History Department Website (https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/artsandsciences/history/index.php/front-page/)

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The Department of History offers the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in History and an 18-credit minor. The major offers undergraduates a high degree of flexibility in choosing their pathway through the major. Upper division (300 and 400-level) classes have roughly the same expectations and rigor; these numbers denote geography, not intensity. Our 400-level classes explore the Americas while the 300-level classes investigate other parts of the globe. Undergraduate majors are required to take a gateway course (HIST 300), a senior capstone seminar (HIST 497/498), and a handful of electives that ensure broad exposure to different time periods and geographic areas.

Beyond these requirements, students can choose among electives that interest them or decide to declare a concentration within the major that investigates global connections (e.g., War and International Relations), focuses on one region (e.g., Latin America), or explores a theme historically (e.g., Media and Digital History). To graduate with Distinction in History, 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 who are studying to be secondary social science teachers may complete the BA in History and the Masters of Teaching (MT) program in just over five years.

The Department has one of the country’s oldest and most esteemed graduate public history programs. At the undergraduate level, students may choose from an array of courses in public history, some of which include an internship in a museum, archive, or public institution. We also offer an undergraduate concentration in public history.