

# History Education

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## Department Information

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- **Credential Offered:**  
B.A.; B.S.
- **Official Program Curriculum:**  
[bulletin.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/history-education/](http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/history-education/) (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/history-education/>)

## The Program

The History education curriculum includes classes in the various fields of history, namely European history, US history, and Widening Horizons (world history). Candidates in the history education major are prepared to teach a diverse curriculum to a diverse student population.

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Candidates in the history education major are prepared to teach history to students in grades 5-12 with creativity and confidence. The history education teacher candidate should work closely with an advisor to be sure that the general education courses taken will provide a strong foundation for the advanced courses in the major. Our professional education courses prepare teacher candidates to incorporate active learning strategies, create effective methods for assessment, and adjust instruction to accommodate multiple learning styles.

## Professional Education Courses

Teacher candidates may enroll in 300-level professional education courses before being formally admitted to the School of Education (SOE). Prior to enrolling in the 400-level courses, teacher candidates must complete the application for admission to the SOE; attain a minimum of a 2.75 grade point average overall in their course work and in education courses; and pass the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators test or meet minimum scores on the ACT+. Requirements for admission can be found on the School of Education website (<https://www.ndsu.edu/education/>).

## Student Teaching

Student teaching (clinical practice) is the culmination of the teaching program. During In the clinical practice, teacher candidates apply the knowledge and skills acquired in their college courses to real-world classrooms under the supervision of experienced history teachers in middle or high schools. Faculty members from NDSU conduct regular on-site visits to support, encourage, and evaluate teacher candidates so that they gain the confidence and ability to join the teaching profession after graduation.

## Student Advisement

An academic advisor works individually with history education majors to plan their programs of study and to advise and assist them as they progress to degree completion. Students are encouraged to seek their advisor's help whenever needed. Appointments with advisors can be scheduled through the Navigate online system found on the Student Affairs web page, <https://www.ndsu.edu/enrollmentmanagement/studentsuccess/>

## Licensure

Upon completing this program, teacher candidates are eligible to teach history in most states. Our program is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and approved by the North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB).

## Career Opportunities

In general, "employment of high school teachers is projected to grow 8 percent from 2016 to 2026, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Rising student enrollment should increase demand for high school teachers, but employment growth will vary by region".