

# HISTORY

## Overview

The History department offers Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in History, a Master of Arts degree in History, and a Ph.D. in Rural, Agricultural, Technological and Environmental History. Many history majors also pursue a minor in another discipline, a second major, or secondary teacher certification.

The department offers a variety of survey courses (200 series) for first- and second-year students as either general education courses or as introductions to advanced courses in history or other subject areas. In addition to 200-level survey courses, it offers advanced undergraduate courses in the history of Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America, the United States, technology and science, agriculture, and other selected topics.

## Student Learning Outcomes

Upon graduation, students should be able to:

1. Display the appropriate level of cognitive knowledge of historical themes and events based upon the student's course of study
2. Display an understanding of past cultures and social organizations, based on the course of study
3. Develop the fundamental methodological skills of the historical craft: the ability to contextualize and analyze primary source evidence; familiarity with the concepts of historical argument and interpretation, and the ability to formulate effective argumentation in written and oral forms; awareness of the basic historiography in selected research area; and the ability to conduct research and to write a historical essay based upon primary and secondary source research. Students receive an introduction to these concepts in HIST 301 The Historian's Toolbox.
4. Display a sophisticated understanding of the relationship between past events and the present. For purposes of outcomes assessment, History majors must complete three credits from the following list: HIST 495 Historiography and Research Writing; if qualified and willing, one graduate-level research seminar; or if qualified and pursuing teacher certification HIST 498 Methods of Teaching History/Social Sciences.

## Requirements for the History Major

The B.S. in History requires a minimum 36 total credits of HIST with 2.0 GPA or higher *including*:

1. Maximum 12 credits at 200-level HIST or below
2. Minimum 24 credits 300+ level HIST *including*:
3. HIST 301 (<http://catalog.iastate.edu/previouscatalogs/2023-2024/search/?P=HIST%20301>) (minimum grade C)

4. HIST 495 (<http://catalog.iastate.edu/previouscatalogs/2023-2024/search/?P=HIST%20495>), EDUC 498 (<http://catalog.iastate.edu/previouscatalogs/2023-2024/search/?P=EDUC%20498>), or HIST graduate-level research seminar (minimum grade C)
5. Maximum 12 credits 300-level HIST in addition to HIST 301
6. Minimum 9 credits 400-level HIST in addition to HIST 495 (<http://catalog.iastate.edu/previouscatalogs/2023-2024/search/?P=HIST%20495>), EDUC 498 (<http://catalog.iastate.edu/previouscatalogs/2023-2024/search/?P=EDUC%20498>) or HIST graduate-level research seminar
7. Minimum 15 credits 300+ level HIST taken at Iowa State University

Communication Proficiency requirement: History majors must receive a grade of C or better in ENGL 250 (<http://catalog.iastate.edu/previouscatalogs/2023-2024/search/?P=ENGL%20250>) (or ENGL 250H (<http://catalog.iastate.edu/previouscatalogs/2023-2024/search/?P=ENGL%20250H>)), HIST 301 (<http://catalog.iastate.edu/previouscatalogs/2023-2024/search/?P=HIST%20301>) and HIST 495 (<http://catalog.iastate.edu/previouscatalogs/2023-2024/search/?P=HIST%20495>) or HIST 498 (<http://catalog.iastate.edu/previouscatalogs/2023-2024/search/?P=HIST%20498>).

The B.A. in History requires the equivalent of 2 years of college-level study in the same world language. Six credits of electives may be replaced by 6 additional credits of world language.

Students in all ISU majors must complete a three-credit course in U.S. diversity and a three-credit course in international perspectives. Check (<http://www.registrar.iastate.edu/courses/div-ip-guide.html>) for a list of approved courses. Discuss with your advisor how the two courses that you select can be applied to your graduation plan.

LAS majors require a minimum of 120 credits, **including a minimum of 45 credits at the 300/400 level**. For a history major, 15 credits of history at the 300/400 level must be taken at ISU. You must also complete the LAS world language and career proficiency requirements (LAS 203 (<http://catalog.iastate.edu/previouscatalogs/2023-2024/search/?P=LAS%20203>) Professional Career Preparation).

As majors in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, History students must meet College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (<http://catalog.iastate.edu/previouscatalogs/2023-2024/collegeofliberalartsandsciences/#lascollegerequirementstext>) and University-wide requirements (<http://catalog.iastate.edu/previouscatalogs/2023-2024/collegescurricula/>) for graduation in addition to those stated for the major.

## Teacher Preparation Focus

History majors seeking teacher certification in History/Social Sciences Education must meet all of the requirements of the History major

while taking the specific History classes required for certification by the State of Iowa. Students must also meet the requirements of the Secondary Major in Education (<http://catalog.iastate.edu/previouscatalogs/2023-2024/collegeofhumansciences/educationsecondary/#curriculumtext>) including PSYCH 230 and student teaching (EDUC 417). Students will complete the requirements below, earning a minimum grade of B- in all content courses used for licensure and a minimum grade of C in all other required courses.

Also, students complete the requirements for one additional fifteen-credit endorsement in Political Science, Psychology, Economics, Anthropology or Sociology. Specific requirements of each endorsement are available from the history department. Teacher license requirements are established by the Iowa Department of Education and the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners and are subject to change. Recent changes may not be reflected in this catalog, but advisers and faculty will be aware.

Requirements to complete endorsements in American History and World History.

HIST 201	Introduction to Western Civilization I	3
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HIST 202	Introduction to Western Civilization II	3
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One World History pre-1500		3
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| HIST 304    | Cultural Heritage of the Ancient World                      |  |
| or HIST 331 | History of the Islamic World to 1800                        |  |
| or HIST 374 | Sex, Gender, and Culture in the Ancient Mediterranean World |  |
| or HIST 384 | Roman Italy: An Introduction                                |  |
| or HIST 385 | Study Abroad: Roman Italy: Building the Empire              |  |
| or HIST 402 | Greek Civilization  |  |
| or HIST 403 | Roman Civilization  |  |
| or HIST 405 | Transformations of the Early Medieval World                 |  |
| or HIST 406 | The Birth of Europe in the High Middle Ages                 |  |
| or HIST 407 | Crises of the Late Middle Ages                              |  |
| or HIST 421 | History of Russia I   |  |

One European World post-1500		3
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| HIST 318    | History of Early Modern Europe, 1450-1789                      |  |
| or HIST 320 | History of Modern Europe, 1789 to Present                      |  |
| or HIST 325 | Society and Politics in England, 1525-1700                     |  |
| or HIST 382 | History and Philosophy of the Scientific Revolution            |  |
| or HIST 383 | Technology, Public Science, and European Culture, 1715-Present |  |
| or HIST 390 | World Military History   |  |
| or HIST 410 | The Holocaust in History                                       |  |
| or HIST 414 | European Cultural and Intellectual History                     |  |
| or HIST 419 | History of Modern France                                       |  |

or HIST 420 France's Revolutionary Century, 1715-1815

or HIST 422 History of Russia II

or HIST 423 The Russian and Soviet Mind: Intellectual and Cultural Life, 1762-1991

or HIST 424 History of Modern Germany

or HIST 427 Crime and Policing in England 1550-1850

or HIST 428 Punishment, Mentalities, and Society in England, 1550-1868

or HIST 429 "Monstrous London": London's Histories 1500-1800

or HIST 431 Modern England

or HIST 489 The World at War

One Non-European World post-1500		3
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HIST 311	Africa under Colonial Rule	
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or HIST 310 Africa to 1880

or HIST 331 History of the Islamic World to 1800

or HIST 336 History of Modern China I

or HIST 337 History of Modern China II

or HIST 339 US-Asian Relations

or HIST 340 History of Latin America I

or HIST 341 History of Latin America II

or HIST 435 History of the Modern Middle East

or HIST 441 History of Modern Mexico and Central America

or HIST 442 Rebellions and Revolutions in Latin America

or HIST 479 China and the Cold War

or HIST 496CAAdvanced Topics in History: Global

HIST 221	Survey of United States History I	3
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HIST 222	Survey of United States History II	3
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Nine additional credits of U.S. History at the 300 level and above		9
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HIST 307	American Popular Culture	
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or HIST 339 US-Asian Relations

or HIST 353 History of African Americans I

or HIST 354 History of African Americans II

or HIST 357 American Family History

or HIST 363 U. S. Environmental History

or HIST 365 American Agriculture I: The Maya to McCormick's Reaper

or HIST 366 American Agriculture II: Homestead Act to GMOs

or HIST 367 America Eats

or HIST 370 History of Iowa

or HIST 371 Mexican American History

or HIST 372 Latina/o History

or HIST 380 History of Women in Science, Technology, and Medicine

- or HIST 386 History of Women in America
- or HIST 387 First Ladies in U.S. History
- or HIST 389 American Military History
- or HIST 391 American Diplomatic History
- or HIST 396B Topics in History: U.S. and North America
- or HIST 449 US Gilded Age, 1877-1900
- or HIST 450 Colonial America
- or HIST 451 American Revolutionary Era
- or HIST 453 Law and Society in U.S. History: Crime, Race, Family, Work and Property
- or HIST 454 Early American Republic
- or HIST 455 U.S. Civil War and Reconstruction Era
- or HIST 457 History of American Sexualities
- or HIST 458 U.S. 1900 to 1945
- or HIST 459 U.S. 1945 to the Present
- or HIST 460 The Great Plains
- or HIST 461 The American South
- or HIST 465 The American West
- or HIST 468 History of Rural America
- or HIST 473 Civil Rights and Ethnic Power
- or HIST 482 Birth, Death, Medicine, and Disease
- or HIST 488 American Stuff, Colonial Times to the Present
- or HIST 489 The World at War
- or HIST 496B Advanced Topics in History: U.S. and North America

HIST 301	The Historian's Toolbox	3
EDUC 426	Principles of Secondary Education	3
EDUC/HIST 498	Methods of Teaching History/Social Sciences	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>39</b>

## Four Year Plans

### History, B.S.

#### Freshman

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 150	3 History Choice - 200 Level	3
History Choice - 200 Level	3 Natural Science Choice	3
Social Science Choice	3 Humanities Choice	3
Humanities Choice	3 Math Choice	3
Natural Science Choice	3 Social Science Choice	3
	LIB 160	1
<b>15</b>		<b>16</b>

#### Sophomore

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 250	3 HIST 301	3

History Choice - 200-300 Level	3 History Choice - 200/300 Level	3
World Language/Elective	3-4 World Language/Elective	4
Humanities Choice	3 Natural Science Choice	2
Social Science Choice	3 Elective	3
LAS 203	1	
<b>16-17</b>		<b>15</b>

#### Junior

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
History Choice - 300/400 Level	3 History Choice - 300/400 Level	3
History Choice - 300/400 Level	3 History Choice - 400 Level	3
Elective	9 Elective	8
<b>15</b>		<b>14</b>

#### Senior

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
History Choice - 400 Level	3 HIST 495	3
History Choice - 400 Level	3 Elective	11
Elective	9	
<b>15</b>		<b>14</b>

**Total Credits: 120-121**

### History, B.A.

#### Freshman

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 150	3 History Choice - 200 Level	3
History Choice - 200 Level	3 Math Choice	3
Humanities Choice	3 Humanities Choice	3
Natural Science Choice	3 Natural Science Choice	3
Social Science Choice	3 Social Science Choice	3
	LIB 160	1
<b>15</b>		<b>16</b>

#### Sophomore

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 250	3 HIST 301	3
History Choice - 200/300 Level	3 History Choice - 200/300 Level	3
Elementary World Language - 100 Level <sup>1</sup>	4 Social Science Choice	3
Humanities Choice	3 Elementary World Language - 100 Level <sup>1</sup>	4
Elective	1 Natural Science Choice	2

LAS 203	1		
	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Junior</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Credits</b>
History Choice - 300/400 Level	3	History Choice - 300/400 Level	3
History Choice - 300/400 Level	3	History Choice - 400 Level	3
Intermediate World Language - 200 Level	4	Intermediate World Language - 200 Level	4
Electives	5	Electives	4
	<b>15</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Senior</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Credits</b>
History Choice - 400 Level	3	HIST 495	3
History Choice - 400 Level	3	Electives	12
Electives	9		
	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>

**Total Credits: 120**

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## Minor

The department offers a minor in History, which may be earned with 15 credits in History courses, of which at least 9 must be in courses numbered 300 or above, excluding HIST 490 Independent Study. A minimum of 9 credits numbered 300 or above must be taken at Iowa State. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences requires students to earn a C or higher in at least 6 of the required 300-level credits. The minor must include at least 9 credits that are not used to meet any other department, college, or university requirement. A student may count a maximum of 3 hours of cross-listed courses originating in another teaching department toward the minor in History. The History minor is most frequently chosen by students majoring in Political Science, English, Journalism, Computer Science, and Business.

## Graduate Study

The History Department offers two graduate degrees: an M.A. in History and a Ph.D. in Rural, Agricultural, Technological and Environmental History.

Most history graduate courses are either readings seminars or research seminars. Readings seminars acquaint students with the historical literature of a field and prepare them for careers in teaching and research.

Research seminars require students to conduct original historical research and to write research papers reporting the results.

The M.A. in history includes both thesis and non-thesis options. See the departmental website on the M.A. in History for a full discussion of the options and requirements. An M.A. in History serves as the basis for continued study in history, as well as preparation for careers in law, education, business, and government service. Throughout world history human beings have depended on rural and agricultural communities as well as on the technologies developed and employed by these communities to sustain lives. Iowa State's Doctoral Program in Rural, Agricultural, Technological and Environmental History offers a scholarly community and learning environment dedicated to the close examination of pervasive and enduring questions about these basic aspects of human history. Such questions can best be answered through the multi-faceted perspectives provided by rural, agricultural, technological, and environmental history. The result is a dynamic learning experience that leads to comparative and transnational analysis shaped by a broad range of methods drawn from the humanities and social/physical sciences. The Program's aim is to produce students who are excellent researchers and engaging teachers, capable of succeeding in a broad variety of professional positions, both inside and outside of academia.

The Ph.D. in Rural, Agricultural, Technological and Environmental History is designed for students who have completed an M.A. in history. Those who have not yet completed an M.A. will be expected to complete the degree while progressing toward the Ph.D. Thirty semester hours of graduate credit are required for the M.A. and 72 for the Ph.D. Students who continue beyond the M.A. are expected to pass preliminary examinations in four areas of specialization, complete a dissertation, and defend it orally in the Ph.D. final examination. See the departmental website on the program for a full description of requirements.