

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Arts, History
- Bachelor of Science, History
 - Specialization is available in the following:
 - Applied Historical Methods
- Professional Educator Licensure (9-12) program

History at SIUE

The study of history begins with questions about the past; how things came to be as they are or were. These questions can contribute to a greater understanding of ourselves, others and the world in which we live.

Historians approach the study of the past from various perspectives, but all analyze the patterns and causes of change in human thought and action across space and time and the consequences of those changes. Some, working within or across national histories, focus on the trajectory of particular social institutions, such as the family, government, business or religion. Alternately, historians can investigate the historical development of ideologies or of cultural concepts such as race or gender. Historians borrow investigative strategies freely from other disciplines. For some historians, the methodologies of the social sciences become critical tools for the study of the past, while others prefer a historical approach involving the methods of the humanities and literature. Most adopt some mixture of methodologies.

In the College of Arts and Sciences at SIUE, the Department of Historical Studies emphasizes the study of primary sources beginning with our freshman-level survey labs, through the senior research projects. We also provide numerous opportunities for hands-on learning through class projects and internships at many venues in the greater St. Louis region and in the Metro East. A specialization in applied historical methods is also available for those interested in museums, editing and digital technology. The social science secondary education minor for licensure in teaching is housed in the Department of Historical Studies.

Career Opportunities

Traditionally, a bachelor's degree in history was thought to primarily provide a knowledge base for two careers: licensure in teaching, or as a foundation for attending law school. While teaching and attending law school are still viable options for students with a degree in history, the degree is becoming broadly recognized as a foundation for many other careers. Students are pursuing careers in local, state and federal government, including the Foreign Service and city or town management; nonprofit organizations; politics, including political advising; curatorial and archival management in libraries, museums and art galleries; media, public relations, digital editing and film consulting; and business, in corporate training and development.

Faculty

Erik B. Alexander, PhD
2011, University of Virginia

Jeffrey T. Manuel, PhD
2009, University of Minnesota

Anthony Q. Cheeseboro, PhD
1993, Michigan State University

Rowena McClinton, PhD
1996, University of Kentucky

Laura E. Fowler, PhD
2003, Loyola University Chicago

Jennifer Miller, PhD
2008, Rutgers University

Carole Collier Frick, PhD
1995, University of California - Los Angeles

Robert Paulett, PhD
2007, College of William & Mary

Jessica Harris, PhD
2011, Cornell University

Jason Stacy, PhD
2005, Loyola University Chicago

Victoria Harrison, PhD
2007, Saint Louis University

Stephen L. Tamari, PhD
1998, Georgetown University

Christienne Hinz, PhD
2001, The Ohio State University

Allison Thomason, PhD
1999, Columbia University

Bryan Jack, PhD
2004, Saint Louis University

Kathleen Vongsathorn, DPhil
2012, University of Oxford

Thomas Jordan, PhD
2000, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



Sample Curriculum for the Bachelor of Arts in History

Fall Semester

Spring Semester

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Year 1	HIST Survey Level (Western Civ. or World) (BSS or BHUM) 3 ENG 101 English Composition I 3 Foreign Language 101 (BICS) 4 ACS 101 Public Speaking 3 Breadth Fine & Performing Arts (BFPA) 3 FST 101 Succeeding & Engaging at SIUE 1 Total Credits 17	HIST Survey Level (Western Civ. or World) 3 ENG 102 English Composition II 3 Foreign Language 102 (EGC) 4 Breadth Humanities (BHUM) 3 Breadth Life Science (BLS) with a lab (EL) 3 Total Credits 16
Year 2	HIST Survey Level (US) (EUSC) 3 Foreign Language 201 (BICS) 4 RA 101 Reasoning & Argumentation 3 QR 101, MATH 150 or Higher 3 Breadth Physical Science (BPS) 3 Total Credits 16	HIST Survey Level (US) 3 Foreign Language 202 (BICS) 4 Minor 3 Fine & Performing Arts or Humanities 3 Minor 3 Total Credits 16
Year 3	HIST 300-400 level Elective 3 HIST 300-400 level Elective 3 Upper-level foreign language course (recommended) 4 Fine & Performing Arts or Humanities 3 Minor 3 Total Credits 16	HIST 300-400 level Elective 3 HIST 300-400 level Elective (Non-Western) 3 Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) 3 Upper-level foreign language course (recommended) 3 Minor 3 Total Credits 15
Year 4	HIST 301 Historical Methods 3 HIST 300-400 level Elective 3 Upper-level foreign language course (recommended) 4 Minor 2 Total Credits 12	HIST 401 Historical Research 3 HIST 300-400 level Elective 3 Upper-level foreign language course (recommended) 4 Health Experience (EH) 2 Total Credits 12
		Total Hours 120

Transfer Students: To maximize your transfer experience, complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer and satisfy either the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS, or AAT (early childhood, special ed or math) degree from an IAI community college. If 'Minor' requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Visit siue.edu/transfer to find course equivalency guides.

Admission Requirements

Admission for all Majors in Historical Studies

- Must pass ENG 102

Graduation Requirements

- Complete all specific program requirements.
- Students are required to complete a minor.
- Complete all University requirements, including:
 - All general education requirements
 - A minimum of 120 credit hours
 - At least 30 of which must be completed at SIUE.
 - At least 60 of which must be completed at a regionally accredited four-year institution.
 - A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
 - Bachelor of Arts only: One year of the same foreign language and six courses in fine and performing arts or humanities
- File an Application for Graduation by the first day of the term in which you plan to graduate.

Contact Information

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