

# History

## Department Information

- **Department Web Site:**  
www.ndsu.edu/history/ (<http://www.ndsu.edu/history/>)
- **Credential Offered:**  
B.S.; B.A.; Minor
- **Sample Program Guide:**  
[catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/history/#planofstudytext](http://catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/history/#planofstudytext) (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/history/#planofstudytext>)

## Major Requirements

### Major: History

**Degree Type:** B.A. or B.S.

**Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate:** 120

### University Degree Requirements

1. Satisfactory completion of all requirements of the curriculum in which one is enrolled.
2. Earn a minimum total of 120 credits in approved coursework. Some academic programs exceed this minimum.
3. Satisfactory completion of the general education requirements as specified by the university.
4. A minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
5. At least 30 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Resident credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.
6. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses numbered 300 or higher.
7. Students presenting transfer credit must meet the NDSU residence credits and the minimum upper level credit. Of the 30 credits earned in residence, a minimum of 15 semester credits must be in courses numbered 300 or above, and 15 semester credits must be in the student's curricula for their declared major.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2023-24/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section of this Bulletin.

### University General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Communication (C)</b>		<b>12</b>
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>		<b>3</b>
<b>Science and Technology (S) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts (A) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Wellness (W) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Cultural Diversity (D) <sup>**†</sup></b>		
<b>Global Perspectives (G) <sup>**†</sup></b>		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>39</b>

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May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.

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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 major requirements to determine if specific courses can also satisfy these general education categories.

- A list of university approved general education courses and administrative policies are available here (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2023-24/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).

## AHSS Degree Requirements

**Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree** – The completion of a minor program of study.

**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 a student whose primary degree is a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree in a major from the College of AHSS. These additional 9 credits are not required for the Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree, Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Environmental Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, Bachelor of Music degree, for any student whose primary major or degree is not in the College of AHSS, or the student is earning two majors or two different degrees.

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>		<b>3</b>
ARB, ENGL, FREN, GERM, HIST, HUM, PHIL, RELS, SPAN, TIPS or WGS		
<b>Area Two: Social Sciences</b>		<b>3</b>
ANTH, CJ, COMM, EMGT, POLS, SOC, or WGS		
<b>Area Three: Fine Arts</b>		<b>3</b>
ARCH, ART, ENVD, LA, MUSC, or THEA		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Requirements</b>		
HIST 1XX or 2XX level		3
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HIST 390	Historical Research and Writing	3
HIST 489	Senior Seminar (Capstone) *	3
Additional History Electives		6
<b>Distribution Requirement: Minimum credit required for each distribution area.</b>		
North American History - Select 6 credits from the following:		6
RELS 340	"Cults" and New Religious Movements	
RELS 345	Church and State in America	
HIST 328	War and Society in America	
HIST 382	Canada	
HIST 415	Public Memory and Memorialization in America	
HIST 420	Colonial American History	
HIST 421	Revolutionary America	
HIST 422	American Civil War and Reconstruction	
HIST 423	The Gilded Age and Progressive America	
HIST 424	U.S. History 1917-1960	
HIST 425	U.S. History 1917-Present II	
HIST 426	Women in American History	
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 449	Ancient Rome: From Republic to Empire	
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	Global Islam	
HIST 381	Australia & New Zealand (May satisfy general education category A and G)	
HIST 440	The Ottoman Empire	
HIST 473	Colonial Mexico	
HIST 474	Modern Mexico	
HIST 475	The Aztec, Maya, and Inca	
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	
HIST 486	Plague! Tragedies and Triumphs of Globalization	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>39</b>

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The prerequisite for HIST 489 Capstone is HIST 390.

### Degree Requirements and Notes:

- Twenty-four (24) credits must be taken at the 300-400 level and of these 24, twenty (20) credits must be taken in residence at NDSU for a history major.