

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

#### Creative Discovery

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| See A&S core | 3 |
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#### Humanities

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|--------------------------------|---|
| 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

|              |   |
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| 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    | College Algebra                               | 3 |
| or MA 1103 | College Algebra Linked Lab- Corequisite Model |   |

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| or MA 1213                                                       | Math in Your World                             |          |
| <b>Foreign Language</b>                                          |                                                |          |
| Foreign Language I                                               |                                                | 3        |
| Foreign Language II                                              |                                                | 3        |
| Foreign Language III                                             |                                                | 3        |
| <b>Additional Humanities</b>                                     |                                                |          |
| Philosophy - A&S core                                            |                                                | 3        |
| Humanities Electives <sup>1</sup>                                |                                                | 9        |
| <b>Additional Social/Behavioral Sciences</b>                     |                                                |          |
| Social Sciences Electives <sup>2</sup>                           |                                                | 12       |
| <b>Oral Communication</b>                                        |                                                |          |
| CO 1003                                                          | Fundamentals of Public Speaking                | 3        |
| or CO 1013                                                       | Introduction to Communication                  |          |
| <b>Major Core</b>                                                |                                                |          |
| 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           |          |
| <b>Category I History Upper Division Electives (two courses)</b> |                                                | <b>6</b> |
| 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                                  |          |

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| 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)****6**

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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)****6**

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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                      |

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| 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) |                                      | 6          |
| (any upper-level HI course except HI 3903)     |                                      |            |
| HI 3903                                        | Historiography and Historical Method | 3          |
| <b>Jr/Sr Writing</b>                           |                                      |            |
| Satisfied with HI 3903 in the major            |                                      |            |
| <b>Free Electives</b>                          |                                      |            |
| Consult advisor                                |                                      | 13-16      |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                             |                                      | <b>124</b> |

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

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.