



HISTORY | COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

B.A. IN HISTORY

History encourages students to explore the human condition by providing a foundation in the historical roots of cultures. The discipline also equips students with the methods of historical research; teaches critical thinking regarding interpretations of the past; and develops students' abilities to apply research methods and theories to building local, national and global connections between historical events.

A Bachelor of Arts in History degree prepares students for a wide variety of fields that involve critical thinking, research skills and interpretive analysis of research reports.

A history major may desire to pursue a minor in a related field in the humanities or social sciences.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Completion of a B.A. in History requires 120 credit hours and a minimum 2.0 grade point average. Students must fulfill 33 credit hours in history.

COURSEWORK

- American History Survey
- Western Civilizations Survey
- Upper level courses (200-400 level) totaling 18 credit hours, including six credit hours in American history, six credit hours in European history, and six credit hours in non-Western or ancient histories.
- Two capstone pro-seminars, to be taken in the junior and senior years. One of the 200-level-or-above courses in history needs to be a pro-seminar for history majors: the craft of the historian, taken in the sophomore year. A history student is required to take 36 of the 120 credit hours of coursework needed for the B.A. degree at the 300 level or above. History majors are strongly encouraged to take most of the upper-level history courses at the 300 level or above.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The department offers a wide range of history courses, including early and modern American history, medieval and modern European history, and modern Asian and global histories. The history faculty maintains a high quality of teaching while also being active historical researchers who produce exemplary scholarship. History majors have an opportunity to intern with the Calumet Regional Archives, located on the IU Northwest campus. Internships with local museums and archives may also be arranged.

History majors often participate in the IU Northwest College of Arts and Sciences annual undergraduate research conference. History faculty members encourage and sponsor students' presentations at the conference. The Department presents awards to two outstanding history juniors at the IU Northwest College of Arts and Science Honors Tea every spring: the Rotz Memorial Scholarship Award and the Urcan Scholarship Award. They apply toward partial reduction of tuition in the following semester.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A B.A. IN HISTORY?

Sought-after jobs that require a history knowledge background include working in archives, museums and historical preservation. A degree in history can also prepare one to work in fields in publishing, media, business, law, politics, foundations, government, and education.

For a detailed discussion of jobs for history majors, a helpful resource is the American Historical Association.

HANDS-ON LEARNING

Hands-on learning is available through internships at the Calumet Regional Archives on campus, occasional internships for history projects including history conferences on campus, and serving as student instructors for large history survey courses. There are also opportunities for faculty-student research sponsored by the Center for Urban and Regional Excellence.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

The history faculty sponsors the History Club and an IU Northwest chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta Club.

RELATED DEGREE OPTIONS

- Minor in History
- Minor in Latino Studies

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