

# HISTORY, BA

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## Program Description:

An understanding of the past is essential to shaping the present and future. History majors and minors are asked not to memorize facts, but to develop the reading, writing and research skills necessary to understand the past and face the future. The undergraduate program leading to a B.A. in history provides rigorous training in research, analysis, and writing. Because students of history learn to evaluate evidence, write well, and think clearly, the history major is excellent training for almost any career.

Students majoring in history are encouraged to take a foreign language.

## Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will analyze and synthesize historical knowledge across different regions and diverse, global contexts. They will reflect on the dynamic relationships between ideas, power, identities, socio-political structures, place and environment
2. Students will be able to identify and discuss debates among historians within their fields of specialization, with sensitivity to matters of diversity and inclusion
3. Students will learn to organize and express their thoughts clearly and effectively orally and in writing
4. Students will deploy historical skills and knowledge to conceptualize and write a major research paper using primary and secondary sources
5. Students will master the effective use of libraries, archives, and / or databases in order to complete original historical research

## Major Requirements

The major requires 30 credits in history, 21 of which must be upper-division courses (numbered 300 or higher).

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Lower-division Credits</b>		
Select one of the following lower-division, two-course foundation sequences:		6
HST 101 & HST 102	American History to 1865 and American History Since 1865	
HST 111 & HST 112	Early Modern Europe, 1350-1815 and Modern Europe: Napoleon to the Present	
HST 121 & HST 122	Global History to 1750 and Global History 1750 to Present	

HST 210 & HST 211	The Ancient World and Medieval and Renaissance Europe	
<b>Upper-division Credits</b>		
HST 301	Practicum in the Study of History	3
HST 401	Senior Seminar	3
Select 15 credits in Upper-division Credits		15
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>27</b>

## Division Requirements

Students must take 6 credits in pre-modern history (3 credits in lower division, 3 credits in upper-division), and 6 credits in modern history (3 credits in lower-division, 3 credits in upper-division).

## Distribution Requirement

The history department divides its course offerings into three broad geographic categories: U.S., European, and Global. Students must take at least 3 credits (1 course) in each of these three areas.

## Concentration Requirement

Each student must complete a concentration, consisting of 15 credits (5 courses), in one of the three distribution areas. Lower division survey courses and HST 401 Senior Seminar can count toward this total. It is strongly encouraged, but not required, that both the lower division sequence and HST 401 Senior Seminar fall within the student's area of concentration.

## College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

For all Arts and Sciences|Maxwell students, successful completion of a bachelor's degree in this major requires a minimum of 120 credits, 96 of which must be Arts and Sciences|Maxwell credits, completion of the Liberal Arts Core (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#text>) requirements, and the requirements for this major (30 credits) that are listed above.

## Dual Enrollments:

Students dually enrolled in **Newhouse\*** and Arts and Sciences|Maxwell will complete a minimum of 122 credits, with at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences|Maxwell coursework and an Arts and Sciences|Maxwell major.

\*Students dually enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences|Maxwell as first year students must complete the Liberal Arts Core (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#text>).

Students who transfer to the dual program after their first year as singly enrolled students in the Newhouse School will satisfy general requirements for the dual degree program by completing the Newhouse Core Requirements.

## Undergraduate University Requirements

The following requirements and experiences apply to all Syracuse University Undergraduate matriculated degree programs.

- IDEA Course Requirement (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/idea-course-requirement/>)
- First Year Seminar (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/courses/fys/>)