History

History Major

By engaging in the fascinating study of how people in the past understood their worlds, graduates from the Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies will be prepared to comprehend and think critically about the present by understanding how it has been shaped by the past. In their studies they will learn how to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of alternative explanations for historical events, how to interpret primary and secondary materials to form valid conclusions, how to analyze components of historical events, and how to synthesize and apply their knowledge in an original research project.

The Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies offers both a B.A. and a B.S. degree in History. The B.A. degree requires the completion of two years of a modern language at the college level and is recommended for students desiring a rich liberal arts education or planning for graduate school or law school (see Bachelor of Arts Requirement using a Second Language (http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2015-16/undergraduate/academic-policies/academic-major-degree-information/#language) ). The B.S. degree does not have a modern language requirement but, instead, requires an appropriate minor. Students transferring to NDSU must complete at least 50 percent of their history credits at North Dakota State University. A History Education program of study also is offered between the Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies and the School of Education (https://www.ndsu.edu/education).

History majors can prepare themselves for careers in secondary education by completing a double major with either a B.A. or B.S. in History with a second major in History Education. The department advises students to choose History as their primary major.

Lists of approved courses for the distribution and sequence requirements and courses recommended for History Education majors are at the department web site (https://www.ndsu.edu/history).

History Minor

Students who minor in History are required to complete nine credits of 100-200 level History courses and nine credits of 300-400 level History courses.

Major Requirements

Major: History

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.
Required Degree Credits to Graduate: 122

Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree – The completion of a minor program of study, a second major, or a second degree is required.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree – Second year language proficiency at college level required.

General Education Requirements

First Year Experience (F):
UNIV 189 Skills For Academic Success (Students transferring in 24 or more credits do not need to take UNIV 189.) 1

Communication (C):
ENGL 110 College Composition I 3
ENGL 120 College Composition II 3
HIST 390 Historical Research and Writing 3
COMM 110 Fundamentals of Public Speaking 3

Quantitative Reasoning (R): Select from current general education list 3

Science & Technology (S):
A one-credit lab must be taken as a co-requisite with a general education science/technology course unless the course includes an embedded lab experience equivalent to a one-credit course. Select from current general education list. 10

Humanities & Fine Arts (A):
Category fulfilled with courses taken in Foundational courses. 6

Social & Behavioral Sciences (B): Select from current general education list 6

Wellness (W): Select from current general education list 2

Cultural Diversity (D): Select from current general education list
Global Perspectives (G): Select from current general education list

Total Credits: 40

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences College Requirements

An additional 9 credits are required by the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences for all Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degree programs of study, except the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, the Bachelor of Music degree, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree, and the Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree:

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<td>AH&amp;SS College Requirements</td>
<td>Courses used to satisfy any general education requirement cannot be used to also count toward the AH&amp;SS College Requirements. A minimum of three credits is required in each of the 3 following areas for a total of 9 credits. Choose only those courses with the prefixes listed for each area. A course with the WGS prefix can only be used in one area.</td>
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<td>Area One: Humanities</td>
<td>ARB, ENGL, FREN, GERM, HIST, HUM, PHIL, RELS, SPAN, or WGS</td>
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Major Requirements

General Education Requirements: 40

AH&SS College Requirement: 9

History Major Requirements:

24 credits must be at the 300-400 level and 20 credits must be taken in residence at NDSU.

Foundation Core: Select 2 courses from the following:

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<td>Western Civilization I</td>
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<td>HIST 103</td>
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Transitional Courses: Select one course from the following:

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<td>Race in U.S. History</td>
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<td>HIST 220</td>
<td>North Dakota History</td>
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<td>HIST 251</td>
<td>Introduction To Public History</td>
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<td>HIST 259</td>
<td>Women in European History 1400-1800</td>
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<td>HIST 261</td>
<td>American Indian History</td>
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<td>HIST 270</td>
<td>American Religious History</td>
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<td>HIST 271</td>
<td>Introduction to Latin American History</td>
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<td>HIST 280</td>
<td>History of East Asia to 1600</td>
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<td>History of East Asia from 1600</td>
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<td>Distribution Requirement: Minimum credit required for each distribution area.</td>
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North American History: Select 6 credits from the following:

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<td>Canada</td>
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<td>U.S. History 1917-Present I</td>
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<td>HIST 431</td>
<td>The North American Plains</td>
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<td>HIST 434</td>
<td>Environmental History</td>
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<td>HIST 436</td>
<td>American Frontier to 1850</td>
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**HIST 437**  
American West Since 1850

**European History: Select 6 credits of the following:**  
- **HIST 320**  
  History of Christianity  
- **HIST 450**  
  Ancient History  
- **HIST 451**  
  Medieval History  
- **HIST 454**  
  Renaissance And Reformation  
- **HIST 455**  
  The Eighteenth Century  
- **HIST 456**  
  Europe 1815-1914  
- **HIST 457**  
  Europe Since 1914  
- **HIST 464**  
  Imperial Spain  
- **HIST 465**  
  Germany since 1750  
- **HIST 467**  
  History Of Russia II

**Widening Horizons: Select 6 credits of the following:**  
- **HIST 381**  
  Australia & New Zealand  
- **HIST 440**  
  The Ottoman Empire  
- **HIST 470**  
  Modern Latin America I  
- **HIST 471**  
  Modern Latin America II  
- **HIST 473**  
  Colonial Mexico  
- **HIST 474**  
  Modern Mexico  
- **HIST 477**  
  Slavery in the Atlantic World  
- **HIST 480**  
  History of Modern China from 1600  
- **HIST 481**  
  History of Japan  
- **HIST 482**  
  Vietnam: 125 Years of Conflict  
- **HIST 484**  
  Cultures and Civilizations of the Pre-modern World  
- **HIST 485**  
  Cultural Exchange and the Making of the Modern World

**Senior Seminar:**  
- **HIST 489**  
  Senior Seminar (Capstone)  

**Additional Electives: A minimum of 6 credits of history courses required.**

**Degree Requirements: Potential of 43 credits to reach 122**

**Total Credits**  
122

*Prerequisite: HIST 390

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**Minor Requirements**

**History Minor**

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**Required Credits: 18**

**Electives**

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| HIST   | 300-400 level courses | 9

**Total Credits**  
18

**Minor Requirements and Notes**

- A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at NDSU.