

HISTORY (BA) - RESEARCH & ANALYSIS TRACK

Program Overview

Located on the RiverPark campus in uptown Columbus, Georgia, the department houses faculty with expertise in European, Islamic, Latin American, African American, Medieval, Military, and United States history. Courses in Urban Geography, Cultural Geography, and Geographic Information Systems enhance the research and employment opportunities of our graduates. Class size is small, and faculty members advise all majors and remain actively involved in their academic progress. The department organizes trips to local and regional historical sites, leads study abroad programs, and provides numerous internships and other learning opportunities.

Only a handful of history majors become historians. Some grow to be history teachers, many others move on to a different career. Indeed, people trained in liberal arts, and in history in particular, are well equipped to succeed in a variety of fields, from business to law, from archive and library sciences to politics, from administration to art. And yet, a degree in history promises much more than a fulfilling job.

History students understand the complexity of the human experience. They are exposed to its diversity as they learn about peoples and societies around the world, and as they think about how these changed over time. They see how various individuals and groups interacted in different settings, and reflect on the reasons why people acted the way they did, and on the consequences of their choices. They respect these differences, while working to understand their origin and evolution.

Career Opportunities

A degree in history offers a **wide variety of job and career opportunities** ranging from teaching to business, from journalism to law school, from working in libraries/archives to museums.

Indeed, a degree in history offers a **wide range of skills** that can be applied very broadly.

Historians as Educators

- Elementary Schools
- Secondary Schools
- Postsecondary Education
- Historic Sites and Museums

Historians as Researchers

- Museums and Historical Organizations
- Cultural Resources Management and Historic Preservation
- Think Tanks

Historians as Communicators

- Writers and Editors
- Journalists
- Documentary Editors
- Producers of Multimedia Material

Historians as Information Managers

- Archivists
- Records Managers
- Librarians
- Information Managers

Historians as Advocates

- Lawyers and Paralegals
- Litigation Support
- Legislative Staff Work
- Foundations

Historians in Businesses and Associations

- Historians in Corporations
- Contract Historians
- Historians and Nonprofit Associations

Program of Study

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core IMPACTS Area : Institutional Priorities ¹		4-5
COMM 1110	Public Speaking	3
ITDS 1779	Scholarship Across the Disciplines	2
LEAD 1705	Introduction to Servant Leadership	2
PERS 1506	Perspectives 1-hour	1
PERS 1507	Perspectives 2-hour	2
Foreign Language Course Options		
ARAB, CHIN, FREN, GERM, GREK, ITAL, JAPN, KREN, LATIN, PORT, SPAN - 1001, 1002, 2001, 2002		
SWAH 1001	Elementary Swahili I	
SWAH 1002	Elementary Swahili II	
Core IMPACTS Area : Mathematics & Quantitative Skills ¹		3-7
DATA 1501	Introduction to Data Science	3
MATH 1001	Quantitative Skills and Reasoning	3
MATH 1101	Introduction to Mathematical Modeling	3
MATH 1111	College Algebra	3
MATH 1113	Pre-Calculus	4
MATH 1125	Applied Calculus	3
MATH 1131	Calculus with Analytic Geometry I	4
MATH 1132	Calculus with Analytic Geometry II	4
MATH 1165	Computer-Assisted Problem Solving	3
MATH 1401	Introduction to Statistics	3
MATH 1501	Calculus I	4
MATH 2125	Introduction to Discrete Mathematics	3
STAT 1401	Elementary Statistics	3
Core IMPACTS Area : Political Science and U.S. History		6
HIST 2111	U. S. History to 1865	3
or HIST 2112	U. S. History since 1865	
POLS 1101	American Government	3
Core IMPACTS Area : Arts, Humanities, and Ethics		6
Select one Fine Arts course		3
ARTH 1100	Art Appreciation	

ARTH 2125	Introduction to the History of Art I– Prehistoric through Gothic	
ARTH 2126	Introduction to the History of Art II– Renaissance through Modern	
MUSC 1100	Music Appreciation	
THEA 1100	Theatre Appreciation	
ITDS 1145	Comparative Arts ²	
Select one Humanities course		3
ENGL 2111	World Literature I	
ENGL 2112	World Literature II	
ITDS 1774	Introduction to Digital Humanities	
PHIL 2010	Introduction to Philosophy	
ITDS 1145	Comparative Arts ²	
Core IMPACTS Area : Communicating in Writing		6
ENGL 1101	English Composition I	3
ENGL 1102	English Composition II	3
Core IMPACTS Area : Technology, Mathematics, and Sciences ¹		7-11
ANTH 1145	Human Origins	3
ASTR 1105	Descriptive Astronomy: The Solar System	3
ASTR 1106	Descriptive Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies	3
ASTR 1305	Descriptive Astronomy Lab	1
ATSC 1112	Understanding the Weather	3
ATSC 1112L	Understanding the Weather Lab	1
BIOL 1125	Contemporary Issues in Biology Non-Lab	3
BIOL 1215K	Introductory Biology	4
BIOL 1225K	Contemporary Issues in Biology with Lab	4
CHEM 1151 & 1151L	Survey of Chemistry I and Survey of Chemistry I Lab	4
CHEM 1152 & 1152L	Survey of Chemistry II and Survey of Chemistry II Lab	4
CHEM 1211 & 1211L	Principles of Chemistry I and Principles of Chemistry I Lab	4
CHEM 1212 & 1212L	Principles of Chemistry II and Principles of Chemistry II Lab	4
CPSC 1105	Introduction to Computing Principles and Technology	3
CPSC 1301K	Computer Science I	4
ENVS 1105	Environmental Studies	3
ENVS 1105L	Environmental Studies Laboratory	1
ENVS 1205K	Sustainability and the Environment	4
GEOG 2215	Introduction to the Geographic Information Systems	3
GEOL 1110	Natural Disasters: Our Hazardous Environment	3
GEOL 1121	Introductory Geoscience I: Physical Geology	3
GEOL 1121L	Introductory Geoscience I: Physical Geology Lab	1
GEOL 1122	Introductory Geo-sciences II: Historical Geology	3
GEOL 1322	Introductory Geo-sciences II: Historical Geology Lab	1
GEOL 2225	The Fossil Record	4
PHYS 1111 & PHYS 1311	Introductory Physics I and Introductory Physics I Lab	4
PHYS 1112 & PHYS 1312	Introductory Physics II and Introductory Physics II Lab	4
PHYS 1125	Physics of Color and Sound	3

PHYS 1325	Physics of Color and Sound Lab	1
PHYS 2211 & PHYS 2311	Principles of Physics I and Principles of Physics I Lab	4
PHYS 2212 & PHYS 2312	Principles of Physics II and Principles of Physics II Lab	4
Core IMPACTS Area : Social Sciences		6
Select one Behavioral Science course		
ECON 2105	Principles of Macroeconomics	
ECON 2106	Principles of Microeconomics	
PHIL 2030	Moral Philosophy	
PSYC 1101	Introduction to General Psychology	
SOCI 1101	Introduction to Sociology	
Select one World Cultures course		3
ANTH 1107	Discovering Archaeology	
ANTH 1105	Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 2105	Ancient World Civilizations	
ANTH 2136	Language and Culture	
ENGL 2136	Language and Culture	
GEOG 1101	World Regional Geography	
HIST 1111	World History to 1500	
HIST 1112	World History since 1500	
ITDS 1155	The Western Intellectual Tradition	
ITDS 1156	Understanding Non-Western Cultures	

Core IMPACTS Total Hours **42**

Health and Wellness **3**

KINS 1106	Lifetime Wellness	2
	or PHED 1205 Concepts of Fitness	

Select one PEDS course (<https://catalog.columbusstate.edu/course-descriptions/peds/#peds>)

¹ The hours applied in the Institutional Priorities; Mathematics & Quantitative Skills; and Technology, Mathematics, and Sciences areas must add to 18 credit hours.

² ITDS 1145 Comparative Arts, though listed under both Fine Arts and Humanities, may be taken only once.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Requirements		
Complete the core requirements for this program		45
Core Total		45
Field of Study Requirements		
Foreign Language 1002		3
Foreign Language 2001		3
HIST 1111	World History to 1500	3
HIST 1112	World History since 1500	3
HIST 2111	U. S. History to 1865	3
	or HIST 2112 U. S. History since 1865	
Select one of the following:		3
ANTH 2105	Ancient World Civilizations	
ARTH 2125	Introduction to the History of Art I– Prehistoric through Gothic	

ARTH 2126	Introduction to the History of Art II– Renaissance through Modern	
ARTH 2127	Intro to Non-Western Art	
ECON 2105	Principles of Macroeconomics	
GEOG 1101	World Regional Geography	
GEOG 2215	Introduction to the Geographic Information Systems	
ITDS 2107	Modern Latin America	
POLS 2101	Introduction to Political Science	

Field of Study Requirements Total 18

Requirements for the Major

Minimum grade of C is required		
HIST 1000	History Convocation (Five semesters)	0
HIST 3125	Historical Methods	3
HIST 4795	Senior Research Seminar	3
Select three 3000-level courses with at least one course in U.S., European, and world history (see below)		9
Select three 5000-level U.S. history/geography/world history/ European history courses with at least one course in U.S. history and one in either European or world history (see below)		9
Requirements for the Major Total		24

Major Electives

Minimum grade of C is required		
Select 6 to 9 credits of HIST, GEOG, or PHIL courses 3000-level or above		6-9
Select 15 to 18 hours within one of the following:		15-18
Minor other than History; Geographic Information Systems and Science Certificate; Cinema Studies Certificate; European Union Certificate; Latin American Studies Certificate; or courses leading to teacher certification		
Total: Major Electives		24

General Electives

Select 12 credits		12
The department strongly encourages students to complete a Foreign Language through the 2002 level, especially for those who plan to pursue graduate study.		
General Electives Total		12

Total Credit Hours 123

Program Map

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Year		
Fall		
ENGL 1101	English Composition I (minimum grade of C)	3
MATH 1001	Quantitative Skills and Reasoning (or higher) STAT 1401 Elementary Statistics preferred	3
Area B1	COMM 1110 Public Speaking or foreign language 1001, 1002, 2001, 2002	3
AREA D	Science w/ Lab	4
HIST 1111	World History to 1500	3
HIST 1000	History Convocation	0
Credit Hours		16

Spring

ENGL 1102	English Composition II (minimum grade of C)	3
HIST 2111	U. S. History to 1865	3
AREA F	Foreign Language 1002	3
HIST 1112	World History since 1500	3
Area B2	ITDS 1779 (2), LEAD 1705 (2), PERS 1506 (1; may be repeated with different topic), PERS 1507 (2)	2
AREA W	PEDS Course	1
HIST 1000	History Convocation	0

Credit Hours 15

Second Year

Fall

AREA F	Foreign Language 2001	3
KINS 1106 or PHED 1205	Lifetime Wellness or Concepts of Fitness	2
AREA H	Minor ¹	3
POLS 1101	American Government	3
AREA C	Humanities Elective	3
HIST 1000	History Convocation	0

Credit Hours 14

Spring

Area D	Science/Tech/Math ^{Preferred course is GEOG 2215 Intro to GIS}	3-4
HIST 2112	U. S. History since 1865	3
AREA H	Minor ¹	3
HIST 3125	Historical Methods (minimum grade of C)	3
AREA C	Fine Arts Elective	3

Credit Hours 15-16

Third Year

Fall

AREA I	General Elective	3
AREA E	World Cultures Course	3
AREA H	Minor ¹	3
AREA I	General Elective	3
AREA H	HIST or GEOG 3000-level or above (minimum grade of C)	3
AREA G	HIST 5000-level (U.S.) (minimum grade of C)	3

Credit Hours 18

Spring

AREA E	Behavioral Science Elective	3
AREA F	Elective ²	3
AREA G	HIST 5000-level (European or Non-Western) (minimum grade of C)	3
AREA H	Minor ¹	3
AREA G	HIST 3000-level (European) (minimum grade of C)	3
HIST 1000	History Convocation	0

Credit Hours 15

Fourth Year**Fall**

AREA G	HIST 5000-level (U.S., European, or Non-Western) (minimum grade of C)	3
AREA G	HIST 3000-level (U.S.) (minimum grade of C)	3
AREA H	Minor ¹	3
AREA I	General Elective	3
AREA D	Science Non-Lab	3
HIST 1000	History Convocation	0
Credit Hours		15

Spring

HIST 4795	Senior Research Seminar (minimum grade of C)	3
AREA H	HIST or GEOG 3000-level or above (minimum grade of C)	3
AREA H	Minor ¹	3
AREA I	General Elective	3
AREA G	HIST 3000-level (world) (minimum grade of C)	3
Credit Hours		15
Total Credit Hours		123

¹ Depends on the specific Minor.² GEOG 1101 World Regional Geography, GEOG 2215 Introduction to the Geographic Information Systems, etc.

- Area H Program Electives Required Hours: 24.
- "C" or better required in HIST and GEOG courses used in this area. Select 6 to 9 hours of HIST or GEOG courses 3000-level or above.
- History majors must choose a Minor. If a Minor requires 15 hours, the student must take 9 hours of Area H program electives. If a Minor requires 18 hours, the students must take 6 hours of Area H program electives.

Admission Requirements

There are no program specific admission requirements.

Additional Program Requirements

Students seeking the B.A. in History must earn grades of C or better in all HIST and GEOG courses in Areas G and H.