BA in History

42 units

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/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.

Requirements

The history program maintains the following requirements:

1. Students must complete all prerequisites for any HIST course with a *C-* or better before taking the course (except as noted in the course description).
2. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 in all courses required for the major.
3. Students must complete each HIST course with a *C-* or higher for the course to meet a degree requirement in the history program.

Code	Title	Units
Core Courses		
HIST 120	World Civilizations to 1648 [1, 2]	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 200	The Varieties of History	3
HIST 300	Historical Research and Writing	3
HIST 496	Senior Seminar in Faith and History	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 342	The American West	
HIST 346	History of American Immigration	
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	Ritual and Re-enactment in Modern Latin America	
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 [4]		
Select one 3-unit HIST elective from any of the above subfields or from the following:		3
HIST 210	World Geography	
HIST 238	History of California	
or HIST 338	History of California	
HIST 368	A Year in Time	
HIST 401	Humanities Seminar	
HIST 484	Historical Themes	
HIST 497	Readings	
HIST 498	Directed Research	
HIST 499	Thesis/Project	
Total Units		**42**

1 Meets the APU Core: Humanities: History general education requirement.
2 Completion of the Honors humanities major or minor satisfies the HIST 120 requirement.
3 Depending on the variable topic, the following courses may also count for this area: HIST 368, HIST 401, HIST 484.
4 Completion of the Honors humanities major or minor satisfies the elective course requirement.

Program Learning Outcomes

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Students who successfully complete this program shall be able to:

1. Demonstrate a knowledge of the major events, ideas, and trends in American history.
2. Describe and analyze the major events, ideas, and developments of world history.
3. Analyze primary and secondary sources and develop a historical argument based on them.
4. Articulate how a Christian worldview informs the study of history.