



Department of History - Undergraduate Handbook

MINE THE PAST - PROSPECT THE FUTURE

Historians are analysts of time, place, and circumstance. Regardless if you plan to teach high school, work in archives or museums, or plan a professional career, the skills you learn as a historian find widespread application in many occupations. History is therefore the premier track for pre-law, pre-business/marketing, education, government, military, international affairs, or graduate studies. In addition, studying history is varied and fun.

Major in History

As a History major, you will not only acquire historical facts, but also skills to analyze, evaluate, and determine the reliability and importance of sources and events. Upon the completion of the degree, you will be able to conduct independent research, form balanced opinions, develop critical contextual analyses, and formulate compelling arguments in oral and written form; essential skills for successful well-rounded professionals that find application in many professions. A major in History consists of 30 hours of history coursework and satisfaction of the College of Liberal Arts and Science Foreign Language competency at the FORL 1202 level (students may pass a placement test, count transfer credits, or enter with an Associates of Arts Degree). To complete a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree, you must also complete the University's general education requirements, accumulate 120 earned hours of coursework, and maintain a 2.0 GPA in History and general education requirements. Entering (i.e. first year) History Freshmen must take HIST 2005 in the fall semester of their freshman year.

Major in History with Secondary Comprehensive Social Studies Licensure

The History Major is the prime path towards high school teacher licensure since an advanced command of history is essential for a successful social study teaching career. As a History Licensure major, you receive solid grounding in the core areas of study with opportunities for discipline-specific didactical electives to hone your teaching skills. In addition to the History Major with both sections of the US survey, high school licensure candidates take up to 12 hours of Social Studies coursework, and 32 hours of educational requirements stipulated by the College of Education.

Honors in History

The BA in History with Honors attests to a candidate's exemplary grade point average in their major, the completion of honors course work (HIST 4797 in place of HIST 400X and HIST 4799 in place of HIST 4600), as well as the successful defense of a distinguished undergraduate thesis. Honors in History is a great preparation for graduate school, and a stellar addition to your resumé. History Honors consists of 6 hours of coursework that is included in the 30 hours of history courses required for the major.

Early Entry MA in History

Accomplished undergraduates have the opportunity to apply for early admission to the History MA program. Early entry students may count up to 12 hours toward both BA and MA degrees. For details please contact the Director of Graduate Studies for details and visit the [graduate school website](#).

History Grants, Internships, and Scholarships

The Department offers financial assistance to deserving majors in the form of scholarships, research and study abroad grants, essay prizes, and paid summer internships. Please see the [department's website](#) for details.

History Study Abroad

The Department offers multiple direct semester or year-long study exchanges with affiliated universities in Germany, France, the United Kingdom, and Argentina; as well as various spring break and summer short study opportunities in Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East. Please see the Department's website for details.

BA in History

It takes 30 earned hours in history (of which at least 15 at UNC Charlotte) with a 2.0 GPA in courses applied toward the major to fulfill the requirements shown below.

Introductory Courses

HIST 1121 European History since 1660

HIST 1160 or 1161 US History to/since 1865

History Methods Sequence

HIST 2600 History Skills Seminar (W)

HIST 4000/1/2/3/4 Topics in Historiography (O)

(Prerequisite: Hist 2600 with C or higher; Honors: HIST 4797; prerequisite: 2600 with A)

HIST 4600 Senior Research Seminar (W)

(Prerequisite: Hist 4000/1/2/3 with C or Higher; Honors: HIST 4799; prerequisite: 4797 with A-B)

Restricted Elective Courses

HIST 1000/2000/3000 level elective

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Non-Western Courses

Two of the above courses must be in Non-Western History (Asia, Africa, Latin America, or Middle East). [Eligible courses listed here](#). HIST 2000/3000/4000 level

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BA in History with Honors

Admission

You must have a 3.5 GPA in history (with a grade of A for History 2600) and a 3.0 overall GPA to be admitted to the Honors Program. Successful candidates must maintain a 3.5 GPA in history and honors, a 3.0 GPA overall; and obtain a grade of A for History 4799 (or a passing grade to graduate without honors). The honors program starts each fall; and takes two semesters to complete.

Coursework

HIST 4797 Honors Methods and Practice/Davenport Seminar (O) - Fall

- Prerequisite: Hist 2600 with a grade of A
- Prepares students for the research and writing of an honors thesis by providing training in historiography, research methods, source development, and writing. During the course, students meet separately with their thesis advisor to craft their prospectus. • Replaces HIST 400X (if candidate receives a grade of C or better); or can be counted toward a 3000-level elective

Thesis Research and Writing

HIST 4799 Honor Research and Thesis (W) – independent study

- Prerequisites: HIST 4797 with grade of "A", or with a grade of "B" and permission of the Honors Director • The preparation and presentation of an acceptable honors thesis, or its equivalent.
- Replaces HIST 4600 if candidate receives passing grade; must receive an A for the course to receive honors distinction • An honors thesis consists of twenty-five to forty-five pages of original analytical research in academic journal article-style format. Successful candidates will offer an inventive viewpoint on the topic at hand that is supported by skillfully engaged primary and secondary sources, as well as the current historiography. During the thesis writing process, honors candidates work closely with their advisor and the Director of Honors, before defending their work in front of a faculty committee.
- The Director of Honors Studies certifies the thesis. For more: <http://history.uncc.edu/undergraduate-studies/honorsscholarships>

BA in History with Secondary Comprehensive Social Studies Licensure

It takes 30 earned hours in history (of which at least 15 credit hours at UNC Charlotte), 12 hours in social studies background requirements, and 32 hours in education to fulfill the requirements shown below. At least six hours must be in non-western history electives. You must obtain a 2.75 GPA with Cs or higher in history and social studies courses applied towards licensure.

Introductory Courses

HIST 1121 European History since 1660

HIST 1160 US History to 1865

History Methods Sequence

HIST 2600 History Skills Seminar (W) with grade of C or higher (Honors requisite: score of A)

HIST 4000/1/2/3/4 Topics in Historiography (O) with grade of C or higher

(Prerequisite: Hist 2600 with C or higher; Honors: Hist 4797: prerequisite: 2600 with A)

HIST 4600 Senior Research Seminar (W)

(Prerequisite: Hist 4000/1/2/3 with C or higher; Honors: Hist 4799: prerequisite: 4797 with A-B)

Restricted Electives

HIST 1161 US History since 1865 (Licensure students need HIST 1160 and HIST 1161)

HIST 2000/3000 level elective

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HIST 3000 level elective

Non-Western Courses

Of the above, 2 must be in Non-Western History (Asia, Africa, Latin America, or Middle East). [Eligible courses listed here](#)

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Social Studies Coursework

ECON elective (ECON 1101 Economics of Social Issues preferred)

POLS 1110 American Politics

POLS 1130 or 1150 Comparative or International Politics

GEOG 1101 World Regional Geography

College of Education Coursework

MDSK 2100 Introduction to Secondary Education (must take before you declare the minor)

Admission to Minor in Secondary Education: after 45 earned hours; 2.7 GPA overall and in History/Social Studies; Praxis Core

Degree: Completed History and Social Studies Coursework with 2.75 GPA and a C or higher

- Contact the College of Education for more details about licensing: <https://teal.uncc.edu>
- Finish history coursework before final semester of student teaching

Academic Advising

The Department assigns each major a faculty advisor to assist with their history and general education course of study. All majors should see their advisor each semester. Licensure majors should have their College of Education adviser check both their content background *and* licensure course work. Please see the [Department's website](#) for details.

Majors can check their progress towards their degree and make an appointment via my.uncc.edu:

- **DegreeWorks** provides majors with a degree audit of courses completed, in progress, and still to be taken. Majors can also run *What If*-reports for adding possible additional majors or minors.

- **Banner** allows you to double check your transcript to make sure your DegreeWorks is correct.
- **Connect** allows students to make an appointment with their faculty advisor, review reports about their progress, and connect to various advising resources.
- **NinerCentral** is the gateway for questions about registration and policies.

Although one's course-of-study varies by interest and circumstance (including transfer credits and additional program requirements), the following guidelines may assist you in planning a timely completion of your degree.

Regular Majors	Licensure Majors
HIST 2600 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Best</i> between 30-60 earned hours ● <i>No Later than 75</i> earned hours (Study abroad: no later than 60 hours) 	HIST 2600 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Best</i> between 30-45 earned hours ● <i>No Later than 60</i> earned hours (Study abroad: no later than 45 hours)
	MDSK 2100 + Praxis I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>No Later than 45</i> earned hours
HIST 4000/01/02/03/04 or 4797 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Best</i> between 75-105 earned hours ● <i>No Later than 105</i> earned hours 	HIST 4000/01/02/03/04 or 4797 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Best</i> between 60-90 earned hours ● <i>No Later than 90</i> earned hours
HIST 4600 or 4799 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Best</i> between 90-120 earned hours ● <i>No Later than 120</i> earned hours 	HIST 4600 or 4799 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Best</i> between 90-105 earned hours ● <i>No Later than 105</i> earned hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Surveys (HIST 1121, 1160, 1161) can be taken at any time. ● HIST 3000 electives are <i>best</i> taken during or after completion of HIST 2600. ● Semester or year-long study abroad programs are best planned for the junior semester or year, as not to interfere with methods or student teaching (licensure). ● Majors interested in honors should contact the Honors Director immediately upon completing HIST 2600 with a grade of A to properly plan and prepare for candidacy. ● Majors interested in Early Entry to the MA degree should contact the Graduate Director no later than the second semester of their Junior year. 	

Course Levels

For course level descriptions and reading/ writing/exam expectations see <http://history.uncc.edu/Student-Resources/>.

Transfer and Co-Credit

The Department accepts up to 15 hours of transfer credit towards the major and 9 hours towards the minor. Double majors may count 9 hours of applicable courses from the other major or 6 hours of their minor towards their history degree. Courses must be approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies. Majors planning to study history off-campus over the summer or as part of study abroad *must receive approval from the Director of Undergraduate Studies prior to their studies* via a permit for Transient Studies or Study Abroad Agreement.

General Education Requirements for History majors

◆ UWRT 1103 or 1104 Go to Banner: Registration: Advising Transcript for placement (WR03=1103/WR04=1104)
◆ One MATH at 1000 level or above (1100, 1102, 1103, 1105, 1120, 1121, 1165, 1241, 1242, 1340, 1341)
◆ One additional MATH or any STAT course, ITSC 1110; or PHIL 2105 Deductive Logic MATH 1102 and 1105 are easier than MATH 1100; and acceptable for the major

◆ One Science WITH Lab section

◆ One Science no lab

Choose from: ANTH 2141, BINF 1101, BIOL 1110, BIOL 1115, CHEM 1111, CHEM 1112, CHEM 1200, CHEM 1203, CHEM 1204, CHEM 1251, CHEM 1252, ESCI 1101, ITIS 1350, GEOG 1103, GEOL 1200, GEOL 1210, ITIS 1350, KNES 2168, KNES 2169, METR 1102, PHYS 1100, PHYS 1101, PHYS 1102, PHYS 1130, PHYS 1201, PHYS 1202, PHYS 1203, PHYS 2101, PHYS 2102, PSYC 1101

◆ One Social Science

Choose from: ANTH 1101, DTSC 1302, ECON 1101, ECON 2101, ECON 2102, GEOG 1105, POLS 1110, SOCY 110, SOWK 1101 (licensure: Econ 1101 or Pols 1110)

◆ LBST 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104, or 1105

◆ Two courses from: LBST 2101, LBST 2102, or LBST 22xx

◆ LBST 2301 (Sophomore or higher status with UWRT course with C or higher)

NOTE: If one has transfer exemption from CTC (=LBST 2301), one must take LBST 2101, 2102, and 22XX

- In order to receive co-credit, Licensure majors should select POLS 1110 or Econ 1101 for Social science. PSYCH 1101 for science is recommended, but not mandated.
- The department offers history sections of LBST 1102, 2101, 2102, and 2301.