



HISTORY

Academics

When you major in history, you will study the past to develop an understanding of the ways in which it continues to affect the present. You will gain a global perspective as well as the knowledge, skills and experience to understand our history while developing a critical understanding of how the past continues to shape the present and future.

Core classes in the major teach you the fundamentals of historical research and analysis and cover major themes and events in U.S., European and world history with special courses in Latin American, Asian and African history. Beyond that, dive deep while you learn from faculty who specialize in the United States, Latin America, South America, the Middle East, Europe, Russia, China and Africa—from ancient civilizations to modern history.

Opportunities

As a history major, you will receive training in those skills—careful research, critical analysis and cogent writing—that make you an attractive candidate for a wide range of career opportunities. You will be equipped for pursuing a career in law, journalism, education, library and museum work; in local, state and national government; and in business, where a knowledge of domestic and foreign affairs is particularly useful. Here are examples of recent graduates' employment:

- Assistant Scheduler / *US SENATE*
- Chief of Interpretation (Park Ranger) / *NATIONAL PARK SERVICE*
- Content Creator / *WIKIHOW*
- Editor / *THE WASHINGTON INFORMER NEWSPAPER*
- Editorial Assistant / *UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA PRESS*
- ESL Teacher / *EDUCATION FIRST*
- Highway Archaeologist/Curator of Anthropology / *NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY*
- Human Resources Director / *MID-PLAINS CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE*
- Immigration Services Officer / *UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP IMMIGRATION SERVICES*
- Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Park Guide / *NATIONAL PARK SERVICE*
- Record Clerk / *LANCASTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE*

Experience

In the College of Arts and Sciences, we know experience is valuable and goes beyond the classroom. We strive to help you connect your academics with research, internships, education abroad, service learning and leadership experiences. Take advantage of opportunities in history such as:

- Studying abroad in South Africa
- Serving as the History Club president
- Interning with the Supreme Court of the United States
- Doing research on decolonization and the modern world
- Volunteering with History Harvest



HIST—SAMPLE 4-YEAR PLAN*

ACE = Achievement-Centered Education CDR = College Distribution Requirements

FIRST SEMESTER

History Course (ACE 5)	3
Written Texts / Research & Knowledge Skills (ACE 1)	3
Scientific Methods & Knowledge of Natural / Physical World (ACE 4)	3
CDR: Language	5
Total Hours	14

SECOND SEMESTER

History Course (CDR: Humanities)	3
CDR: Written Communication	3
CDR: Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences with Lab	4
CDR: Language	5
Total Hours	15

THIRD SEMESTER

HIST 250: The Historian's Craft	3
History Course	3
Mathematical / Computational / Statistical / Formal Reasoning (ACE 3)	3
CDR: Language	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Total Hours	15

FOURTH SEMESTER

History Course	3
Communication Skills (ACE 2)	3
CDR: Human Diversity in U.S. Communities	3
CDR: Language	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Total Hours	15

FIFTH SEMESTER

History 300- or 400-Level Course	3
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Social Science (ACE 6)	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Total Hours	15

SIXTH SEMESTER

History 300- or 400-Level Course	3
History 300- or 400-Level Course	3
Ethics / Civics / Stewardship (ACE 7)	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Total Hours	15

SEVENTH SEMESTER

HIST 450: Capstone Seminar (ACE 10)	3
Global Awareness & Human Diversity (ACE 9)	3
CDR: Social Science	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	1
Total Hours	16

EIGHTH SEMESTER

History 300- or 400-Level Course	3
Fine Arts (ACE 7)	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Total Hours	15

*DISCLAIMER: This document represents a sample 4-year plan for degree completion with a major of interest in the College of Arts and Sciences. Actual course selection and sequence may vary and should be discussed individually with an academic advisor at the college and department level.