lead to the minimum of 30 credit hours required.

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## From Outside the HIS Prefix:

Students must complete a total of 9 credit hours of course work outside the HIS prefix at the 200-level or above. Courses used to satisfy this requirement must be in a related field within the disciplines of the humanities, fine arts, social sciences, mathematics, and natural and applied sciences. Students may not use foreign language instruction courses to satisfy this requirement. However, courses in foreign literature, civilization, and culture may be used to fulfill this requirement.....9

**Other Major hours:** ..... **39**

## Electives

Choose electives to lead to the minimum total of 120 hours required for graduation...4

**Total Minimum hours Required for Degree** ..... **120**

*\*Course used towards completion of a UK Core Requirement.*