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History

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of History

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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.

Hands-on Learning

The study of primary sources begins with our freshman-level survey labs, through the senior research projects. Numerous opportunities are also available for hands-on learning through class projects and internships at many venues in the greater St. Louis region and in the Metro East.

Degrees Available at SIUE

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

What can I do with a degree in history?

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. Our graduates pursue 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
- Business, in corporate training and development

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Sample Curriculum for the Bachelor of Arts in History

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

* Depending upon the topic, an individual section of HIST 101 may count as either a European/world or a US history survey, but not both.

Admission Requirements

The admission requirements for a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in history include admission to the University and successful completion of high school course-specific requirements.

Detailed admission requirements are available at siue.edu/historical-studies.

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

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