History

The Department of History at The University of Memphis introduces its students to the richness and complexity of the human experience. Our curriculum covers all major geographic areas and time periods, and emphasizes both the unity of that experience across time, and the diversity resulting from cultural, social, and gender differences.

As you pursue a degree in History, you’ll learn how to think and work as an historian does:

- by reading critically and analytically both primary and secondary sources
- by appreciating the complexity of historical issues and multiplicity of historical views
- by investigating an historical question or problem
- by communicating effectively the results of that investigation.

These critical skills are valuable assets for a wide spectrum of professions and occupations as well as the fundamental basis for advanced study.

The Department of History offers a broad set of programs that allow you to tailor your studies toward your own interests and career goals.

What would your program look like?

After taking only three required introductory courses, you’ll have a lot of flexibility to design your own program. You can create your own focus on the history of the United States, Mexico and Latin America, the Ancient/Byzantine world (with a special strength in Egyptology), Europe, Russia, the Far East, the Middle East, or Africa.

What other opportunities can you enjoy?

- Working with top-flight faculty known nationally and internationally for their research
- Attentive faculty advising to help you put together the program that best meets your interests and goals
- Membership in our chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, a national honor society for history majors. This active chapter sponsors numerous lectures throughout the year, by both visiting and departmental faculty
- Specialized guidance, if you are considering a pre-law field, from the College of Arts and Sciences Pre-Professional Advisor, Ms. Jessica Clifford, in Scates 107 (jgclffrd@memphis.edu); http://www.memphis.edu/cas/pre_law/index.php
- Participation in the History honors program for eligible students

Why study History?: http://www.memphis.edu/history/about/why_study_history.php
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*HIST LD- 9 hours from HIST 1110, 1120, 2010 or 2020
Students who do not test into foreign language 2010 will need to take 1010 and 1020 which count as electives.

GE = General Education Requirements  
BA = Bachelor of Arts college requirements  
UD = Upper division  
Foreign Language Requirement – See the Undergraduate Catalog: http://catalog.memphis.edu

Degree hours = 120  
42 Upper Division hours required for graduation  
No more than 2 hours of physical education courses may be counted toward a degree.  
Residence – 30 of the last 60 hours must be taken at University of Memphis; at least 60 hours must be at a four-year institution; transfer students must earn at least 6 hours of a major at UM and at least 3 hours of a minor at UM
HISTORY COURSES

1110. The Development of World Civilization I.
1120. The Development of World Civilization II.
2010. The United States to 1877.
2020. The United States Since 1877.
2030. History of Tennessee.
3035. Technology/Culture in American History.
3121. England Before 1714.
3122. England Since 1714.
3211. Colonial Latin America.
3212. The Latin American Nations.
3233. Caribbean History.
3273. Islamic History to 1405.
3274. Islamic History since 1406.
3275. History of the Jewish People.
3281. History of Africa to 1500.
3282. History of Africa since 1500.
3290. Traditional Asia.
3291. Modern Asia.
3301. Early Modern Europe, 1500-1800.
3302. Modern Europe, 1800 to Present.
3320. The Ancient World.
3370. Medieval and Renaissance Europe.
3670. Civil War and Reconstruction.
3803. American Diplomatic History.
3811. United States Military and Naval History.
3815. World War II.
3817. Vietnam War in Global Perspective.
3823. Economic History of the United States.
3840. United States Constitutional History.
3863. Social and Intellectual History of the U.S.
3881. African American History.
3905. History of Memphis.
3920. The Old South.
3930. The New South.
4003. The Philosophy of History.
4012. Directed Readings, Honors.
4014. Directed Readings.
4020. Internship in History.
4022. Oral History.
4054. Conspiracy Theories in America.
4105. War in the Ancient World.
4106. War in the Modern World.
4145. History of Modern Germany.
4150. War in the Ancient World.
4151. Habsburg Central Europe 1740-1918.
4160. Russia to 1917.
4162. Russia after 1917.
4213. Women and Gender in Latin America.
4221. 20th-Century Latin American Revolutions.
4222. Race and Class in Latin America.
4223. Contemporary Latin America.
4260. The World Since 1945.
4272. Modern Middle East.
4276. The Arab-Israeli Conflict.
4277. History of the Ottoman Empire.
4283. History of South Africa.
4284. Afro-Cuban History and Culture.
4288. West Africa/African Atlantic Diaspora.
4292. History of Modern China.
4294. History of Modern Japan.
4297. Ancient India.
4320. Ancient Near East.
4321. The Greek Experience.
4322. The Roman World.
4323. Egypt of the Pharaohs.
4361. History of the Byzantine Empire.
4372. The High Middle Ages.
4380. Renaissance Europe.
4390. Europe in the Age of the Reformation.
4401. Europe in the Age of the Baroque.
4440. The Era of the French Revolution.
4453. Europe, 1815-1914.
4506. Cultural/Intellectual History of Europe.
4620. Colonial America, to 1783.
4630. The New Nation, 1783-1815.
4640. Jacksonian America, 1815-1850.
4680. Emergence of Modern America, 1877-1914.
4702. United States from the Second World War.
4823. American Labor History.
4824. Business History.
4831. History of American Family.
4851. History of Women in America.
4861. Parks/People/Public Policy.
4863. History of Childhood in America.
4871. United States Urban History.
4879. African American History to 1820.
4880. Slavery to Freedom to Segregation.
4882. Civil Rights Movement.
4999. The Nature of Historical Inquiry.

Please consult the Undergraduate Catalog at http://catalog.memphis.edu for complete descriptions.
HISTORY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Program objectives for a B.A. in History are: (a) to have a fundamental knowledge of the past; (b) to have the ability to think historically; to comprehend continuity and change over time and to understand events and ideas in terms of the variety of contexts giving those events and ideas meaning and significance; (c) to possess the ability to locate appropriate primary and secondary sources, assess those sources in a critical and analytical way, and use them to construct a coherent historical argument; to express a high degree of satisfaction with the quality of the education received in that program.

A. University General Education Program (41 hours)
See the Undergraduate Catalog for the University General Education Program requirements.

B. College and Degree (B.A.) Requirements (6-9 hours)
The College and Bachelor of Arts requirements are in addition to the University General Education Program requirements and are listed in the Undergraduate Catalog.

C. The Major (33 hours)
Majors must complete 33 semester hours in history courses. Of the 33 hours, at least 9 hours must be from HIST 1110, 1120, 2010, 2020, and at least 21 hours must be in upper division courses. Of the 21 upper division hours required, at least 6 must be taken outside of the European and United States fields and a maximum of 18 may be taken in any one field (African, Ancient Asian, European, Latin American, Middle Eastern, United States).

D. Electives
Electives may be chosen to bring the total number of hours to 120.

E. Honors Program
History majors who have attained junior standing, successfully completed six semester hours of lower division history, and maintained a grade point average of at least 3.25 in overall studies and in history courses taken, are eligible for admission to the honors program in history. Students admitted to the program must take 15 hours of honors work, at least 9 of which must be taken in upper division history courses after admission to the departmental program. These 9 hours must include HIST 4012 and 4996. Those who successfully complete the program and the regular B.A. requirements will have their degree conferred "With Honors in History." The student's diploma and the record at the University of Memphis will be similarly endorsed. A detailed description of the program, together with application forms for admission, may be obtained in the History Department office.

History Minor
Minors must complete 21 semester hours in history courses. Of the 21 hours, at least 9 hours must be from HIST 1110, 1120, 2010, 2020, and at least 9 hours must be in upper division courses.

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UM Career Services: http://www.memphis.edu/careerservices

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