

History and Geography - Undergraduate Programs

Overview

The study of history explores the basic forces that have shaped human affairs and is therefore a means for dealing with present concerns and future problems. An appreciation of our heritage develops a sense of our identity. Historical inquiry also provides the necessary background for the study of other disciplines such as economics, literature, art, language, and the social as well as natural sciences.

Students of history develop important critical skills that are the hallmark of educated people: the ability to reason and analyze; the capacity to investigate problems and synthesize diverse information; facility in expressing ideas or data clearly and precisely. The History and Geography Department encourages an open and questioning attitude toward the diversity of human experiences and ideas. An awareness of cultural differences between various groups of people will provide insights concerning the basic issues of world civilization. Students of history are encouraged to read analytically, speak cogently, and write coherently.

Both the curriculum and the methodology of the History and Geography Department are multifaceted. The History and Geography Department, therefore, requires that students take courses in both chronological and topical areas in United States and world history. The history faculty specializes in such diverse methodologies as quantitative analysis and social and political history, as well as the more traditional biographical and narrative approaches. Thus, students are exposed to the many ways of studying the past and the present.

A degree in history prepares students for a variety of careers, including teaching, archival administration, business, journalism and communications, historical preservation, law, and public affairs. More importantly, by providing insight into the causes and effects of change in society, a knowledge of history prepares every individual for life in a complex world.

Admission to Department of History AND GEOGRAPHY Degree Programs

There are no special requirements that prospective majors in the Department of History and Geography must fulfill beyond entering with a minimum 2.25 GPA. In order to graduate students must have a 2.0 GPA overall and in history courses. Students are strongly encouraged to complete the core requirement before enrolling in upper level history courses.

Requirements for a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History

General Core Requirements

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UNIV 1131 STUDENT SUCCESS 1

Required Core for History

ENGL 1301 RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION I 3

ENGL 1302 RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION II 3

HIST 2377 FLIGHT CULTURE AND THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE 3

or ENGL 2303 TOPICS IN LITERATURE

or ENGL 2309 WORLD LITERATURE

or ENGL 2319 BRITISH LITERATURE

or ENGL 2329 AMERICAN LITERATURE

POLS 2311 GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES 3

POLS 2312 STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT 3

Mathematics (select 6 hours from general core requirements) 6

Life & Physical Sciences (select 6 hours from general core requirements) 6

Social and Behavioral Sciences (Select one course from the general core requirements) 3

Creative Arts elective (Select one course from the general core requirements) 3

Foundational Component Area elective (Select one additional course from the general core requirements) 3

Electives - nine hours from any level 9

Electives - six hours from any 3000-4000 level courses 6

Major Requirements for History

History Core ¹

HIST 1301 HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES TO 1865 3

or HIST 1331 TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY, I

HIST 1302 HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, 1865 TO PRESENT 3

or HIST 1332 TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY, II

HIST 3300	INTRODUCTION TO HISTORICAL RESEARCH	3
HIST 2311	WESTERN CIVILIZATION TO 1500	3
or HIST 2321	WORLD HISTORY TO 1400	
HIST 2312	WESTERN CIVILIZATION, 1500 TO THE PRESENT	3
or HIST 2322	WORLD HISTORY, 1400 TO THE PRESENT	
History Concentration ²		
Group A - U.S. History (select two courses)		6
Group B - Non U.S. History (select two courses)		6
Group A or B (Select two courses)		6
HIST 4395	HISTORY SEMINAR	3
Modern or Classical Language requirement (must be in same language)		14
Minor (see minor advisor for details)		18
Total Hours		120

It is strongly recommended that history majors complete the core requirements before enrolling in upper level history courses.

Note: Please see undergraduate advisor for up-to-date information on degree totals.

- ¹ It is recommended that History majors complete the core requirement before enrolling in upper level History courses. **Students are strongly advised to complete HIST 3300 as early as possible, preferably in their first semester after having declared a History major.** Students may not enroll in the capstone HIST 4395 course until they have successfully completed HIST 3300 with a "C" or better.
- ² Students with a satisfactory SAT achievement score in U.S. history or other proof of a strong background in U.S. History may wish to enroll in an honors section or opt to substitute six hours of advanced courses in U.S. History.

All history majors will design an appropriate course of upper level study in history in consultation with their advisor .

Bachelor of Arts Degree in History (Pre-Law Option)

General Core Requirements		
General Core Requirements (http://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/generalcorerequirements/)		42
General Core requirements		
UNIV 1131	STUDENT SUCCESS	1
ENGL 1301	RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION I	3
ENGL 1302	RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION II	3
HIST 2377	FLIGHT CULTURE AND THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE	3
or ENGL 2303	TOPICS IN LITERATURE	
or ENGL 2309	WORLD LITERATURE	
or ENGL 2319	BRITISH LITERATURE	
or ENGL 2329	AMERICAN LITERATURE	
POLS 2311	GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES	3
POLS 2312	STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	3
Mathematics (select two courses from the general core requirements)		6
Life and Physical Sciences (select two courses from the general core requirements)		6
Creative Arts elective (see general core requirements)		3
Electives - any level		1
Major Requirements for History		
History Core		
HIST 1301	HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES TO 1865	3
or HIST 1331	TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY, I	
HIST 1302	HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, 1865 TO PRESENT	3
or HIST 1332	TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY, II	
HIST 2313	HISTORY OF ENGLAND	3
or HIST 2311	WESTERN CIVILIZATION TO 1500	
or HIST 2321	WORLD HISTORY TO 1400	

HIST 2314	HISTORY OF ENGLAND	3
or HIST 2312	WESTERN CIVILIZATION, 1500 TO THE PRESENT	
or HIST 2322	WORLD HISTORY, 1400 TO THE PRESENT	
HIST 3300	INTRODUCTION TO HISTORICAL RESEARCH	3
History Concentration		
Legal History - Any four (4) from: HIST 3307, HIST 3311, HIST 3330, HIST 3331, HIST 3391, HIST 4330, HIST 4331, HIST 4333, HIST4359		12
History electives - 3000-4000 level		3
HIST 4395	HISTORY SEMINAR	3
Other pre-law requirements		
Political Science - Any two (2) from: POLS 3330, POLS 3331, POLS 3333, POLS 3334, POLS 3335, POLS 3336, POLS 4331, POLS 4332		6
BLAW 3311	LAW I	3
or BLAW 3312	LAW II	
or BLAW 4310	BASIC INTERNATIONAL LAW FOR BUSINESS	
CRCJ 2334	INTRODUCTION TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM	3
ECON 2305	PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS	3
or ECON 2306	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS	
PHIL 1301	FUNDAMENTALS OF REASONING	3
or PHIL 2311	LOGIC	
Sociology or Anthropology (one class 3000-4000 level)		3
Modern or Classical Language requirement (must be same language)		14
Minor (see minor advisor for details)		18
Total hours 120		

Note: It is recommended that History majors complete the core requirement before enrolling in upper level History courses. **Students are strongly advised to complete HIST 3300 as early as possible, preferably in their first semester after having declared a History major.** Students may not enroll in the capstone HIST 4395 course until they have successfully completed HIST 3300 with a "C" or better.

Note: Please see undergraduate advisor for up-to-date information on degree totals.

Teacher Certification

Students interested in Texas Teacher Certification at the elementary level should consult the College of Education section of this catalog for the most recent changes in requirements regarding admission to Teacher Education, completion of University programs in preparation for certification, and eligibility for certification after graduation. Students interested in secondary certification in social studies, including history, should see the History with Social Studies BA secondary certification plan below.

Bachelor of Arts Degree in History with Secondary Level Teacher Certification for Social Studies

General Core Requirements		
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General Core Requirements		
UNIV 1131	STUDENT SUCCESS	1
ENGL 1301	RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION I	3
ENGL 1302	RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION II	3
HIST 2377	FLIGHT CULTURE AND THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE	3
or ENGL 2303	TOPICS IN LITERATURE	
or ENGL 2309	WORLD LITERATURE	
or ENGL 2319	BRITISH LITERATURE	
or ENGL 2329	AMERICAN LITERATURE	
POLS 2311	GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES	3
POLS 2312	STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	3
Mathematics (select two courses from the general core requirements)		6
Life and Physical Sciences (select two courses from the general core requirements - geology recommended)		6
Creative Arts elective (see general core requirements)		3
Major Requirements for History		

History Core		
HIST 1301 or HIST 1331	HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES TO 1865 TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY, I	3
HIST 1302 or HIST 1332	HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, 1865 TO PRESENT TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY, II	3
HIST 2321	WORLD HISTORY TO 1400	3
HIST 2322	WORLD HISTORY, 1400 TO THE PRESENT	3
HIST 3300	INTRODUCTION TO HISTORICAL RESEARCH	3
History Concentration		
HIST 3345	TEXAS TO 1850	3
HIST 3346	TEXAS SINCE 1845	3
HIST 4395	HISTORY SEMINAR	3
Group A - U.S. History (select two courses)		
		6
Group B - Non-U.S. History (select two courses)		
		6
Social Studies Certification Requirements		
Political Science - three hours from POLS 3306, POLS 3330, POLS 3331, POLS 3333, POLS 4314, POLS 4317, POLS 4318, POLS 4319, POLS 4324, POLS 4326, POLS 4330, POLS 4331, POLS 4332, POLS 4333, POLS 4334, POLS 4335, POLS 4350, or POLS 4354		3
ECON 2305	PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS	3
ECON 2306	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS	3
GEOG 2302	HUMAN GEOGRAPHY	3
GEOG 2303	WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY	3
Geography elective (one course 3000-4000 level)		3
Modern or Classical Language requirement (must be in same language)		14
Education Courses		
Prior acceptance to the College of Education and Health Professions required		
EDML 4300	PRE-ADOLESCENT/ADOLESCENT GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT	3
EDUC 4318	POSITIVE CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT	3
LIST 4343	CONTENT AREA READING AND WRITING	3
Field Experience (fall semester only)		
EDUC 3301	TEACHING DIVERSE LEARNERS	3
EDUC 4341	ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF INSTRUCTION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS	3
EDUC 4343	TEACHING SOCIAL STUDIES IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL	3
Field Experience (spring semester only - student teaching)		
EDUC 4647	CLINICAL TEACHING IN MIDDLE/SECONDARY SCHOOL/ALL-LEVEL CLASSROOMS	6
Total hours 123		

Note: Please see undergraduate advisor for up-to-date information on degree totals.

ORAL COMMUNICATION COMPETENCY

Students majoring in History demonstrate competency in oral communication by successfully completing HIST 3300. The department advisor must certify completion of this requirement.

COMPUTER USE COMPETENCY

Students majoring in History demonstrate competency in computer use by successfully completing the sophomore level of a Foreign Language course when taken at UT Arlington. If you satisfy your language requirement otherwise, consult the advisor for ways to satisfy this computer competency requirement. The department advisor must certify completion of this requirement.

Minor in History

Eighteen (18) hours of History courses, at least six (6) of which must be 3000/4000 level classes

Minor in the History of Technology and Science

The Department's Minor in the History of Technology and Science (HoTS) provides students an opportunity to explore how technological development and scientific innovation have shaped societies, cultures, and institutions across time and place. While the Minor is open to all undergraduate students, those pursuing Majors in STEM-related disciplines will find it particularly valuable in advancing understanding of the historical origins and development

of their vocational fields. Students fulfill the Minor requirements by successfully completing eighteen (18) hours of courses chosen from the list below. Although not required, the Department recommends that students include three core curriculum courses HIST 1331, HIST 1332, and HIST 2377 as part of their program of study. When applicable, HIST 3395 Special Topics courses may be counted toward the Minor.

Recommended Core Courses

HIST 1331	TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY, I	3
HIST 1332	TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY, II	3
HIST 2377	FLIGHT CULTURE AND THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE	3
GEOG 2301	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY	3
GEOG 2303	WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY	3

Upper-level courses

HIST 3301	TECHNOLOGY, CULTURE, & SOCIETY	3
HIST 3303	HISTORY OF VIDEO GAMES	3
HIST 3307	U.S. DISABILITY HISTORY	3
HIST 3316	TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION IN MODERN AMERICA	3
HIST 3334	HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY OF NORTH AMERICA	3
HIST 3336	ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES	3
HIST 3395	SELECTED TOPICS IN HISTORY	3
HIST 4307	HISTORY OF MEDICINE	3
HIST 4303	HISTORY OF ENGINEERING	3
HIST 4309	SOCIAL DARWINISM AND EUGENICS	3
HIST 4319	NATIVE AMERICANS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	3
HIST 4327	CYBORGS AND PROSTHETICS	3
HIST 4351	MEDIEVAL TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENTIFIC THOUGHT	3
HIST 4355	THE SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION	3
GEOG 4330	UNDERSTANDING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS	3
ANTH 3359	STONE TOOLS	3
SOCI 3380	SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN SOCIETY	3

Minor in Military History

The Minor in Military History provides students an opportunity to undertake focused study of the origins, development, and influence of armed conflict in the human past. Students fulfill the program's requirement by completing courses examining historical conflicts and/or military eras. Special Topics courses devoted to military subjects may be counted toward the Minor.

Two of the following core curriculum courses (six hours)

HIST 1301	HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES TO 1865	3
HIST 1302	HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, 1865 TO PRESENT	3
HIST 1331	TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY, I	3
HIST 1332	TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY, II	3

Any four of the following courses (twelve hours)

HIST 2377	FLIGHT CULTURE AND THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE	3
HIST 3314	CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION	3
HIST 3337	MILITARY HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES	3
HIST 3357	MILITARY REVOLUTION	3
HIST 3395	SELECTED TOPICS IN HISTORY	3
HIST 4312	WAR & SOCIETY	3
HIST 4313	SMALL WARS & INSURGENCIES	3
HIST 4352	MEDIEVAL CRUSADE AND JIHAD	3
HIST 4361	THE GREAT WAR, 1914-1918	3
HIST 4362	WORLD WAR II, 1939-1945	3
HIST 4372	SOVIET UNION IN GLOBAL COLD WAR	3
HIST 4380	AMERICA AND THE VIETNAM WARS	3
GEOG 4330	UNDERSTANDING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS	3

Geography Minor

Geography is the study of humanity's interaction with the physical environment. Geographic conditions have had significant effects on history as interrelationships between place and human activities have changed over time. The study of geographic spatial relationships has a major role in general education because it offers both theoretical and practical foundations for understanding contemporary problems, particularly those related to the environment, modernization, and technological progress. Students earn the Geography Minor by completing eighteen (18) hours of courses (at least six of which must be 3000/4000 level classes) from the list below.

Core Courses

GEOG 2301	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY	3
GEOG 2302	HUMAN GEOGRAPHY	3
GEOG 2303	WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY	3

Elective Courses

GEOG 3300	RESEARCH METHODS IN GEOGRAPHY	3
GEOG 3305	MAPS AND MAPMAKERS	3
GEOG 3310	GEOGRAPHY OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA	3
GEOG 3315	GEOGRAPHY OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	3
GEOG 3320	GEOGRAPHY OF AFRICA	3
GEOG 3334	HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY OF NORTH AMERICA	3
GEOG 3336	ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES	3
GEOG 3347	AMERICA'S BORDERS AND BORDERLANDS	3
GEOG 3380	THE SPATIAL HUMANITIES	3
GEOG 4330	UNDERSTANDING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS	3
GEOG 4331	ANALYSIS OF SPATIAL DATA	3
GEOG 4332	GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM	3
GEOG 4333	REMOTE SENSING FUNDAMENTALS	3
GEOG 4334	GEOGRAPHIC DATA ANALYSIS	3
GEOG 4340	GEOGRAPHIES OF FILM	3
GEOG 4341	IMAGES OF THE SOUTHWEST BORDERLANDS	3
GEOG 4350	SPECIAL TOPICS IN MODERN GEOGRAPHY	3

Certificate in the History of Technology and Science

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Recommended Core Courses

HIST 1331	TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY, I	3
HIST 1332	TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY, II	3
HIST 2377	FLIGHT CULTURE AND THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE	3
GEOG 2301	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY	3
GEOG 2302	HUMAN GEOGRAPHY	3

Upper-level courses

HIST 3301	TECHNOLOGY, CULTURE, & SOCIETY	3
HIST 3303	HISTORY OF VIDEO GAMES	3
HIST 3307	U.S. DISABILITY HISTORY	3
HIST 3316	TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION IN MODERN AMERICA	3
HIST 3334	HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY OF NORTH AMERICA	3
HIST 3336	ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES	3
HIST 3395	SELECTED TOPICS IN HISTORY	3
HIST 4303	HISTORY OF ENGINEERING	3

HIST 4307	HISTORY OF MEDICINE	3
HIST 4309	SOCIAL DARWINISM AND EUGENICS	3
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