The major in History is a research-and-writing-intensive major that emphasizes analysis of change over time and in-depth understanding of the societies, cultures, economies, political systems and conflicts that have shaped our world.

Students may opt for a general major or concentrate in U.S. or regional history (African Diaspora, East Asia, Russia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, or the Middle East). For non-US concentrations, two courses in a relevant foreign language are required and study abroad is encouraged.

Electives focus on areas of faculty expertise, such as race, culture, science, technology, public health, environment, gender, labor, war, politics, diplomacy, and criminal justice. All majors take “Introduction to Historical Research” and the capstone “Historical Research Seminar.” Outstanding research papers are regularly presented at the Phi Alpha Theta regional and national history conferences and at Meeting of the Minds.

Research, writing, and analytical skills are excellent preparation for graduate school and careers in business, law, government, advocacy, Foreign Service, journalism, the military, public policy, media, museums, libraries and archives. The flexible curriculum fits primary and additional majors.

This is a suggested schedule for the first 2 years for a Primary Major. The general major, U.S., or regional concentrations are also available as an Additional Major. It is also available as a Minor.

The remainder of the Major and GenEd can be completed in the junior and senior year.

1st semester (48 units)

• 79-104, Global Histories
• Complete 1:
  • 76-101, Interpretation & Argument
  • 36-201, Statistical Reasoning
• Freshman Seminar
• 99-101 or 99-102, C@CM
• xx-xxx, Elective**
• xx-xxx, Elective**
• xx-xxx, Elective**

2nd semester (45 units)

• Complete 2:
  • 76-101, Interpretation & Argument
  • 36-201, Statistical Reasoning
• Freshman Seminar
• 79-xxx, One course*
• xx-xxx, Elective**
• xx-xxx, Elective**

3rd semester (45 units)

• 82-xxx, Foreign Language***
• 79-200, Intro. to Historical Res.**
• 79-240, Dev. American Culture
• xx-xxx, Elective**
• xx-xxx, Elective**

4th semester (45 units)

• 79-xxx, One course*
• xx-xxx, Elective**
• xx-xxx, Elective**
• xx-xxx, Elective**

*Courses can be chosen from the major’s list of Survey courses.
**Elective: This space can be used for a pre-requisite course, another GenEd course, major course, or for a course you are interested in. For the B.S. degree, complete two courses from this list: 21-257, 36-202 (or 36-208), 36-303, 36-309, 80-305, 88-251.
***The history major with an optional regional concentration (African Diaspora, East Asia, Russia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, or the Middle East) requires two courses in a relevant foreign language.

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