

# HISTORY, BACHELOR OF ARTS (695E, 695)

## Program Coordinator

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The History program offers two degree pathways: The History major requires a minimum of 33 credit hours and the completion of a second major or minor. The extended History major requires a minimum of 48 unduplicated credit hours. No second major or minor is required for students completing the extended major.

The History program equips students with the skills to collect, analyze, and summarize data and the ability to apply those skills to construct arguments and use evidence to support them. Students develop strong skills in research, analysis, creative problem solving, and written and oral communication. These skills, along with the strong critical thinking skills that students of history hone, prepare students for a range of careers. Many History majors pursue careers in education (at all levels), library sciences, management, law, administration, business, and sales. History graduates are well suited for work in local, state, and federal government; banking; journalism; and politics. Many businesses seek job candidates with a strong background in the liberal arts because of their critical thinking, analytic, and writing abilities. History is interdisciplinary by design. The program accepts up to 6 credit hours from related disciplines.

## Concentrations

- History Major (No Concentration)
- Cultural History (HICH)
- History of Identity (HIID)
- Peace, Conflict, and Human Rights (HIPC)
- Legal and Constitutional History (HILC)
- Africana History (HIAH)
- History of Science, Environment, and Medicine (HISC)
- Public History (HIPH)

## Program Requirements (33-48 hours)

A baccalaureate degree requires a minimum of 120 unduplicated semester hours. More information can be found at [www.wku.edu/registrar/degree\\_certification.php](http://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php). ([https://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree\\_certification.php](https://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php))

Students who began WKU in the Fall 2014 and thereafter should review the Colonnade requirements located at: <https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>. (<https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>)

The History major requires 33 semester hours and leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree. Twenty-four credit-hours must be at the 300- or 400-level. A minor or second major is required. For students who choose not to declare a concentration, 15 hours will be in foundational study, historical research, and required electives; an additional 18 hours will be flexible electives. For students declaring a concentration, 21 hours will be in foundational study, historical research, and required and flexible electives; an additional 12 hours will be in the concentration.

The Extended History major requires 48 unduplicated credit hours and leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree. Thirty-six credit-hours must be at the 300- or 400-level. No minor or second major is required. For students completing the extended program, 15 hours will be in foundational study, historical research, and required electives. Nine hours will be flexible electives. Students pursuing the Extended History major may elect to complete two 12-hour concentrations, or students may complete one 12-hour concentration and then craft an individualized curriculum plan in consultation with their faculty advisor for an additional 12 hours of flexible electives.

## Core Courses

Code	Title	Hours
24 credit-hours must be at the 300- or 400-level.		
<b>Foundational Study</b>		
WORLD HISTORY		3
HIST 101 or HIST 102	World History I World History II	
UNITED STATES HISTORY		3
HIST 240 or HIST 241	The United States to 1865 The United States Since 1865	
<b>Historical Research</b>		
SENIOR SEMINAR		3
HIST 498	Senior Seminar	
<b>Geographic and Chronological Electives</b>		
THE GLOBAL SOUTH		3
Choose at least one course from the following:		
HIST 200	Latin American Society: Past and Present	
HIST 331	History of Africa Since 1500	
HIST 364	Colonial Latin America, 1400-1825	
HIST 365	Modern Latin America, 1800-Present	
HIST 465	The Mexican Republic	
HIST 370	Modern South Asia: from Empires to Nations	
HIST 378	History of Yoga: Tradition, Literature, Practice	
HIST 379	Gandhi: The Creation of a Global Legacy	
HIST 461	Modern East Asia	
HIST 462	History of the Middle East	
HIST 466	The Arab-Israeli Conflict: Local and Global Influences	
HIST 471	Modern China	
ANCIENT TO EARLY MODERN HISTORY		3
Choose at least one course from the following:		
HIST 304	Ancient Identities	
HIST 305	Ancient Greece	
HIST 306	Ancient Rome	
HIST 307	The Middle Ages	
HIST 308	Conflict, Culture and Commerce in the Medieval Mediterranean	
HIST 317	Renaissance Europe	
HIST 318	Age of the Reformation	

HIST 323	The British Isles to 1688
HIST 330	History of Africa Before 1500
HIST 404	History of Ancient Egypt
HIST 407	The Crusades: West Meets East
HIST 419	Tudor-Stuart England
HIST 440	Colonial North America to 1763
HIST 460	Traditional East Asia
HIST 463	The Atlantic World

**Electives**

ELECTIVE COURSES 6

Students may select any 200, 300, or 400-level history course not already counted toward the major. A maximum of three hours across all elective categories may be at the 200-level.

**Total Hours** 21

Note: Students may select up to six hours of elective courses from outside of the major in consultation with a department undergraduate advisor and with approval of the department's lead advisor, program coordinator, or department chair. Additionally, other History courses may be approved for elective categories with approval of department's lead advisor, program coordinator, or department chair.

**History Major (without an Optional Concentration)**

**The History major allows students to explore and focus on their individual interests while developing skills that will ensure success in business, law, government, and education. Students who choose not to declare a concentration should complete four additional history courses.**

Code	Title	Hours
HISTORY ELECTIVES		12
Students may select any 200, 300, or 400-level history course not already counted toward the major. A maximum of three hours across all elective categories may be at the 200-level for the 33-credit-hour program. A maximum of six hours across all elective categories may be at the 200-level for the 48-credit-hour program.		

**Total Hours** 12**Concentrations**

**Students may complete more than one concentration. However, a single elective cannot count toward completion of more than one concentration. Students who choose to declare a concentration within the major may choose from the following:**

**Cultural History Concentration**

Code	Title	Hours
ELECTIVES IN CULTURAL HISTORY		12
Students may select any course from the list below not already counted toward the major.		
HIST 308	Conflict, Culture and Commerce in the Medieval Mediterranean	
HIST 316	The US Civil War in Popular Culture	
HIST 320	American Studies I	
HIST 340	History of Popular Culture Since 1500	
HIST 342	Hip Hop and Democracy	
HIST 347	Social History of the United States Since 1800	
HIST 378	History of Yoga: Tradition, Literature, Practice	
HIST 379	Gandhi: The Creation of a Global Legacy	
HIST 389	Appalachian History	
HIST 391	History of Sport	
HIST 395	A Cultural History of Alcohol	
HIST 402	Pirates in World History	
HIST 407	The Crusades: West Meets East	
HIST 420	History of Sexuality	
HIST 432	Coffee & Chocolate: Food in World History	
HIST 447	History of American Popular Culture	
HIST 454	History of Religion in America	

**History of Identity Concentration**

Code	Title	Hours
ELECTIVES IN HISTORY OF IDENTITY		12
Students may select any course from the list below not already counted toward the major.		
HIST 302	Disability in the United States	
HIST 304	Ancient Identities	
HIST 309	History of HIV/AIDS	
HIST 310	Comparative Slavery	
HIST 320	American Studies I	

HIST 325	Blacks in the Civil War and Reconstruction
HIST 329	Black Intellectual History
HIST 330	History of Africa Before 1500
HIST 331	History of Africa Since 1500
HIST 332	Riots, Rebellions, and Revolutions: A Global History of Protest
HIST 333	History of Genocide
HIST 342	Hip Hop and Democracy
HIST 343	Communities of Struggle
HIST 344	Latinos in US History
HIST 353	Native American History to 1865
HIST 354	Native American History Since 1865
HIST 355	Indigenous Legal History
HIST 358	Blacks in American History to 1877
HIST 359	Blacks in American History Since 1877
HIST 389	Appalachian History
HIST 390	Blacks in the American South
HIST 420	History of Sexuality
HIST 430	History of the Civil Rights Movement in America
HIST 453	American Women's History
HIST 454	History of Religion in America

**Peace, Conflict, and Human Rights Concentration**

Code	Title	Hours
ELECTIVES IN HISTORY OF PEACE, CONFLICT, AND HUMAN RIGHTS		12
Students may select any course from the list below not already counted toward the major.		
HIST 308	Conflict, Culture and Commerce in the Medieval Mediterranean	
HIST 310	Comparative Slavery	
HIST 325	Blacks in the Civil War and Reconstruction	
HIST 332	Riots, Rebellions, and Revolutions: A Global History of Protest	
HIST 333	History of Genocide	
HIST 335	Twentieth Century Europe	
HIST 337	Modern Irish History	
HIST 338	Topics in Russian History	
HIST 343	Communities of Struggle	
HIST 348	United States, 1900-1945	
HIST 349	The United States Since 1945	
HIST 352	Borderlands and the American West	
HIST 379	Gandhi: The Creation of a Global Legacy	
HIST 380	Human Rights in History	
HIST 382	History of the Bill of Rights	
HIST 398	War and Society to 1500	
HIST 399	War and Society Since 1500	
HIST 407	The Crusades: West Meets East	

HIST 422	The French Revolution and Napoleon
HIST 426	Hitler and Nazi Germany
HIST 430	History of the Civil Rights Movement in America
HIST 441	The American Revolution and Early Republic, 1763-1815
HIST 443	Civil War and Reconstruction, 1850-1877
HIST 449	Korea and Vietnam
HIST 464	Latin America and the United States
HIST 466	The Arab-Israeli Conflict: Local and Global Influences
HIST 468	History of Terrorism
HIST 481	The Rise and Fall of the Confederacy
HIST 423	A Global History of the First World War
HIST 494	U S Military History

**Legal and Constitutional History Concentration**

Code	Title	Hours
ELECTIVES IN LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY		12
Students may select any course from the list below not already counted toward the major.		
HIST 323	The British Isles to 1688	
HIST 332	Riots, Rebellions, and Revolutions: A Global History of Protest	
HIST 333	History of Genocide	
HIST 343	Communities of Struggle	
HIST 353	Native American History to 1865	
HIST 354	Native American History Since 1865	
HIST 355	Indigenous Legal History	
HIST 380	Human Rights in History	
HIST 381	Topics in Policy History	
HIST 382	History of the Bill of Rights	
HIST 383	Legal Culture in American History	
HIST 419	Tudor-Stuart England	
HIST 430	History of the Civil Rights Movement in America	
HIST 441	The American Revolution and Early Republic, 1763-1815	
HIST 445	American Legal History to 1865	
HIST 446	American Legal History Since 1865	

**Africana History Concentration**

Code	Title	Hours
ELECTIVES IN AFRICANA HISTORY		12
Students may select any course from the list below not already counted toward the major.		
HIST 304	Ancient Identities	
HIST 310	Comparative Slavery	
HIST 325	Blacks in the Civil War and Reconstruction	

HIST 329	Black Intellectual History
HIST 330	History of Africa Before 1500
HIST 331	History of Africa Since 1500
HIST 332	Riots, Rebellions, and Revolutions: A Global History of Protest
HIST 343	Communities of Struggle
HIST 342	Hip Hop and Democracy
HIST 358	Blacks in American History to 1877
HIST 359	Blacks in American History Since 1877
HIST 390	Blacks in the American South
HIST 404	History of Ancient Egypt

#### History of Science, Environment, and Medicine Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
ELECTIVES IN HISTORY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT, AND MEDICINE		12

Students may select any course from the list below not already counted toward the major.

HIST 302	Disability in the United States
HIST 303	Monsters, Maggots, and Morphine: Disease and Medicine in the United States
HIST 309	History of HIV/AIDS
HIST 332	Riots, Rebellions, and Revolutions: A Global History of Protest
HIST 362	Genetics and Family History
HIST 375	Spatial History
HIST 378	History of Yoga: Tradition, Literature, Practice
HIST 420	History of Sexuality
HIST 421	Environmental History
HIST 480	A Social History of Science

#### Public History Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
PUBLIC HISTORY COURSEWORK		

Required Courses: 6

HIST 312	Public History
HIST 314	Guided Internship
or HIST 489	Independent Internship

Students may select any course from the list below not already counted toward the major. 6

HIST 311	History Teaching Methods
HIST 362	Genetics and Family History
HIST 375	Spatial History
HIST 388	Histories of Things

**Note: Students in the Public History Concentration are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity select up to six hours of elective courses from outside of the major in consultation with a department undergraduate advisor and with approval of the department's lead advisor, program coordinator, or department chair. In particular, Public History students are encouraged to consider courses in the Recreation, Park, and Nonprofit Administration, Folk Studies, Anthropology, and Management programs.**

#### Finish in Four Plan

First Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
HIST 240 or HIST 241		3 HIST 101 or HIST 102	3
ENG 100 or COMM 145		3 World Language Requirement or Second Major or Minor Course	3
Colonnade - Social & Behavioral Studies		3 Colonnade - Natural & Physical Sciences	3
Colonnade - Natural & Physical Sciences w/ lab		3 COMM 145 or ENG 100	3
MATH 109		3 Colonnade - Arts & Humanities	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
Second Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Global South or Ancient to Early Modern History		3 Global South or Ancient to Early Modern History	3
History or Concentration Elective		3 History or Concentration Elective	3
Second Major or Minor Course		3 Second Major or Minor Course	3
World Language Requirement or Second Major or Minor Course		3 Colonnade - Connections (Systems, Local to Global, or Social/Cultural)	3
ENG 200		3 ENG 300	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
Third Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
History or Concentration Elective		3 History or Concentration Elective	3

History or Concentration Elective	3	Colonnade - Connections (Systems, Local to Global, or Social/Cultural)	3
Colonnade - Connections (Systems, Local to Global, or Social/Cultural)	3	Second Major or Minor Course	3
Second Major or Minor Course	3	Second Major or Minor Course	3
Second Major or Minor Course	3	Second Major or Minor Course	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
History or Concentration Elective	3	HIST 498	3
Second Major or Minor Course	3	Second Major or Minor Course	3
Second Major or Minor Course	3	Second Major or Minor Course	3
Second Major or Minor Course	3	Second Major or Minor Course	3
Second Major or Minor Course	3	Second Major or Minor Course	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Hours 120</b>			

Colonnade - Connections (Systems, Local to Global, or Social/Cultural)	3	General Elective	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
History or Concentration Elective	3	HIST 498	3
History or Concentration Elective	3	History or Concentration Elective	3
History or Concentration Elective	3	General Elective	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Hours 120</b>			

### Finish in Four Plan - Extended Major

<b>First Year</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
HIST 240 or HIST 241	3	HIST 101 or HIST 102	3
ENG 100 or COMM 145	3	World Language Requirement or General Elective	3
Colonnade - Social & Behavioral Studies	3	Colonnade - Natural & Physical Sciences	3
Colonnade - Natural & Physical Sciences w/ lab	3	COMM 145 or ENG 100	3
MATH 109	3	Colonnade - Arts & Humanities	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Second Year</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Global South or Ancient to Early Modern History	3	Global South or Ancient to Early Modern History	3
History or Concentration Elective	3	History or Concentration Elective	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
World Language Requirement or General Elective	3	Colonnade - Connections (Systems, Local to Global, or Social/Cultural)	3
ENG 200	3	ENG 300	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Third Year</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
History or Concentration Elective	3	History or Concentration Elective	3
History or Concentration Elective	3	Colonnade - Connections (Systems, Local to Global, or Social/Cultural)	3
History or Concentration Elective	3	History or Concentration Elective	3