

BHA-Social & Political History

Fall 2023

Bachelor of Humanities and Arts (BHA)

Dietrich College (DC) Concentration in Social & Political History

84 units (minimum)

Director: *Director of Social & Political History and Director of Undergraduate Studies, History Department*

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The BHA concentration in Social & Political History focuses on new ways to understand the past and new ways to use what we know, as well as on connections between past and present and on how historical knowledge facilitates understanding of social, cultural and policy change. The History concentration emphasizes empirical methods and conceptual analysis, as well as specific research skills relevant to many types of jobs and further professional training. The History concentration combines a structured sequence of courses, training in research methods, theoretical concepts, and analytical writing skills, plus a considerable array of electives.

The BHA concentration in Social & Political History emphasizes broad-based, cumulative knowledge and interpretive skills in the study of the past. Offerings at the 200- and 300-level are designed to allow maximum flexibility in meeting requirements and maximum choice in focusing on particular themes, places, or eras. Upper-level courses aim to give students majoring in History more time together in smaller classes and more experience working with primary and secondary sources. The senior capstone seminar, Historical Research Seminar, provides training and experience in conducting original research and in interpretive, analytical writing—skills that prepare graduates for professional careers as well as for graduate or law school.

BHA students take at least 9 courses in their DC concentration, for a minimum of 81 units. A completed DC Concentration Declaration Sheet must be approved by the concentration advisor and submitted to the BXA office by spring mid-semester break of the student's sophomore year. BHA students who are admitted through internal transfer must have chosen a DC concentration at the time of their application, which serves as declaration.

Required History Courses

(2 courses, 21 units)

Students must earn a final grade of "C" or better for these courses to count toward the concentration.

79-200	Introduction to Historical Research & Writing (Sophomore or Junior year)	9
79-420	Historical Research Seminar (Fall, Senior year)	12

Required Survey Courses

(2 courses, 18 units)

79-160	Introduction to the History of Science	9
79-202	Flesh and Spirit: Early Modern Europe, 1400-1750	9
79-203	The Other Europes: The Habsburgs, Communism, & Central/Eastern Europe, 1740-1990	9
79-204	American Environmental History	9
79-205	20 th Century Europe	9
79-206	Crime and Punishment in Early Modern Europe	9
79-211	Modern Southeast Asia: Colonialism, Capitalism, and Cultural Exchange	9
79-212	Jim Crow America	9
79-223	Mexico: From the Aztec Empire to the Drug War	9
79-225	West African History in Film	9
79-226	African History: Earliest Times to 1780	9
79-227	Modern African: The Slave Trade to the End of Apartheid	9
79-229	Origins of the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1880-1948	9
79-230	Arab-Israeli Conflict Since 1948	9
79-240	Development of American Culture	9
79-241	African American History: Africa to the Civil War	9
79-242	African American History: Reconstruction to the Present	9
79-244	Women in American History	9
79-245	Capitalism and Individualism in American Culture	9
79-248	U.S. Constitution & the Presidency	9
79-249	20 th Century U.S. History	9
79-250	Voting Rights: An Unexpected History	9
79-260	Nazi Germany	9
79-261	The Last Emperors: Chinese History and Society, 1600-1900	9
79-262	Modern China: From the Birth of Mao ... to Now	9
79-265	Russian History: Game of Thrones	9
79-266	Russian History and Revolutionary Socialism	9
79-269	Russian History: From Socialism to Capitalism	9
79-272	Coexistence and Conflict: Muslims, Christians and Jews in Spain and Portugal	9
79-282	Europe and the World Since 1800	9
79-288	Bananas, Baseball, and Borders: Latin America and the United States	9
79-320	Women, Politics, and Protest	9

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Social & Political History Elective Courses

(5 courses, 45 units minimum)

A minimum of 45 additional History units must be approved with the History advisor. Any History courses not fulfilling another major requirement may be chosen as an elective. Any History (79-xxx) class can count as an SPH elective except for 79-198, 79-200, 79-400, 79-420, 79-449, 79-491). See the History Department website (www.cmu.edu/dietrich/history) or contact the History advisor for the most current elective offerings.

Students may satisfy the elective requirements in SPH with up to 27 units of the following courses offered by other departments in Dietrich College:

73-476	American Economic History	9
76-230	Literature & Culture in the 19 th Century	9
76-239	Introduction to Film Studies	9
76-295	Russian Cinema: From the Bolshevik Revolution to Putin's Russia	9
76-449	Race and Media	9
80-135	Introduction to Political Philosophy	9
80-226	The Nature of Scientific Revolutions	9
80-335	Social and Political Philosophy	9
82-208	Eastern Europe: Society and Culture	9
82-245	New Directions in Hispanic Studies	9
82-247	US Latinos Literature	9
82-293	Russian Cinema: From the Bolshevik Revolution to Putin's Russia	9
82-327	The Emergence of the German Speaking World	9
82-420	The Crucible of Modernity: Vienna 1900	9
82-427	Nazi and Resistance Culture	9
84-275	Comparative Politics	9
84-322	Nonviolent Conflict and Revolution	9
84-324	The Future of Democracy	9
84-325	Contemporary American Foreign Policy	9
84-362	Diplomacy and Statecraft	9
84-380	US Grand Strategy	9
84-386	The Privatization of Force	9
84-389	Terrorism and Insurgency	9
85-380	In Search of Mind: The History of Psychology	9
88-281	Topics in Law: 1 st Amendment	9
88-284	Topics of Law: The Bill of Rights	9