

# 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/2017-18/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/past-bulletin-archive/2017-18/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.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Communication (C)</b>		12
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing <sup>†</sup>		
<b>Quantitative Reasoning (R) <sup>†</sup></b>		3
<b>Science and Technology (S) <sup>†</sup></b>		10
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts (A) <sup>†</sup></b>		6
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) <sup>†</sup></b>		6
<b>Wellness (W) <sup>†</sup></b>		2
<b>Cultural Diversity (D) <sup>*†</sup></b>		
<b>Global Perspectives (G) <sup>*†</sup></b>		
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:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>AH&amp;SS College Requirements</b>		
Courses used to satisfy any general education requirement cannot be used to also count toward the AH&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.		
<b>Area One: Humanities</b>		3
ARB, ENGL, FREN, GERM, HIST, HUM, PHIL, RELS, SPAN, or WGS		
<b>Area Two: Social Sciences</b>		3
ANTH, CJ, COMM, EMGT, POLS, SOC, or WGS		
<b>Area Three: Fine Arts</b>		3
ARCH, ART, ENVD, LA, MUSC, or THEA		
Total Credits		9

### Major Requirements

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

Code	Title	Credits
<b>History Major Requirements</b>		
Foundation Core: Select 2 courses from the following:		6
HIST 101	Western Civilization I (May satisfy general education category A)	
HIST 102	Western Civilization II (May satisfy general education category A)	
HIST 103	U.S. to 1877 (May satisfy general education category A)	
HIST 104	U.S. Since 1877 (May satisfy general education category A)	
Transitional Courses: Select one course from the following:		3
HIST 135	Race in U.S. History (May satisfy general education category A and D)	
HIST 220	North Dakota History	
HIST 251	Introduction To Public History	
HIST 252	Introduction to Museum Work	
HIST 259	Women in European History 1400-1800	
HIST 261	American Indian History (May satisfy general education category A and D)	
HIST 270	American Religious History (May satisfy general education category A)	
HIST 271	Introduction to Latin American History (May satisfy general education category A and D)	
HIST 280	History of East Asia to 1600	
HIST 281	History of East Asia from 1600	
<b>Distribution Requirement: Minimum credit required for each distribution area.</b>		
North American History: Select 6 credits from the following:		6
RELS 340	New Religious Movements	
RELS 345	Religion and Politics	
HIST 382	Canada	
HIST 415	Public Memory and Memorialization in America	

HIST 420	Colonial American History	
HIST 421	Revolutionary America	
HIST 422	U.S. History 1829-1917 I	
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:		6
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:		6
HIST 355	History of Global Islam	
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) *	3
<b>Additional Electives: A minimum of 6 credits of history courses required.</b>		<b>6</b>
Total Credits		36

\* Prerequisite for HIST 489 Capstone: HIST 390

## Minor Requirements

### History Minor

#### Minor Requirements

Required Credits: 18

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Electives</b>		
HIST	100-200 level courses	9

HIST	300-400 level courses	9
Total Credits		18

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**Minor Requirements and Notes**

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