**HISTORY MAJOR**

Students must also complete the Undergraduate Registration Requirement (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/requirements-policies/undergraduate-registration-requirement/) and the degree requirements of their home school.

The history major enables students to broaden their intellectual horizons as they study the experiences of people in times and places other than their own. Courses are designed to develop the ability to read insightfully, think critically, and write with precision and polish. Students enroll in a range of historical courses as well as develop an area of concentration. Majors are each assigned a faculty adviser with whom they are encouraged to consult frequently.

Students majoring in history select one of five concentrations and may arrange to emphasize special fields within their concentration:

- History of the Americas
- English/European history
- African/Middle Eastern history
- Asian/Middle Eastern history
- Global history

The program for majors consists of 12 graded courses in history, none of which may be substituted by advanced placement credits. These courses, chosen by the student with the adviser, are distributed as follows.

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<td>Research Seminar (should be taken in junior or senior year and need not be within the student's concentration)</td>
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10 additional 200- or 300-level courses:

- 6 courses in a geographic concentration; see department website for eligible courses. 1 only allowed from:
  - HISTORY 101-6 First-Year Seminar–European History
  - History 102-6 First-Year Seminar–American History
  - HISTORY 103-6 First-Year Seminar–Non-Western History

- 4 courses outside the geographic concentration

For global history concentration:


2 additional global history courses (see department website for eligible courses)

- 6 courses outside global history, either 2 each in three geographic areas or 3 each in 2 geographic areas

At least 2 of the 12 courses must be in fields other than modern European or US history (e.g., courses in European history before 1800 or in African, Asian, Middle Eastern, or Latin American history in any period).

**Honors in History**

Junior majors with strong academic records and an interest in pursuing honors attend informational sessions during winter quarter. They submit a thesis proposal and a letter of recommendation from a Northwestern history professor by an early spring deadline. Those chosen enroll as seniors in a 3-quarter thesis seminar (HISTORY 398-1, HISTORY 398-2, HISTORY 398-3) and submit a completed thesis in May. All 3 thesis seminar quarters (HISTORY 398-1, HISTORY 398-2, HISTORY 398-3) may count toward the major; see the department for details.

Students whose theses and grades meet department criteria are recommended to the college for graduation with honors. For more information consult the director of undergraduate studies and see Honors in the Major (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#academicoptionstext).

**History Courses**

**Introductory Seminars**

The following 3 courses are first-year seminars, each limited to 15 undergraduates, which introduce students to modes of historical analysis through the study of various topics in history. Specific subjects will be listed in the Class Schedule. Open to first-year students only.

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<td>Background to African Civilization and Culture: 1875-1994</td>
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**Global History Courses**

**Course**
- HISTORY 250-1
- & HISTORY 250-2
- HISTORY 251-0
- HISTORY 352-0

**Title**
- Global History: Early Modern to Modern Transition and Global History: The Modern World
- The Politics of Disaster: A Global Environmental History
- Global History of Death and Dying

**England and the British Isles History Courses**

**Course**
- HISTORY 261-0
- HISTORY 360-0
- HISTORY 362-1
- & HISTORY 362-2
- & HISTORY 362-3
- HISTORY 364-0

**Title**
- Sex after Shakespeare
- Tudor and Stuart Britain
- Modern British History, 1688 - 1815
- and Modern British History, 1780-1900
- and Modern British History, 1900-present
- Gender and Sexuality in Victorian Britain

**European History Courses**

**Course**
- HISTORY 201-1
- & HISTORY 201-2
- HISTORY 203-1
- & HISTORY 203-2
- & HISTORY 203-3
- HISTORY 330-0
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- & HISTORY 348-2
- HISTORY 349-0

**Title**
- Europe in the Medieval and Early Modern World and Europe in the Modern World
- Jewish History 750-1492
- and Jewish History 1492-1789
- and Jewish History 1789-1948
- Medieval Sex
- Women in Medieval Society
- The Development of Medieval Europe: Early Middle Ages, 300-1000
- and The Development of Medieval Europe: High & Late Middle Ages, 1000-1450
- The Age of the Renaissance
- The Age of the Reformation
- Spain 1500 - 1700: Rise and Fall of a European Empire
- History of Modern Europe
- Europe in the 20th Century, 1900-1945
- and Europe in the 20th Century, 1945-Present
- Gender, War, and Revolution in the 20th Century
- Paris: World City, 1700 to the Present
- History of Modern France: Ancien Regime and the French Revolution
- and History of Modern France: 19th c. to present
- Modern Italy
- Weimer and Nazi Germany
- Germany Since 1945
- History of Russia: 800-1700
- and History of Russia, 1700-1917
- and History of Russia, 1917-Present
- East Central Europe under Communist Rule and Beyond, 1945 to the Present
- Christians and Jews
- Jews in Poland, Ukraine, and Russia
- and Jews in Poland, Ukraine, and Russia
- History of the Holocaust

**Latin American History Courses**

**Course**
- HISTORY 260-1
- & HISTORY 260-2
- HISTORY 366-0
- HISTORY 367-0
- HISTORY 368-1
- & HISTORY 368-2
- HISTORY 369-0

**Title**
- History of Latin America in the Colonial Period
- and History of Latin America in the Modern Period, 1789-present
- Race and Nation in the Independence Era
- History of Modern Brazil
- Revolution in 20th Century Latin America: Mexico and its Revolutions
- and Revolution in 20th Century Latin America: Marxist Revolutions
- Development and Inequality in Modern Latin America

**Middle Eastern History Courses**

**Course**
- HISTORY 270-0
- HISTORY 271-1
- HISTORY 271-2
- HISTORY 271-3
- HISTORY 272-0
- HISTORY 373-1
- & HISTORY 373-2

**Title**
- Middle Eastern/Islamic Civilization
- History of the Islamic Middle East: 600-1200
- History of the Islamic Middle East: 1200-1789
- History of the Modern Middle East, 1789 - Present
- History of Ancient Egypt, 3100- c. 1000 B.C.E.
- The Ottomans: Last Empire of Islam, 1300-1622
- and The Ottomans: From "Second Empire" to the Age of Nationalism, 1622-1918

**United States History Courses**

**Course**
- HISTORY 210-1
- & HISTORY 210-2
- HISTORY 212-1
- & HISTORY 212-2
- HISTORY 214-0
- HISTORY 216-0
- HISTORY 218-0
- HISTORY 303-1
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- & HISTORY 315-2
- & HISTORY 315-3
- HISTORY 316-0
- HISTORY 317-1
- & HISTORY 317-2
- HISTORY 318-1
- & HISTORY 318-2

**Title**
- History of the United States, Precolonial to the Civil War and History of the United States, Reconstruction to the Present
- Introduction to African-American History: Key concepts from 1700-1861 and Introduction to African American History: Emancipation to Civil Rights Movement
- Asian American History
- Global Asians
- Latina and Latino History
- American Women's History, to 1865 and American Women's History, since 1865
- Asian American Women's History
- American Immigration
- The American West
- American Environmental History
- Early American History: Conquest and Colonization, to 1688 and Early American History: The Age of the American Revolution, 1688-1789
- New Nation: The United States, 1787-1848
- The Civil War and Reconstruction
- The United States Since 1900: Early 20th C. and The United States Since 1900: Mid-20th C. and The United States Since 1900: Late 20th C. to Present
- The Sixties
- American Cultural History: 19th C. and American Cultural History: 20th C. to Present
- Legal and Constitutional History of the United States: Colonial Period to 1850 and Legal and Constitutional History of the United States: 1850 to Present
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### History Courses in Other Departments

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