Duluth Campus

History B.A.
History, Political Science & International Studies
College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2020
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 35 to 38
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

The history program provides students with analytical and communication skills that are vital for their future success and for that of our society. It empowers them to put those skills into practice through rigorous coursework and an array of optional internships in public and private sector jobs. History students' understanding of diverse cultures and the drama of human experience equips them to become effective global citizens. History students critically examine past decisions, look for patterns, and make decisions accordingly. These skills are sought after in business, law, public policy, government, education, non-profit organizations, museums, journalism, and the ministry.

The history program offers students two tracks: General History or Public History. The General History track introduces students to major world cultures and provides students with the skills to work critically with a diverse array of source materials in different media. The Public History track prepares students to adapt and apply skills in history to private and public audiences on the local, state, and national levels. Both tracks offer courses in five geographic areas.

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. Also, 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 department head reviews exemptions. Students should consult the Departments of American Indian Studies (Ojibwe), Education (American Sign Language), or World Languages and Cultures (Chinese, French, German, Spanish, or other) 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.

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, another major or dual degree).
2) Students are strongly encouraged to study abroad and/or study a second language.
3) Students are encouraged, in consultation with the department's internship coordinator, to participate in an internship, a learning experience either on or off campus that introduces them to practical applications or other methodological issues of history as a discipline.

First Term 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)

Upper Division Core Requirement (4 cr)
  Additional HIST 5905 may be applied to a Geographic Area with department head approval.
  HIST 5905 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)

Program Sub-plans

Students are required to complete one of the following sub-plans.

General History

This track provides students with rigorous coursework on a diverse array of geographical, thematic, and chronological topics, ensuring exposure to introductory level, methodological, and upper level courses. The seminar course represents the culmination of students' progression through these courses and enables them to put the acquired knowledge and skills into practice through the development of a capstone research project.

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Geographic Areas (30 cr)
  Students must take at least one course from each Geographic Area. Courses from the Optional Area may apply towards the credit total.
   * At most 11 credits (0-3 courses) at the 1xxx-2xxx level may apply.
   * At least 19 credits (5-8 courses) must be at the 3xxx-4xxx level.
  Students may elect to satisfy this requirement by taking all courses at the 3xxx-4xxx level.
  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 3550 - Africa and Her Early American Diaspora (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 and Southeast Asia
  Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:
  •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, Koreas, 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:
  •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 3133 - Ancient Greece from Homer to Alexander (4.0 cr)
  •HIST 3141 - Ancient Rome: From Republic to Empire (4.0 cr)
  •HIST 3145 - Ireland and the Construction of History (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 3264 - Russian Empire under the Tsars: Russia under the Romanovs from Peter the Great to Lenin [GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3265 - The Soviet Experiment: Russia, the USSR, and Contemporary Russia [LE CAT7, LEIP CAT07, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3575 - Jews & Poles: Entangled Lives, Cultures and Memories in the 20th Century Poland - Study Abroad [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)

The Americas
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 2315 - Colonial Latin America (4.0 cr)
- HIST 2350 - Hunting and Gathering and the History of American Health [HUMANITIES, SUSTAIN] (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3310 - The American Revolution (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3313 - Global Surf Culture - Study Abroad [GLOBAL PER] (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 3355 - War and American Society, 1500-Present (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)

West Asia
Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:
- HIST 1027 - Introduction to Islam [LE CAT7, LEIP CAT07, HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- HIST 2700 - Ascetics, Mystics, and Yogis: Travel, Learning and the Spiritual Quest (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 3720 - History of Iran (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3726 - Modern Middle East: 18th Century-Present [GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3735 - Muslim Societies [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)

Optional Electives
Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:
- HIST 2095 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)
- HIST 3091 - Independent Study (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- HIST 3095 - Special Topics: (various titles to be assigned) (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3096 - Fieldwork in Public History (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3097 - Internship in History (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
- HIST 3099 - Practicum in Teaching History (3.0 cr)
- HIST 3525 - Introduction to Historic Preservation (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3535 - Material Culture: from Object to History (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3250 *{Inactive}*[GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
  or WS 3250 *{Inactive}*[GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)

Public History

The program core offers introductory background and general training in public history. An internship offers additional specializations in historic preservation, exhibit design, and collection management. The curriculum provides students with in-depth knowledge in the traditional field of history; introduces students to the skills necessary to successfully undertake applied research; acquaints students with the different career options available in public history; offers students practical experience in public history; and exposes students to the professional and ethical dimensions of public history.

Program Core Requirements (6 cr)
The required internship must be taken for 3 credits.
MST 1200 - Introduction to Public History (3.0 cr)
HIST 3097 - Internship in History (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
Required Experience (8 cr)
Take 2 or more course(s) from the following:
- HIST 3096 - Fieldwork in Public History (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3525 - Introduction to Historic Preservation (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3535 - Material Culture: from Object to History (4.0 cr)
Geographic Areas (19 cr)
Students must take at least one course from each Geographic Area.

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