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/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/#basecondlanguagetext)). 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

General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate Degree

- A list of approved general education courses is available here (http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext).
- General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review the major, minor, and program emphases requirements for minimum grade restrictions, should they apply.

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Total Credits: 39

* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.
May be satisfied with courses required in the major. Review major requirements to determine if a specific upper division writing course is required.

**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.

**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>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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24 credits must be taken at the 300-400 level and 20 credits must be taken in residence at NDSU for a history major.

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<td>HIST 135</td>
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<td>HIST 220</td>
<td>North Dakota History</td>
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<td>Introduction to Museum Work</td>
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<td>Women in European History 1400-1800</td>
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<td>Distribution Requirement: Minimum credit required for each distribution area.</td>
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<td>HIST 382</td>
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HIST 423  U.S. History 1829-1917 II  
HIST 424  U.S. History 1917-Present I  
HIST 425  U.S. History 1917-Present II  
HIST 428  War and Society in Early America  
HIST 431  The North American Plains  
HIST 434  Environmental History  
HIST 436  American Frontier to 1850  
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 (May satisfy general education category A and G)  
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.  

Total Credits: 36

* Prerequisite for HIST 489 Capstone: HIST 390

Minor Requirements

History Minor

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Required Credits: 18

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Minor Requirements and Notes

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