Studying history helps students learn to think critically, provides context to understand current events and fosters civic engagement. Along with equipping students with essential skills like writing, analysis and communication, studying history provides a foundation for academic and future career success. History students are well-informed citizens who go on to work in areas such as education, museums and archives, business, law and more.

The department offers the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major and minor. The major provides undergraduates with a high degree of flexibility. Students can choose among electives that interest them or declare an area of focus, such as public history. The Bachelor of Arts with Distinction track expands on the B.A. through additional learning and an exceptional research project. Students preparing for a career teaching secondary social science may complete the B.A. in History and the Master of Teaching (MT) program in just over five years.