

HISTORY, B.A.

A Bachelor of Arts in History degree emphasizes research. Students get hands-on experience accessing primary sources materials through numerous archives. Supported by award-winning faculty, students learn to read source materials with proper context and contribute original research to a dynamic field. Our graduates find careers in a variety of fields, from history and education to politics, writing, traditional business and public service roles.

History majors may choose an area of focus, such as a specific region, time-period, theme or public history. Undergraduates benefit from our esteemed graduate program in public history and may take an array of courses in the field, some of which include an internship in a museum, archive or public institution.

To graduate with Distinction, students must maintain a high grade-point average, complete additional credit hours and undertake supplementary research and writing on a senior project that earns the mark of "distinction." Students preparing to teach secondary social science may complete the B.A. in History and the Master of Teaching (MT) program in just over five years.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will locate and incorporate relevant historical sources in writing an assignment.
2. Students will analyze the main points of a primary source (whether textual or non-textual), assess its nature or bias(es), and reach sound conclusions.
3. Students will construct a historical argument with a clear thesis and sustain it over the length of a substantial essay or assignment.
4. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the mechanics of historical writing and analysis, including proper grammar, syntax, sentence structure, and paragraph structure.