

HISTORY MAJOR

Department of History (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/history/>)

Division of Social Sciences

Engaging in historical studies at Washington College is an excellent preparation for future careers. Our graduates have been successful in secondary school and college teaching, archival, curatorial, and museum work, law, journalism, and publishing. Many of our majors work in other areas traditionally attracting liberal arts graduates—business and government, for example.

Students may complete internships in a variety of settings, such as George Washington's Mount Vernon, the Kent County Historical Society, the Maryland General Assembly, the Office of the Governor of Maryland, the Library of Congress, the National Portrait Gallery, and many others.

History students are eligible to prepare for secondary school teaching certification either in history or social studies. To ensure proper scheduling of courses, interested students should consult with the Chairs of the History and Human Development Departments as early in their college careers as possible.

Students who major in history may pursue a regional minor. These minors are administered through the International Studies Program, but students are not required to major in International Studies. See the Related Programs tab for the requirements for minors that may be of interest.

History Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits	Notes
HIS 111	Introduction to History	4	_____
HIS 201	History of the United States to 1865	4	_____
or HIS 202	History of the United States Since 1865		_____
Select 1 Course From Below		4	_____
HIS 203	Modern World History I		_____
HIS 204	Modern World History II		_____
HIS 205	Early Origins of Western Civilization I		_____
HIS 206	Early Origins of Western Civilization II		_____
Select 7 Courses From Below (at least one from each the following sub-specialties):		28	_____
Pre-1860 United States			
HIS 313	17th and 18th Century America		_____
HIS 315	The Early Republic		_____
HIS 319	African - American History		_____
HIS 343	History of American Women		_____
HIS 414	Comparative Cultural Encounters		_____
Post-1860 United States			
HIS 319	African - American History		_____
HIS 334	The American Civil War		_____
HIS 335	Reconstruction and the Gilded Age		_____
HIS 336	Progressivism and the Twenties		_____
HIS 343	History of American Women		_____
Early Europe			
HIS 350	Empire and Papacy		_____
HIS 351	Ancient Rome		_____
HIS 352	Castles, Cloisters, Cathedrals, Mosques		_____
HIS 354	Renaissance & Reformation		_____
HIS 355	Women in Medieval Europe		_____
Modern Europe			
HIS 360	Modern Germany		_____
HIS 391	Russia and the Soviet Union		_____
HIS 392	Russia and the Soviet Union		_____

Global

HIS 371	History of South Africa		
HIS 381	History of Modern China		
HIS 383	History of Modern Japan		
HIS 357	Early Islamic Civilization		
HIS 473	Latin American Literature as History		
HIS Special Topics Courses may count toward the major requirements.			
HIS 394	Special Topics		
HIS 494	Special Topics		
HIS 399	Historical Method (Junior Seminar)	4	
HIS SCE	Senior Capstone Experience	2-4	
Total Credits		46-48	

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- Asian Studies Minor (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/interdisciplinary/asian-studies-minor/>)
- European Studies Minor (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/interdisciplinary/european-studies-minor/>)
- History Minor (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/history/history-minor/>)
- Latin American Studies Minor (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/interdisciplinary/latin-american-studies-minor/>)
- Medieval and Early Modern Studies Minor (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/interdisciplinary/medieval-early-modern-studies-minor/>)
- Museum, Field, and Community Education Minor (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/interdisciplinary/museum-field-community-education-minor/>)
- Near Eastern Studies Minor (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/interdisciplinary/near-eastern-studies-minor/>)
- Peace and Conflict Studies Minor (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/interdisciplinary/peace-conflict-studies-minor/>)

Certificate

- Secondary Education Certification Program (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/education/secondary-education-certification-program/>)