History
College of Social & Behavioral Sciences
Department of History
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The study of history is the attempt to understand and interpret past human societies. It provides both the joy and anguish of contemplating collective experiences, and presents insights that could produce a better future for the human race. History also opens a panorama of enormous variety in human experiences, values, and customs, which provide enjoyment and from which society can also learn wisdom, mutual respect, and tolerance.

Admission to Major. Admission to major is granted by the department. Minimum university admission requirements are:
- a minimum of 32 earned semester credit hours.
- a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 (C).
Contact the department for application procedures.

HISTORY BA, BS

Major Requirements:
The BS degree requires 36 semester hours with the following stipulations:

One Survey Sequence (8 credits)
HIST 170/170W Ancient World Civilization to 1500 (4) AND
HIST 171/171W World Civilization, 1500 - Present (4)
HIST 180 European History to 1648 (4) AND
HIST 181 European History: 1648 to the Present (4) OR
HIST 190/190W United States to 1877 (4) AND
HIST 191/191W United States Since 1877 (4)

Senior Seminar (4 credits)
HIST 495 Senior Seminar (4)

At least one 300 or 400 level course must be taken from each of the following areas: United States, European and Third World (Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East.)

Of the 36 credits, 24 must be at the 300 and 400 level, including HIST 495 Required for Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree
The BA Degree requires all of the above plus 8 credits in a Foreign Language.

Required Minor: Yes. Any.

HISTORY MINOR
Minor Requirements:
A minor in history consists of 18 semester hours with a minimum of 9 semester hours at the 300-400 level.

POLICIES/INFORMATION

GPA Policy. A minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 is required in the major.

Pass/No Credit Policy. Undergraduate history courses may be taken either for P/N or letter grading except HIST 490 (workshops), HIST 497(1-6 credits), HIST 498(1-6 credits) and HIST 499(1-3 credits), which are available only on P/N grading. However, majors and minors in history and majors in social studies (history core) must take all history courses, other than those enumerated, for a letter grade. No more than one-fourth of the credits in a history major or minor may be taken as P/N.

Transfer Policy. Transfer students should come to the Department of History to have their transfer credits reviewed prior to registration for classes. All transfer students are required to take at least 9 semester credits at the Minnesota State Mankato Department of History.

In order to provide broad preparation for graduate study, history majors of superior ability may read for honors in three different areas [see HIST 390(1)-392(1)]. To be eligible, a student must have completed at least 14 credits of history courses and have earned a grade-point average of 3.5 in history. The student may enroll for one honors course a semester. Honors credit may be counted for the history major and social studies (history core). Students who successfully complete these three courses with a grade-point average of 3.5 for all history courses (and who have met the other degree requirements) will be eligible for graduation “with distinction in history.”

Students interested in teaching history should see the Social Studies section for information on the major in Social Studies with a History Concentration BS, Teaching.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

HIST 150 (1-3) Historical Perspectives
Selected topics in United States or World History depending on interests of the instructor.
Variable

HIST 151 (3) African-American History
A survey of African-American history from African origins to the present.
Variable
GE-5, 7 CD-Core

HIST 153 (3) War & Peace in the 20th Century
An examination of the cause and consequences of war in the twentieth century with focus on World War I, World War II, and the Cold War.
Variable
GE-5, 8

HIST 154 (3) Minnesota: People and the Land
Survey of Minnesota history with emphasis on the interrelationships of the physical environment and various peoples.
Variable
GE-5

HIST 155 (3) History of the Family in America
This course is designed to provide an overview and analysis of the historical experiences of the family in the United States from earliest settlement to the present in order to aid students in understanding the contemporary situation of the family in American society.
Variable
GE-5, 7 CD-Core

HIST 160 (4) Introduction to Traditional East Asian Civilization
A survey of traditional East Asian civilization — particularly China and Japan — from the beginning to the 19th century.
GE-5, 8 CD-Related

HIST 170 (4) Ancient World Civilization to 1500
A history of the physical, political, cultural, social, and economic foundations of world civilizations to 1500.
F, S
GE-5, 8 CD-Related

HIST 170W (4) Ancient World Civilization to 1500
A history of the physical, political, cultural, social, and economic foundations of world civilizations to 1500. Same content as HIST 170, except this course satisfies GE-1c, Writing Intensive. Students may not take both HIST 170 and HIST 170W for credit.
Variable
GE-1C, 5, 8 CD-Related

HIST 171 (4) World Civilization, 1500-Present
Review of major changes in World Civilizations since 1500.
F, S
GE-5, 8 CD-Related
HIST 171W (4) World Civilization, 1500-Present
Review of major changes in World Civilization since 1500. Same content as HIST 171, except this course satisfies the writing intensive, GE-1C. Students may not take both HIST 171 and HIST 171W for credit. Variable
GE-1C, 5, 8 CD-Related

HIST 180 (4) European History to 1648
A survey of European civilization from Egypt to the end of the Thirty Years War. F, S
GE-5, 9 CD-Core

HIST 180W (4) European History to 1648
A survey of European civilization from Egypt to the end of the Thirty Years War. Variable
GE-1C, 5, 9 CD-Core

HIST 181 (4) European History: 1648 to the Present
A survey of European history from the end of the Thirty Years War to the present. F, S
GE-5, 8

HIST 190 (4) United States to 1877
This course is designed to provide an overview of America's political, social, economic, and cultural development from earliest colonization to 1877. F, S
GE-5, 7 CD-Core

HIST 190W (4) United States to 1877
This course is designed to provide an overview of America's political, social, economic, and cultural development from earliest colonization to 1877. Same content as HIST 190, except this is a writing intensive course and satisfies GE-1c. Students may not take both HIST 190 and HIST 190W for credit. Variable
GE-1C, 5, 7 CD-Core

HIST 191 (4) United States Since 1877
A survey of American History from the end of Reconstruction to the present with a special emphasis on political and social developments. F, S
GE-5, 7 CD-Core

HIST 191W (4) United States Since 1877
This course is designed to provide an overview of America's political, social, economic, and cultural development from 1877 to the present. This course has the same content as HIST 191, but is approved as fulfilling GE-1c. Students may not take both HIST 191 and HIST 191W for credit. Variable
GE-1C, 5, 7 CD-Core

HIST 200 (4) World History: An Overview
Review of World History as a field of study. F, S
CD-Related

HIST 302 (4) World History: An Overview
Review of World History as a field of study. F, S
CD-Related

HIST 390 (1) Readings for Honors: United States History
Pre: 14 semester credits of History with minimum GPA of 3.5 F, S

HIST 391 (1) Reading for Honors: European History
Pre: 14 semester credits of History with minimum GPA of 3.5 F, S

HIST 392 (1) Reading for Honors: World History
Pre: 14 semester credits of History with minimum GPA of 3.5 F, S

HIST 401 (4) Classical World of Greece & Rome
The history of Greece and Rome stressing political, social and economic institutions and cultural and intellectual achievements. Variable

HIST 401W (4) Classical World of Greece & Rome
The history of Greece and Rome stressing political, social and economic institutions and cultural and intellectual achievements. Variable

HIST 402 (4) Foundations of Judaism, Christianity & Islam
A history of western monotheistic religions and their interactions with the secular world and each other from the beginnings of Judaism to the Crusades. Variable
CD-Related

HIST 403 (4) The Middle Ages
A history of the Middle Ages stressing political, social and economic interactions and cultural achievements. Variable

HIST 406 (4) Social History of Renaissance and Reformation Europe
European history from the later Middle Ages to the end of the Thirty Years' War (c.1300-1648). Students will examine the intellectual, religious, and cultural developments in Western-Europe, with special attention given to social life and popular culture. Variable

HIST 407 (4) The Age of Absolutism and Enlightenment
The history of Europe from the Treaty of Westphalia to the eve of the French Revolution (1648-1789). Course emphasizes absolutism and constitutionalism, the construction of European empires, the scientific revolution and Enlightenment, and social and economic changes. Variable

HIST 408 (4) History of Women in Preindustrial Europe
A history of European Women's experiences from Classical Greece and Rome to the French Revolution of 1789. An analysis of changing concepts of gender relations balanced with a study of women's expressions as individuals and as members of socio-economic, ethnic, kin, and religious groups. Variable

HIST 409 (4) Social History of Preindustrial Europe
European culture and social life between 1400 and 1789. Topics include marriage and the family, sexuality, economic change, witchcraft, popular religion and Christianization, and the social history of political absolutism. Variable

HIST 412 (4) Modern Germany since 1500
Review of German history from the Reformation and Thirty Years War to the present, including such topics as Rise of Prussia, Revolution of 1848, Bismarck and the formation of a German Empire, World War I, Weimar Republic and the rise of Hitler, World War II and Germany since 1945. Variable

HIST 414 (4) Early England to 1603
England from ancient times to the death of Elizabeth I. Variable

HIST 415 (4) England since 1603
Political, social and economic development of England and Great Britain since the death of Elizabeth I. Variable

HIST 419 (4) France since the Revolution in 1789
Review of French history from the Revolution of 1789 to the present, including such topics as origins and course of the Revolution, Napoleon, Louis XVIII to Third Republic, World War I, World War II and France since 1945. Variable

HIST 421 (4) Modern Russia
A history of Russia and surrounding areas from the fall of Tsarism in 1917 to the modern era. Variable
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A course which attempts to identify the major themes in southern history and tackles the question whether the South has been un-American or ultra-American.

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HIST 476 (4) Comparative Slavery and Emancipation
This course will discuss slavery and emancipation in the Atlantic World (Africa, Latin America, and the United States). Students will discover how slavery and emancipation differed in various regions and over time.
Variable

CD-Core

HIST 477 (3) Advanced African-American History
A course which deals with the main themes in African-American history and their interpretations.
Variable

HIST 478 (4) America in Vietnam
This course will examine the Vietnam War. Students will discover how and why the U.S. became involved in Vietnam, examine the specific problems faced by American diplomats and military officials, and how the war affected American society.
Variable

CD-Related

HIST 479 (4) History of American Immigration and Ethnicity
A historical study of the immigration and ethnic experience in America. Includes an examination of political, social, and economic changes that resulted in population movements to the U.S. and of the development of immigration laws in response to the arrival of "outsiders." Attention is given to the rise of anti-immigrant movements at various times in American history.
Variable

HIST 480 (4) American Environmental History
This course will examine the interaction between humans and the American environment from pre-Columbus to the present.
Variable

CD-Related

HIST 484 (4) American Labor History
An examination of the history of labor and the emergence of social welfare within the context of the modernization of western society and the diversity of the United States.
Variable

HIST 485 (4) American Social and Cultural History
Topics in intellectual history or popular and traditional culture.
Variable

HIST 487 (4) United States Women's History
This course is designed to provide a survey and analysis of the historical experiences of women in the United States from earliest settlement by indigenous peoples to the present in order to aid students in understanding the contemporary situation of women in American society.
Variable

CD-Core

HIST 490 (1-4) Workshops
Specific titles to be announced in departmental course descriptions. P/N only.
Variable

HIST 495 (4) Senior Seminar
This seminar course will include a discussion of the history of the discipline of history, an introduction to research methodologies, and the nature of historical writing. Each student will write a research paper as part of the course. Required for history majors. F, S

HIST 497 (1-6) Internship
Practical work experience in an historical agency. P/N only
Variable

HIST 498 (1-6) Internship
Practical work experience in an historical agency. P/N only.
Variable

HIST 499 (1-3) Individual Study
Advanced independent study and research. P/N only. F, S

Variable