

History Major

42 units

Introduction

History is the study of the human record of the human past. As an academic discipline, history is comprehensive insofar as it records and explains the development, causes, and effects over time of all other disciplines. Thoughtful study of the past provides a necessary perspective for making judgments in the present. It instructs the student in human possibilities and limits. Course offerings include studies in American, European, and world history, as well as focused studies of various historical themes and different regions.

Career Opportunities

The history major (<https://www.apu.edu/clas/programs/history-major>) prepares students for careers calling for clear and logical reasoning, the ability to analyze complex relations between cause and effect, well-developed writing skills, and familiarity with other cultures and times. The most common vocational pursuits include teaching, law, government service, and careers as archivists, researchers, librarians, museum curators, and consultants.

Program Learning Outcomes

This program prepares students with skills in the following areas:

1. American History: Students demonstrate a knowledge of the major events, ideas, and trends in American history.
2. World History: Students describe and analyze the major events, ideas, and developments of world history.
3. Source Material: Students analyze primary and secondary sources and develop a historical argument based on them.
4. Christian Worldview: Students articulate how a Christian worldview informs the study of history.

Requirements

To graduate as department majors and minors, students must maintain at least a 2.0 grade-point average in major courses.

Code	Title	Units
Core Courses		
HIST 120	World Civilizations to 1648 ¹	3
HIST 121	World Civilizations Since 1648 ¹	3
HIST 151	United States History to 1877 ¹	3
HIST 152	United States History Since 1877 ¹	3
HIST 210	World Geography	3
HIST 300	Writing 3: Introduction to Historical Studies ²	3
POLI 496	Senior Seminar: Religion and Politics ⁵	3
Subject Courses		
Select courses totaling 6 units from each of the following subfields:		
History of America ³		6
HIST 334	History of American Foreign Affairs	
HIST 338	History of California	
HIST 342	The American West	
HIST 346	History of American Immigration ⁴	
HIST 374	Colonial Era	
HIST 376	The Revolution and the Republic	
HIST 380	Civil War and Reconstruction	
HIST 382	Emergence of Modern America	
HIST 386	Modern America	
HIST 389	Modern American Intellectual History	
History of Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East ³		6
HIST 320	Modern Africa	
HIST 360	History of the Middle East I: Early and Medieval Islam	
HIST 361	History of the Middle East II: Modern Middle East	

HIST 365	History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	
HIST 392	Colonial Latin America	
HIST 393	Modern Latin America	
POLI 390	History and Politics of the Non-Western World	
History of Europe ³		6
HIST 311	Ancient Greece	
HIST 312	Ancient Rome	
HIST 325	Topics in French History	
HIST 350	Medieval Europe	
HIST 352	Renaissance and Reformation	
HIST 357	Enlightenment Europe	
HIST 358	Europe 1789-1914	
HIST 359	Europe 1914-1992	
Elective Courses		
Select one upper-division (3-unit) elective from any of the subfields or from the following:		3
HIST 368	A Year in Time	
HIST 401	Humanities Seminar	
HIST 420	Topics in Cinema and History	
HIST 484	Historical Themes	
HIST 497	Readings	
HIST 498	Directed Research	
HIST 499	Thesis/Project	
Total Units		42

- 1 Meets the General Education Humanities: History requirement.
- 2 Meets the General Education Writing 3 requirement.
- 3 Depending on the variable topic, the following courses may also count for this area: HIST 368, HIST 401, HIST 420, HIST 484
- 4 Meets the General Education Intercultural Competence requirement.
- 5 Meets the General Education Integrative and Applied learning requirement