

Date: 11 October 2019

To: Registrar's Office

From: Dr. Benno P. Lowe, Chair  
Department of History

RE: Change to History major requirements; reduction of credit hours for major

During the 2018-19 AY, the Department of History conducted an extensive self-evaluation in preparation for its official Program review. Based upon this self-evaluation and Program review, the Department of History is seeking to reduce the overall credits required to complete the History major in order to bring the program more in line with programs in peer and aspirational peer institutions. Our present requirement of 42 credit hours in History course work is 3 to 6 credit hours more than other programs. We are seeking to reduce the requirement of 42 credit hours to 36 credit hours.

To achieve this goal while retaining the standards and strength of the required coursework, we are going to reduce the number of Basic Course requirements from 6 courses to 4 courses. Under the new program requirements (to start in Fall 2020), students will be required to successfully complete (with a "C" or better) 2 survey history courses: one in World history (either WOH 2012 or WOH 2022), and one in U.S. history (either AMH 2010 or AMH 2020). Students will still have to successfully complete RI HIS 3150 (Historical Methods) and RI HIS 4935 (Senior Seminar).

We have included the current and proposed changed versions of the Department of History requirements to this memo (proposed changes in bold).

# Current History Program Requirements

## History

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**Bachelor of Arts with Major in History**/[Link to Combined B.A./M.A. Programs](#)/[Link to Master's Program](#)  
(Minimum of 120 credits required)

In addition to other requirements as stipulated by the University and the College, the student pursuing a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History will be required to complete:

1. A minimum of 42 credits, including four 3-credit survey courses, a course in historical methods and a senior seminar from courses noted in the tables below;
2. An additional 9 credits in upper-division elective courses (3000/4000 level) within the College of Arts and Letters, excluding courses from the Department of History. A grade of "C" or better in each of these courses is necessary to complete this requirement. Additional language courses exceeding that which is required for the History major at the lower division (2000 level) may also count toward fulfilling the requirement.

History of Civilization 1	WOH 2012	3
History of Civilization 2	WOH 2022	3
U.S. History to 1877	AMH 2010	3
U.S. History since 1877	AMH 2020	3
RI: Historical Methods	HIS 3150	3
RI: Senior Seminar	HIS 4935	3

History majors are required to take HIS 3150 before completing 90 credits toward graduation. HIS 3150 is also a prerequisite for HIS 4935. The remaining coursework must include a minimum of 24 credits of 3000-level-or-above courses, including:

**United States History (6 credits)**

19th-Century America	AMH 3192	3
20th-Century American Social History	AMH 3310	3
History of American Technology	AMH 3372	3
The American South	AMH 3400	3
History of Florida	AMH 3420	3
History of American Immigration and Ethnicity	AMH 3530	3
History of U.S. Women	AMH 3560	3
African-American History to 1877	AMH 3571	3
African-American History since 1877	AMH 3572	3
American Environmental History	AMH 3630	3
Colonial North America	AMH 4110	3
The American Revolution	AMH 4133	3
The Age of Jefferson and Jackson	AMH 4150	3
Civil War and Reconstruction	AMH 4170	3
The U.S. in the Era of World War I and World War II	AMH 4231	3
U.S. since 1945	AMH 4270	3
America in the 1960s	AMH 4273	3
American Material Culture to 1860	AMH 4302	3
American Material Culture from 1860	AMH 4303	3
Social History of Early America	AMH 4307	3
American Politics since 1750	AMH 4350	3
Shopping, Travel and Leisure	AMH 4377	3
Urban History of the United States	AMH 4460	3
Diplomatic History of the U.S.	AMH 4512	3
History of African-American Women	AMH 4574	3
The Civil Rights Movement	AMH 4575	3
American-Indian History	AMH 4580	3
American Sports History	AMH 4611	3
Religion in America	AMH 4620	3
Special Topics in American History	AMH 4930	3

**European History (6 credits)**

20th-Century Europe since World War II	EUH 3206	3
20th-Century Europe to World War II	EUH 3343	3
History of Modern France	EUH 3451	3
History of Modern Germany	EUH 3462	3
History of Modern Russia	EUH 3570	3
Women in European History	EUH 3619	3
Medieval History	EUH 4120	3

Renaissance Europe (1350–1500)	EUH 4140	3
Reformation Europe (1500–1650)	EUH 4144	3
Early Modern Europe (1650–1789)	EUH 4200	3
19th-Century Europe	EUH 4233	3
History of Greek Civilization	EUH 4403	3
History of Roman Civilization	EUH 4411	3
Hitler and Nazi Germany	EUH 4465	3
Medieval England	EUH 4500	3
Modern Britain	EUH 4502	3
Tudor-Stuart England	EUH 4511	3
British Empire	EUH 4530	3
Modern Ireland	EUH 4538	3
History of European Sexuality	EUH 4684	3
Special Topics in European History	EUH 4930	3
<b>Latin American History (a minimum of 3 credits)</b>		
Colonial Latin American History	LAH 3100	3
Latin American Independence	LAH 3133	3
Modern Latin American History	LAH 3200	3
Women in Latin American History	LAH 3721	3
Indians in Latin American History	LAH 4131	3
History of Mexico	LAH 4430	3
History of the Caribbean	LAH 4470	3
History of Cuba	LAH 4480	3
Special Topics in Latin American History	LAH 4930	3
<b>World History (a minimum of 3 credits)</b>		
Islamic History	ASH 3222	3
Modern Middle East	ASH 3223	3
The Ottoman Empire	ASH 3233	3
History of East Asia	ASH 3300	3
Women in Asian History	ASH 3384	3
The Crusades	ASH 4210	3
Modern Iran	ASH 4242	3
History of Modern China	ASH 4404	3
History of Modern Japan	ASH 4442	3
History of Modern India	ASH 4550	3
Indian Civilization	ASH 4560	3
History of Eastern Ideas	ASH 4600	3
History of Chinese Thought	ASH 4602	3
Zen and Buddhism	ASH 4603	3
Islamic Intellectual History	ASH 4624	3
Special Topics in Asian History	ASH 4930	3
<b>History Electives (6 credits; may be taken from the above courses or may include the following)</b>		

Topics in Historical Investigation	HIS 2934	3
Introduction to Public History	HIS 3065	3
History of Christianity to 1500	HIS 3432	3
History of Christianity since 1500	HIS 3434	3
Aerospace History	HIS 4322	3
History of Western Ideas	HIS 4345	3
Religion in the Atlantic World	HIS 4435	3
Slavery and Abolition in the Americas	HIS 4451	3
Directed Independent Study	HIS 4906	2-3
Special Topics	HIS 4930	1-3
Internship in Public History	HIS 4944	1-3
Senior Thesis in History	HIS 4970	3
World War II	WOH 4244	3
Revolution and Resistance in the Atlantic World	WOH 4272	3
<b>Electives Cross-Listed with Jewish Studies</b>		
Classical Jewish Civilization	JST 3403	3
Modern Jewish Civilization	JST 3404	3
American-Jewish History 1492-1990	JST 4415	3
The Jews of Spain and the Middle East	JST 4417	3
Ancient Israel	JST 4424	3
The Holocaust	JST 4701	3

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# Proposed Change in History Program (Fall 2020) (changes in bold)

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<b>Basic Courses (12 credits)</b>		
<b>One of the following WOH courses</b>		
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	<b>OR</b>	

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<b>One of the following AMH courses</b>		
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