

Duluth Campus

History B.A.

History

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2017
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 44 to 56
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

The study of history is vital to a liberal arts education, because it provides a holistic approach to knowledge; it broadens students' understanding of commonality and diversity, development of cultures, and drama of human experience.

History touches on the whole range of the human heritage. While focusing on the past, it also helps students understand the present and provides a strong foundation for the future. It prepares students for careers that demand analytical and communication skills, critical thinking, and cultural breadth. These careers include law, business, journalism, teaching, government, and the ministry.

This program introduces students to major world cultures and provides experience in the critical use of historical literature and other source materials. It offers concentrations in five geographical areas (Africa, East Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and the United States) and three chronological periodizations (ancient, pre-modern, and modern).

Honors requirements: Candidates must have a 3.00 overall GPA and a 3.30 in the major. An honors paper or project must be completed in a 5xxx course. Students who wish to have such work considered for honors must complete a departmental form the first semester of their senior year. Completed projects and papers must be approved by the sponsoring faculty member and one other member of the faculty.

Language Requirement: Students must complete the sequence in the intermediate-level courses of one second or foreign language. Students may be exempt from this requirement if they have previously completed an equivalent language at this level. The History Department Head reviews exemptions. Students should consult the Departments of American Indian Studies, Education, or Foreign Languages and Literatures about placement.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the [Office of Admissions website](#).

Required prerequisites

Introductory Requirement (1 cr)

Transfer students with 24 or more credits and current UMD students who change colleges to CLA are exempt from this requirement. New first-year students with 24 or more PSEO credits may request to be waived from this requirement.

[UST 1000](#) - Learning in Community (1.0 - 2.0 cr)

General Requirements

The Board of Regents, on recommendation of the faculty, grants degrees from the University of Minnesota. Requirements for an undergraduate degree from University of Minnesota Duluth include the following:

1. Students must meet all course and credit requirements of the departments and colleges or schools in which they are enrolled including an advanced writing course. Students seeking two degrees must fulfill the requirements of both degrees. However, two degrees cannot be awarded for the same major.
2. Students must complete all requirements of the [Liberal Education Program](#).
3. Students must complete a minimum of 120 semester credits.
4. At least 30 of the last 60 degree credits earned immediately before graduation must be awarded by UMD.
5. Students must complete at least half of their courses at the 3xxx-level and higher at UMD. Study-abroad credits earned through courses taught by UM faculty and at institutions with which UMD has international exchange programs may be used to fulfill this requirement.
6. If a minor is required, students must take at least three upper division credits in their minor field from UMD.

7. The minimum cumulative UM GPA required for graduation will be 2.00 and will include only University of Minnesota coursework. A minimum UM GPA of 2.00 is required in each UMD undergraduate major and minor. No academic unit may impose higher grade point standards to graduate.
8. Diploma, transcripts, and certification will be withheld until all financial obligations to the University have been met.

Program Requirements

1. A second field of study (either a minor or another major).
2. Students must complete the sequence in the intermediate-level courses of one second or foreign language.

*Internship option: In consultation with the department's internship advisor, students may participate in HIST 3097, a learning experience either on or off campus that introduces them to practical applications or other methodological issues of history as a discipline.

Program Core Requirements (16-20 cr)

Take at least one course from each of the following five geographical areas. HIST 2095 or 3095 may be applicable to an area with departmental approval. Additional courses taken at the 3xxx level or higher may be applicable to the upper division electives area.

Africa

Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:

- [AAAS 1102](#) - Introduction to Atlantic Slave Trade [LE CAT, LECD C, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- [HIST 2515](#) - Ancient to Pre-Modern African History [LE CAT7, LECD CAT07, HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3615](#) - Modern Africa (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3616](#) *{Inactive}* (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3695](#) - Special Topics African History (various titles to be assigned) (4.0 cr)

East Asia

Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:

- [FORS 2030](#) - HIST 2030: China An Ancient Civilization (3.0 cr)
- [HIST 1400](#) - Modern World History from 1500 to present [LE CAT7, LEIP CAT07, HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 2405](#) - History of Chinese Culture (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 2410](#) - Modern China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam and East Asia (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3463](#) - History of Modern China (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3465](#) - Twentieth Century China Politics (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3495](#) - Special Topics East Asian History (Various Titles to be Assigned) (4.0 cr)

Europe

Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:

- [FORS 2025](#) - HIST 2025 History in Greece (3.0 cr)
- [FORS 3006](#) - Hist 3235, History and Soccer (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 1200](#) - World History to 1500: From Antiquity to the Age of Exploration [HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 1207](#) - Dawn of Modern Europe [LE CAT7, HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 1208](#) - Europe in the Modern Age [LE CAT7, HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 2345](#) - Science and Society: 1500 to Present [LE CAT7, HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3265](#) - The Soviet Experiment: Russia, the USSR, and Contemporary Russia [LE CAT7, LEIP CAT07, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3107](#) *{Inactive}* (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3121](#) *{Inactive}* (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3131](#) *{Inactive}* (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3133](#) - Ancient Greece from Homer to Alexander (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3141](#) - Ancient Rome: From Republic to Empire (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3195](#) - Special Topics European History (various titles to be assigned) (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3243](#) - Europe in Crisis in the 20th Century (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3244](#) - Holocaust & Genocide in Europe in the 20th Century (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3257](#) *{Inactive}* (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3264](#) - Russian Empire under the Tsars: Russia under the Romanovs from Peter the Great to Lenin [GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3939](#) - Europe in the Age of Renaissance and Reformation: 1348-1648 (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3940](#) - Early Modern England: 1485-1689 (4.0 cr)

Middle East

Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:

- [HIST 1027](#) - Introduction to Islam [LE CAT7, LEIP CAT07, HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 2325](#) *{Inactive}* [LE CAT] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3035](#) - Ancient Warfare From Alexander to Mohammad (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3038](#) - History of Christianity: Origins to 1054 (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3055](#) - The Bible & Ancient Near East (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3726](#) - Modern Middle East: 18th Century-Present [GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3795](#) - Special Topics in West Asia (various titles to be assigned) (4.0 cr)



- [HIST 3825](#) - Islamic History from Muhammad to the Ottomans [GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 4727](#) - Middle Eastern History Through Film [GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)

United States

Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:

- [HIST 1304](#) - US History Part I: 1607-1877 [LE CAT7, HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 1305](#) - US History Part II: 1865-Present [LE CAT7, HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 1310](#) - Minnesota History (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 2350](#) - Hunting and Gathering and the History of American Health [HUMANITIES, SUSTAIN] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 2355](#) ~~(Inactive)~~ [LE CAT] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3310](#) - The American Revolution (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3315](#) - Ideas of God in Early America (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3318](#) - Slavery, Lincoln and the Civil War [CDIVERSITY] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3320](#) - American Popular Culture, 1929 to the Present (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3346](#) ~~(Inactive)~~ (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3386](#) - The United States and the World since 1898 (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3395](#) - Special Topics The Americas (various titles to be assigned) (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3396](#) - The Vietnam War (4.0 cr)

Upper Division Electives (20 cr)

A minimum of 20 credits must be at the HIST 3xxx-4xxx level within the major. Courses satisfying the Program Core at the 3xxx-4xxx level will be counted within this requirement. HIST 3091, 3097, 3099 do not apply to the major, but are applicable toward the degree as elective credit(s). HIST 3095 will apply to this area.

(HIST 3xxx-4xxx level courses)

Upper Division Core Requirement (4 cr)

HIST 5905 ~~(Inactive)~~ (4.0 cr)

Language Requirement (0 - 8 cr)

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American Sign Language

[ASL 3003](#) - Intermediate American Sign Language I [COMM & LAN] (3.0 cr)

[ASL 3004](#) - Intermediate American Sign Language II [COMM & LAN] (3.0 cr)

or Chinese

CHIN 1103 ~~(Inactive)~~ [LE CAT3, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)

CHIN 1104 ~~(Inactive)~~ [LE CAT3, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)

or French

[FR 1201](#) - Intermediate French I [LE CAT3, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)

[FR 1202](#) - Intermediate French II [LE CAT3, LEIP CAT03, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)

or German

[GER 1201](#) - Intermediate German I [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)

[GER 1202](#) - Intermediate German II [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)

or Ojibwe

AMIN 2103 ~~(Inactive)~~ [LE CAT3, LECD CAT03, COMM & LAN] (3.0 cr)

AMIN 2104 ~~(Inactive)~~ [LE CAT3, LECD CAT03, COMM & LAN] (3.0 cr)

or Russian (choose one of the following)

a) Intermediate Russian Language sequence at the College of St. Scholastica (8 cr)
(through inter-institutional cross-registration)

b) Abroad Experience

FORS 1210 ~~(Inactive)~~ [COMM & LAN] (8.0 cr)

or Spanish

[SPAN 1201](#) - Intermediate Spanish I [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)

[SPAN 1202](#) - Intermediate Spanish II [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)

Advanced Writing Requirement (3 cr)

WRIT 31xx - Adv Writing (3 cr)