

BHA-Social & Political History

Fall 2024

Bachelor of Humanities and Arts (BHA)

Dietrich College (DC) Concentration in Social & Political History

84 units (minimum)

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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.

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| 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)

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| 79-120 | Introduction to African American History: African Americans in the World | 9 |
| 79-160 | Introduction to the History of Science | 9 |
| 79-170 | Introduction to Science, Technology, and Society | 9 |
| 79-202 | Flesh and Spirit: Early Modern Europe, 1400-1750 | 9 |
| 79-203 | The Other Europe: 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 and Peace Process Through 1948 to Present | 9 |
| 79-240 | Development of American Culture | 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 |

Social & Political History Elective Courses

(5 courses, 45 units minimum)

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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:

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| 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 |
| 80-135 | Introduction to Political Philosophy | 9 |
| 80-226 | The Nature of Scientific Revolutions | 9 |
| 80-335 | Social and Political Philosophy | 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 |