

Department of History

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Among the humanities disciplines, history is unique in the emphasis it places on interpreting human experience over place and time. Historians study the evolution of human beings and societies, emphasizing the importance of people's choices, values, and actions. History provides indispensable background and the social and political context for other academic disciplines and branches of knowledge.

Specialization in history on the undergraduate level has direct professional application in the field of secondary education and provides excellent preparation for careers in law, the ministry, communication, journalism, government service, the military, and business. The department maintains a close working relationship with other departments on campus, making it possible for students who desire to do so to pursue double majors, joining history with geography, English, political science, business, computer science, or other fields.

To earn a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in history, a student must pass a minimum of 39 semester hours in history with a 2.50 average in those courses. All undergraduates majoring in history must complete two of the following basic sequences: HI 1063/HI 1073; HI 1163/HI 1173; HI 1213/HI 1223; HI 1313/HI 1323; HI 1003/HI 1013. Along with these basic sequences, students are required to take a minimum of two upper division courses from Category I, two upper division courses from Category II, two upper division courses from Category III, plus two upper division courses from any Category.

For information on which courses fit into particular categories, please contact an advisor. During their junior or senior years, majors must enroll in and pass with a grade of "C" or better, a course in Historiography and Historical Method (HI 3903). Fifteen hours of the upper division work (3000 and 4000 level courses) must be taken at Mississippi State. For a minor in history, a student must take a minimum of 18 semester hours of history including one of the basic sequences listed above plus twelve additional credit hours in history courses numbered 3000 and above including at least one at the 4000 level. Students interested in a major or minor in history should consult the undergraduate coordinator.

The Department of History offers work leading to both the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. The prerequisite for admission to a graduate program in history is a minimum of 18 hours of undergraduate history courses. Students desiring to pursue graduate studies should consult the Graduate Coordinator.

Mississippi State has a chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the international history honorary society.

BA in History

General Education Requirements

English Composition

EN 1103 or EN 1104	English Composition I Expanded English Composition I	3
EN 1113 or EN 1173	English Composition II Accelerated Composition II	3

Creative Discovery

See A&S core		3
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Humanities

Literature - A&S core		3
History - A&S Core (See major)		

Social/Behavioral Sciences

See A&S core		6
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Quantitative Reasoning

See A&S core		3
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Natural Sciences

Life Science w/Lab - A&S core		3-4
Physical Science w/Lab - A&S core		3-4
Natural Science Elective - A&S core		3-4

College Requirements & Major Core

Additional Quantitative Reasoning

MA 1313 or MA 1103	College Algebra College Algebra Linked Lab- Corequisite Model	3
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or MA 1213	Math in Your World	
Foreign Language		
Foreign Language I		3
Foreign Language II		3
Foreign Language III		3
Additional Humanities		
Philosophy - A&S core		3
Humanities Electives ¹		9
Additional Social/Behavioral Sciences		
Social Sciences Electives ²		12
Oral Communication		
CO 1003	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
or CO 1013	Introduction to Communication	
Major Core		
Must choose two of the following sequences:		12
U.S. History		
HI 1063	Early U.S. History	
HI 1073	Modern U.S. History	
World History		
HI 1163	World History Before 1500	
HI 1173	World History Since 1500	
Western World		
HI 1213	Early Western World	
HI 1223	Modern Western World	
East Asian Civ		
HI 1313	East Asian Civilizations to 1300	
HI 1323	East Asian Civilizations since 1300	
History of Science and Technology		
HI 1003	History of Science in Six Ideas	
HI 1013	History of Technology in Six Objects	
Category I History Upper Division Electives (two courses)		6
HI 3013	African American History to 1865	
HI 3023	African American History since 1865	
HI 3183	World Environmental History	
HI 3363	History of U.S. Transportation	
HI 3713	History of African American Women	
HI 3813	Modern Latin America	
HI 3853	The United States and Latin America	
HI 3893	20th Century World History	
HI 4000	Directed Individual Study in History	
HI 4193	U.S. Environmental History	
HI 4273	Women in American History	
HI 4283	History of Southern Women	
HI 4293	History of Gender and Science	
HI 4333	Native American History to 1830	
HI 4343	Immigration and Ethnicity in the United States	
HI 4363	African American History and Culture	
HI 4373	History of Modern Civil Rights Movement	
HI 4383	Native American History Since 1830	
HI 4403	The Ancient Near East	
HI 4453	Greek History	
HI 4463	Roman History	

HI 4553	Science and Technology to Newton
HI 4583	China Since 1800
HI 4593	Japan Since 1600
HI 4653	History of Science and Technology
HI 4783	African Civilization to 1880
HI 4793	Modern Africa
HI 4853	Modern Mexico
HI 4903	The Far East
HI 4983	African Americans and the Law
HI 4990	Special Topics in History
Category II History Upper Division Electives (two courses)	
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HI 3703	The Western Church: Beginning to Reformation
HI 3743	History of England
HI 3763	Hitler and Nazi Germany
HI 3773	History of the Holocaust
HI 3783	Modern European Imperialism
HI 4000	Directed Individual Study in History
HI 4213	History of Grand Strategy & International Security
HI 4223	Intelligence Gathering in the 20th Century
HI 4413	Ancient Greece and Rome
HI 4593	Japan Since 1600
HI 4603	Medieval Civilization
HI 4613	History of the Soviet Union
HI 4643	Renaissance and Reformation
HI 4673	Europe, 1789-1914
HI 4683	Europe: The First World War to Hitler
HI 4693	Europe: The Second World War to the Common Market
HI 4713	Tudor and Stuart England
HI 4723	History of Britain Since 1688
HI 4743	War, Diplomacy, and Statecraft in Europe, 1648-1989
HI 4753	History of Russia
HI 4763	History of Modern Germany
HI 4773	History of Modern France
HI 4990	Special Topics in History
Category III History Upper Division Electives (two courses)	
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HI 3133	History of U.S. Popular Culture
HI 3333	Mississippi History
HI 3343	Delta History Service and Experiential Spring Break
HI 3363	History of U.S. Transportation
HI 4000	Directed Individual Study in History
HI 4103	Colonial America
HI 4123	Jacksonian America 1825 to 1850
HI 4133	Civil War and Reconstruction 1850 to 1877
HI 4143	Revolutionary America
HI 4153	U.S. History 1877 to 1917
HI 4163	U.S. 1917 - 1945
HI 4173	U.S. History since 1945
HI 4183	U.S. Economic History
HI 4203	Diplomatic History of the U.S.
HI 4233	American Military History
HI 4243	American Life and Thought
HI 4253	History of Religion in America

HI 4263	America's Vietnam War	
HI 4303	The Old South	
HI 4313	The New South	
HI 4323	The American West	
HI 4393	Rural America	
HI 4493	Terrorism in America	
HI 4883	U.S. History of Medicine	
HI 4990	Special Topics in History	
History Upper Division Electives (two courses) (any upper-level HI course except HI 3903)		6
HI 3903	Historiography and Historical Method	3
Jr/Sr Writing		
Satisfied with HI 3903 in the major		
Free Electives		
Consult advisor		13-16
Total Hours		124

Note: Students must complete 31 upper division hours in A&S in residence at MSU.

¹ Humanities electives must be courses in A&S and must cover two disciplines. Six of the elective hours may be HI courses.

² Social Science electives must be courses in A&S. The total 18 hours in Social Science must cover four disciplines; maximum of 6 hours per discipline; only on EC and on CO from A&S core list allowed.