

Bachelor of Arts in History (Pre-Law)

About This Program

The Bachelor of Arts in History explores the forces that have shaped human affairs, offering insights to address today's challenges and future uncertainties. Examining our traditions allows students to develop a deep understanding of their identity and equips them with the skills needed for successful careers in a wide range of fields.

The Bachelor of Arts in History Pre-Law track allows students to choose from a wide selection of advanced courses in political science, business law, criminal justice, economics, and related fields in the social sciences. Students also have the opportunity to participate in UTA's highly successful Moot Court, a mock trial program that competes at the state and national levels. The History and Geography department works very closely with the University's Pre-Law Center to help students prepare for the LSAT exam, navigate the admissions process to law school, and, ultimately, succeed in their careers as legal practitioners.

Competencies

1. Upon completion, students shall understand how historical research is conducted, chiefly by learning to identify primary sources and how historians use them.
2. Upon completion, students shall understand how historical interpretations are developed, especially how to assess secondary sources.
3. Upon completion, students shall demonstrate writing skills and be able to present an historical analysis or argument clearly, employing good style and grammar in the English written language.
4. Upon completion, students shall demonstrate ability in conducting research and presenting findings in non-written modalities such as oral presentations or digital history formats.
5. Upon completion, students shall possess a broad knowledge of major developments in (a) field(s) of history.
6. Upon completion, students shall develop marketable skills useful for pursuing the career of their choice.
7. Upon completion, students shall develop cultural competency, including the ability to recognize the reliability of sources and understand and identify implicit bias.

Admissions Criteria

Students must present a minimum 2.25 GPA to declare a history major.

Curriculum

Foundations

General Core Requirements (<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degree requirements/generalcore requirements/>) 42

Students must complete specific courses in certain core areas.

For Mathematics select:

PHIL 2311 LOGIC

For Social and Behavioral Sciences select:

CRCJ 2334 INTRODUCTION TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

For Foundational Component Area select:

ECON 2305 PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS

or ECON 2306 PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS

History Foundations (Core) ¹

Select 1441 & 1442 in the same modern or classical language ² 8

Students take either HIST 1301 or HIST 1331 AND either HIST 1302 or HIST 1332 as part of the general core requirements

HIST 2321 WORLD HISTORY TO 1400 3

or HIST 2311 WESTERN CIVILIZATION TO 1500

HIST 2322 WORLD HISTORY, 1400 TO THE PRESENT 3

or HIST 2312 WESTERN CIVILIZATION, 1500 TO THE PRESENT

HIST 3300 INTRODUCTION TO HISTORICAL RESEARCH 3

History Specialization

HIST 4395 HISTORY SEMINAR 3

Concentration

For Legal History, select 4 from the following: 12

HIST 3307 U.S. DISABILITY HISTORY

HIST 3311	THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND THE CONSTITUTION, 1763-1789	
HIST 3330	U.S. LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY, COLONIAL TO 1877	
HIST 3331	U.S. LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY, 1877 TO PRESENT	
HIST 3391	MOOT COURT	
HIST 4330	GREAT ANGLO-AMERICAN TRIALS	
HIST 4331	U.S. CIVIL LIBERTIES	
HIST 4333	COMPARATIVE CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY	
HIST 4359	BRITISH CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY	
Select any two 3000/4000-level History courses		6
Select any two Geography courses		6
For Political Science, select two from the following:		6
POLS 3330	JUDICIAL POLITICS	
POLS 3331	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN CIVIL LIBERTIES	
POLS 3333	JURISPRUDENCE AND CONSTITUTIONAL CONFLICT	
POLS 3336	STATE COURTS	
POLS 4331	U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: GOVERNMENT POWER	
POLS 4332	U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS	
POLS 4359	CITIZENSHIP IN THE AMERICAS	
BLAW 3311	LAW I	3
or BLAW 3312	LAW II	
or BLAW 4310	BASIC INTERNATIONAL LAW FOR BUSINESS	
Select any 3000/4000-level course in Sociology or Anthropology		3
Minor		
Select a minor in consultation with an advisor		18
Select electives sufficient to complete 120 hours ²		4
Total Hours		120

¹ Majors should complete general education core and history core requirements before enrolling in upper level history courses and should complete HIST 3300 as early as possible. Students may not enroll in HIST 4395 until they have completed HIST 3300 with a "C" or better. UNIV 1101 is included as a part of HIST 3300 and upon successful completion of the course with a C or better, students will have also completed the UNIV requirement.

² Students may satisfy the language requirement through transfer credit or AVANT test; doing so will make additional elective hours available.

SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY

Majors will design an individual plan of study in consultation with their advisor.

First Year			
First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
HIST 1301 or 1331		3 HIST 1302 or 1332	3
PHIL 2311		3 COMMUNICATION	3
COMMUNICATION		3 GEOGRAPHY	3
GEOGRAPHY		3 MATHEMATICS	3
SCIENCE (with lab)		3 SCIENCE (with lab)	3
		15	15
Second Year			
First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
HIST 2321 or 2311		3 HIST 2322 or 2312	3
HIST 3300		3 CRCJ 2334	3
POLS 2311		3 ECON 2305 or 2306	3
CREATIVE ARTS		3 POLS 2312	3
LANGUAGE, PHILOSOPHY & CULTURE		3 MINOR	3
		15	15
Third Year			
First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
HIST LEGAL		3 HIST LEGAL	3
HIST LEGAL		3 HIST LEGAL	3

HIST ELECTIVE		3 GENERAL ELECTIVE	3
MINOR		3 MINOR CLASS	3
POLS ELECTIVE		3 SOCI/ANTH ELECTIVE	3
		15	15
Fourth Year			
First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
BLAW 3311, 3312, or 4310		3 HIST 4395	3
HIST ELECTIVE		3 GENERAL ELECTIVE ADVANCED	3
GENERAL ELECTIVE		3 MINOR	3
GENERAL ELECTIVE ADVANCED		3 MINOR ADVANCED	3
MINOR ADVANCED		3 POLS ELECTIVE	3
		15	15
Total Hours: 120			

ORAL COMMUNICATION COMPETENCY

Students majoring in history demonstrate competency in oral communication by successfully completing HIST 3300 (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=HIST%203300>). The department advisor must certify completion of this requirement.

COMPUTER USE COMPETENCY

Students majoring in history demonstrate competency in computer use by successfully completing both HIST 3300 and HIST 4395. The department advisor must certify completion of this requirement.

Program Completion

To graduate, students must have a 2.0 GPA overall and in history courses. Students are strongly encouraged to complete the general education and history core requirements before enrolling in upper level history courses.

Advising Resources

All students with questions related to History and/or Geography classes at the undergraduate level should contact the undergraduate advisors.

Location:

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817-272-2861

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Department of History and Geography advising (<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/liberal-arts/departments/history/study-with-us/undergraduate/undergraduate-advising/>)