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HISTORY

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Historians study the past in its variety and complexity. With such an analysis, students of history gain multiple perspectives on the present and an aptitude to plan intelligently for the future. Although the lessons to be learned from the past are rarely simple, solutions to present-day problems rest on comprehension of historical forces and events. History deepens our understanding of other peoples and cultures. All courses offered in the History Department seek to examine the issues of race, gender, class and cultural diversity.

The study of history and its method prepares students for a wide range of careers while also sensitizing them to the complexity and diversity of the past and present. History is an excellent foundation for a broadly based education in the liberal arts.



Major and Minors

History (B.A.)

Majoring in history teaches students to think critically, communicate effectively, and solve complex problems, while also deepening their understanding of other peoples and cultures. History majors learn to gather, synthesize, analyze, and interpret evidence. These skills are essential to success in almost any career. Perhaps then it's not a surprise that history alumni work in almost every conceivable field including tech, business, law, government, museums, non-profits, and teaching.

Minors

Asian Studies
History

History (M.A.)

The M.A. program in history emphasizes concentrated study in area specialties, with students gaining a thorough grounding in the latest historiography. In addition, the program maintains that historical study must be predicated upon sustained research, engagement with historical problems, and written communication.

Government

- City management
- Foreign service
- Legislative, executive or judicial services
- Public policy
- Social services

Law

- Corporate
- Mediation
- Nonprofit or public interest

Curatorial & Archival

- Analyzing
- Archivist
- Authenticating
- Exhibition development
- Librarian

Education

- Research
- Teaching

Business and Tech

- Human relations
- Management

- Public relations
- Sales

Media

- News programming
- Public relations
- Publishing
- Research

Non-profits

- Fundraising
- Project management
- Research analyst

Where can this major take me?

