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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.

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 (1-12 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.

Residency Requirement. All transfer students majoring in history are required to take at least 9 semester credits at the Minnesota State Mankato Department of History. All transfer students minoring in history are required to take at least 6 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) - HIST 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 for all history courses (and 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.

**HISTORY BA**
Degree completion = 120 credits

**Major Common Core**
HIST 495 Senior Seminar (4)
Survey Sequence (choose 8 credits)
Student must take one of the survey sequences (World History, European History, or United States History).
Other Graduation Requirements: Language: (8 credits)

Required Minor: Yes. Any.

HISTORY BS
Degree completion = 120 credits

Major Common Core
HIST 495 Senior Seminar (4)

Major Restricted Electives
Survey Sequence (choose 8 credits)
Student must take one of the survey sequences (World History, European History, or United States History).
HIST 170 Ancient World Civilization to 1500 (4)
HIST 170W Ancient World Civilization to 1500 (4)
HIST 171 World Civilization, 1500 - Present (4)
HIST 171W World Civilization, 1500 - Present (4)
HIST 180 European History to 1648 (4)
HIST 180W European History to 1648 (4)
HIST 181 European History: 1648 to the Present (4)
HIST 181W European History: 1648 to the Present (4)
HIST 190 United States to 1877 (4)
HIST 190W United States to 1877 (4)
HIST 191 United States Since 1877 (4)
HIST 191W United States Since 1877 (4)

Major Unrestricted Electives
Upper Division Courses and Distribution Requirement (choose 24 credits)
At least one 300-400 level course must be taken from each of the following areas: United States, Europe, Third World (Africa, Asia, Latin America, or Middle East).
HIST 302 World History: An Overview (4)
HIST 390 Readings for Honors: United States History (1)
HIST 391 Reading for Honors: European History (1)
HIST 392 Reading for Honors: World History (1)
HIST 401 Classical World of Greece & Rome (4)
HIST 402 Foundations of Judaism, Christianity, & Islam (4)
HIST 403 The Middle Ages (4)
HIST 406 Social History of Renaissance and Reformation Europe (4)
HIST 407 The Age of Absolutism and Enlightenment (4)
HIST 408 History of Women in Preindustrial Europe (4)
HIST 409 Social History of Preindustrial Europe (4)
HIST 412 Modern Germany since 1500 (4)
HIST 414 Early England to 1603 (4)
HIST 415 England since 1603 (4)
HIST 419 France since the Revolution in 1789 (4)
HIST 421 Modern Russia (4)
HIST 424 Scandinavian History (4)
HIST 427 Eastern Europe (4)
HIST 430 United States: Selected Topics (1-4)
HIST 431 European History: Selected Topics (1-4)
HIST 432 World History: Selected Topics (1-4)
HIST 434 East Asian History: 1800-1945 (4)
HIST 435 East Asian History: 1945 - The Present (4)
HIST 436 History of East Asian Relations with the United States (4)
HIST 437 African History to 1800 (4)
HIST 438 Modern Africa (4)
HIST 442 History of Latin America (4)
HIST 452 Minnesota History (4)
HIST 454 Early America to 1763 (4)
HIST 455 Revolutionary & Early National America 1763-1820 (4)
HIST 458 U.S. History 1820-1861 (4)
HIST 459 U.S. History 1861-1900 (4)
HIST 462 U.S. History, 1900-1945 (4)
HIST 463 U.S. History, 1945-Present (4)
HIST 465 History of U.S. Foreign Relations, 1775-1900 (4)
HIST 466 History of U.S. Foreign Relations in the Twentieth Century (4)
HIST 470 American Frontier (4)
HIST 471 20th Century American West (4)
HIST 476 Comparative Slavery and Emancipation (4)
HIST 477 Advanced African-American History (3)
HIST 478 America in Vietnam (4)
HIST 481 U.S. Civil Rights Since 1945 (4)
HIST 483 American Social and Cultural History (4)
HIST 484 American Labor History (4)
HIST 485 History of American Immigration and Ethnicity (4)
HIST 486 American Environmental History (4)
HIST 487 United States Women’s History (4)
HIST 490 Workshops (1-4)
HIST 497 Internship (1-12)
HIST 499 Individual Study (1-3)

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.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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, GE-7
Diverse Cultures - Purple

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, GE-8
Diverse Cultures - Purple

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

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 WI Writing Intensive. Students may not take both HIST 170 and HIST 170W for credit.
Variable
WI, GE-5, GE-8

HIST 171 (4) World Civilization, 1500-Present
Review of major changes in World Civilizations since 1500.
Fall, Spring
GE-5, GE-8
Diverse Cultures - Purple

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, WI. Students may not take both HIST 171 and HIST 171W for credit.
Variable
WI, GE-5, GE-8

HIST 180 (4) European History to 1648
A survey of European civilization from Egypt to the end of the Thirty Years War.
Fall, Spring
GE-5, GE-9
HIST 180W (4) European History to 1648
A survey of European civilization from Egypt to the end of the Thirty Years War. Same content as HIST 180, except this course satisfies the writing intensive, WI. Students may not take both HIST 180 and HIST 180W for credit.
Variable
WI, GE-5, GE-9

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.
Fall, Spring
GE-5, GE-8

HIST 181W (4) European History: 1648 to the Present
Survey of European history from the end of the Thirty Years War to the present. Same content as HIST 181, except this course satisfies the writing intensive, WI. Students may not take both HIST 181 and HIST 181W for credit.
Fall, Spring
WI, GE-5, GE-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.
Fall, Spring
GE-5, GE-7
Diverse Cultures - Purple

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 WI. Students may not take both HIST 190 and HIST 190W for credit.
Variable
WI, GE-5, GE-7
Diverse Cultures - Purple

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.
Fall, Spring
GE-5, GE-7
Diverse Cultures - Purple

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 WI. Students may not take both HIST 191 and HIST 191W for credit.
Variable
WI, GE-5, GE-7
Diverse Cultures - Purple

HIST 302 (4) World History: An Overview
Review of World History as a field of study.
Fall, Spring

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

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

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

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 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

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 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 410 (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 411 (4) Early England to 1603
England from ancient times to the death of Elizabeth I.
Variable

HIST 412 (4) Modern England since 1603
Political, social and economic development of England and Great Britain since the death of Elizabeth I.
Variable

HIST 413 (4) Modern Russia
A history of Russia and surrounding areas from the fall of Tsarism in 1917 to the modern era.
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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
Diverse Cultures - Purple

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
Diverse Cultures - Purple

HIST 481 (4) U.S. Civil Rights Since 1945
This course will examine the Civil Rights Movement, broadly defined, from 1945 to the present, but focusing on the period from 1945 to 1970. We will also explore the way in which African Americans and their white supporters mobilized for equality in the face of massive white resistance and seeming federal indifference.
Variable

HIST 483 (4) American Social and Cultural History
Topics in intellectual history or popular and traditional culture.
Variable

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

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.
Fall, Spring

HIST 497 (1-12) 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.
Fall, Spring