

HISTORY

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.

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. 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) - 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 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.

HISTORY BA, BS

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

One Survey Sequence (8 credits)

HIST 170 / HIST 170W Ancient World Civilization to 1500 (4) **AND**
HIST 171 / HIST 171W World Civilization, 1500 - Present (4)

HIST 180 / HIST 180W European History to 1648 (4) **AND**
HIST 181 / HIST 181W European History: 1648 to the Present (4)

HIST 190 / HIST 190W United States to 1877 (4) **AND**
HIST 191 / HIST 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.

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.

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GE-5, GE-7

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

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 GE-1C, Writing Intensive. Students may not take both HIST 170 and HIST 170W for credit.

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GE-1C, GE-5, GE-8

HIST 171 (4) World Civilization, 1500-Present

Review of major changes in World Civilizations since 1500.

Fall, Spring

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GE-5, GE-8

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.

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GE-1C, 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

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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, GE-1C. Students may not take both HIST 180 and HIST 180W for credit.

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GE-1C, 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, GE-1C. Students may not take both HIST 181 and HIST 181W for credit.

Fall, Spring

GE-1C, 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

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GE-5, GE-7

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.

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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.

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GE-5, GE-7

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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HIST 414 (4) Early England to 1603

England from ancient times to the death of Elizabeth I.

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HIST 415 (4) England since 1603

Political, social and economic development of England and Great Britain since the death of Elizabeth I.

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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.

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HIST 421 (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 424 (4) Scandinavian History

Political, economic, social, cultural, and immigration history of the Scandinavian countries, including major themes in the mass migration and history of Scandinavians in America. Emphasis on the period, 1500-present.

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HIST 427 (4) Eastern Europe

A history of Eastern Europe from the Middle Ages to the present.

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HIST 430 (1-4) United States: Selected Topics

This seminar course will deal with a specific aspect of United States history as announced by the department.

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HIST 431 (1-4) European History: Selected Topics

This seminar course will deal with a specific aspect of European history as announced by the department.

Variable

HIST 432 (1-4) World History: Selected Topics

This seminar course will deal with a specific aspect of World History as announced by the department.

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HIST 434 (4) East Asian History: 1800-1945

A comparative history of the Chinese and Japanese nations from the 19th century to 1945.

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HIST 435 (4) East Asian History: 1945 - The Present

A comparative history of the rise of the Chinese and Japanese nations from 1945 to the present.

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HIST 436 (4) History of East Asian Relations with the United States

History of relations of major East Asian countries with the United States from the late 18th century to the present.

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HIST 437 (4) African History to 1800

Investigation of historical developments across the African continent from pre-history through the eighteenth century. Topics will include ancient empires of West Africa, the Swahili coast, the spread of Islam, the trans-Atlantic slave trade and the formation of South Africa's multi-racial society.

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HIST 438 (4) Modern Africa

Investigation of historical developments in Sub-Saharan Africa during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Topics will include trade with Europe and America, European colonization and African resistance, life in colonial Africa, independence movements, South Africa's apartheid state and the Rwanda genocide.

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HIST 442 (4) History of Latin America

Review of Latin American history from Ancient American Civilizations to the present.

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HIST 452 (4) Minnesota History

This course will examine Minnesota's social, political, and economic development from the earliest human habitation to the present.

HIST 454 (4) Early America to 1763

This course will examine America's political, social, economic, and cultural development from the earliest settlement of the continent by indigenous peoples to 1763, when provincial Americans began to demand more than token equality in the British Empire.

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HIST 455 (4) Revolutionary & Early National America 1763-1820

This course will examine the social, economic, ideological, political, diplomatic, and military experiences of the United States between 1763 and 1820, in order to understand the creation of the American political nation and the culture which developed within it.

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HIST 458 (4) U.S. History 1820-1861

This course will discuss the social, economic, and political issues from the rise of Jackson through the beginning of the Civil War. Major issues to be covered include: Jacksonian Democracy, Industrialization, Reform, Westward Expansion, Slavery, and the 1850's.

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HIST 459 (4) U.S. History 1861-1900

This course will explore the immediate causes and consequences of the Civil War as well as the rise of an industrial/urban United States. Major issues to be covered include: causes of the Civil War, the war itself, Reconstruction, the Gilded Age, and Populism.

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HIST 462 (4) U.S. History, 1900-1945

Reform/domestic themes and U.S. foreign policies during the Progressive Era, the "Roaring 20's," the Great Depression and the New Deal, and the two world wars.

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HIST 463 (4) U.S. History, 1945-Present

Social, political and foreign affairs since World War II.

Variable

HIST 465 (4) History of U.S. Foreign Relations, 1775-1900

This course will explore the economic, strategic, and ideological factors shaping American foreign policy from 1775 to 1900. Students will examine how U.S. policy makers defined their goals and how their assumptions led the United States to pursue territorial and commercial expansion.

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HIST 466 (4) History of U.S. Foreign Relations in the Twentieth Century

An examination of the major factors influencing U.S. diplomacy since 1900. Students will examine how influential policy makers defined their diplomatic goals, and how both domestic and external factors have contributed to America's reaction to wars and revolutions around the world.

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HIST 470 (4) American Frontier

Occupation of the area between the Mississippi and the Pacific from Spanish exploration to the late 19th century.

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HIST 471 (4) 20th Century American West

This course looks at the social, political, and economic developments that transformed the 20th Century American West.

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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.

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Variable

HIST 477 (3) Advanced African-American History

A course which deals with the main themes in African-American history and their interpretations.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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