

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY

History is a foundational academic discipline providing perspective and context for meaningful citizenship and considered lives. The YSU Program in History provides outstanding preparation for rewarding careers in education and research, law, media and journalism, business and consulting, museum curation and historic preservation, and much more. The study of History also offers something even more valuable: vital skills and perspectives not tied narrowly to specific and often transient jobs, technologies, or circumstances, but broadly applicable and always relevant in an ever-changing world. These include critical thinking, analytical and research skills, cogent argumentation, and communication in both traditional and digital formats, historical imagination, and a deeper understanding of the human condition. Our programs emphasize hands-on, experiential learning in methodology and research – as well as in traditional content – at all curriculum levels.

Program requirements are simple and flexible, allowing timely completion and student-driven choice of content focus. Students will take two introductory level courses (from a choice of four), nine upper division courses (mixing American and World offerings, with at least two from each), and a Capstone project.

Beyond the Major itself, it is recommended that students consider choosing elective courses across other disciplines in the social sciences and the humanities. Particular attention is called to courses offered in Anthropology, Geography and GIS, Political Science, Philosophy, and Sociology. Students contemplating graduate work in history should consult early and often with History faculty and the Program Coordinator.

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
FIRST YEAR REQUIREMENT -STUDENT SUCCESS		
YSU 1500	Success Seminar	1-2
or YSU 1500S	Youngstown State University Success Seminar	
or HONR 1500	Intro to Honors	
General Education Requirements		
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3-4
or ENGL 1549	Writing 1 with Support	
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
Mathematics Requirement		3
Arts and Humanities (6 s.h.)		0
Natural Sciences (2 courses, 1 with lab) (6-7 s.h.)		7
Social Science (6 s.h.)		6
General Education Electives (9 s.h. Select three courses)		9
Foreign Language Requirement		
FNLG 1501	Conversational Foreign Language 1	3
FNLG 1502	Conversational Foreign Language 2	3
Major Requirements		
Introductory Courses		
Select any two of the following courses		6
HIST 1500	Discovering World History	
HIST 1501	Discovering American History	
HIST 1511	World Civilization to 1500	
HIST 1512	World Civilization from 1500	
HIST 2605	Turning Points in United States History 1	
HIST 2606	Turning Points in United States History 2	
Upper Division Courses		
Select nine courses total from groups A (American) and B (World). You must complete at least two courses from each category.		27
Group A - American History		

HIST 3700	The Atlantic World ¹	
HIST 3701	American Military History	
HIST 3702	Early America	
HIST 3703	Nineteenth Century America	
HIST 3712	United States in Crisis: 1900-1945	
HIST 3715	Introduction to Historic Preservation	
HIST 3717	Constitutional History of the United States	
HIST 3723	History of American Sports	
HIST 3726	History of Women in the United States	
HIST 3730	The Black Experience in American History	
HIST 3740	The Vietnam War ¹	
HIST 3743	Labor in United States History	
HIST 3748	History of Ohio	
HIST 3762	The Second World War	
HIST 4801	Select Problems in American History	
HIST 4811	Practicum in Historic Preservation	
HIST 4812	Historic Preservation Internship	
HIST 4815	American Material Culture	
HIST 5806	American Architectural History 1	
HIST 5807	American Architectural History 2	
HIST 5810	Conservation of the Historic Built Environment	
Group B - World History		
HIST 3752	Ancient History 1	
HIST 3753	Ancient History 2	
HIST 3755	Early Medieval Civilization	
HIST 3756	High Medieval Civilization	
HIST 3758	Renaissance Europe	
HIST 3762	The Second World War	
HIST 3764	Modern Europe, 1715 to the Present	
HIST 3769	Modern Germany	
HIST 3774	Global Environmental History: Topics and Methods ¹	
HIST 3778	Russia to 1855	
HIST 3779	Russia 1855 to Present ¹	
HIST 3783	How to Conquer the World: Britain and Its Empire, 1688 to the Present	
HIST 3788	The Holocaust	
HIST 3790	Medieval Britain	
HIST 3794	The First World War	
HIST 4850	International Area Study ¹	
HIST 4851	Select Problems in European History	
HIST 3700	The Atlantic World ¹	
HIST 3740	The Vietnam War	
HIST 3749	Africa and the US in Global Connections	
HIST 3750	History of Modern Africa	
HIST 3751	History of South Africa	
HIST 3770	Asia to 1500	
HIST 3775	Global Industrial Revolution	
HIST 3789	Jewish History	
HIST 3795	The Cold War World	
HIST 3796	Genocide and Mass Murder	
HIST 3798	Middle East 2: The Modern Period	
HIST 4850	International Area Study	
HIST 4860	Select Problems in Transnational History	
Capstone		
HIST 4870	Senior Research Seminar	3
Minor Requirement		
		12

Students are required to take a minor of their choosing.

Free Electives	34
Elective coursework necessary to meet 120 s.h. graduation requirement.	
Total Semester Hours	120-122

¹ All courses must be passed with a grade of C or better. Courses may count in only one category. Seven courses in Groups A and B must be at 3700 level or higher.

Year 1		
Fall		S.H.
YSU 1500	Success Seminar	1-2
or YSU 1500S	or Youngstown State University Success Seminar	
or HONR 1500	or Intro to Honors	
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3-4
or ENGL 1549	or Writing 1 with Support	
Any TWO from: HIST 1500, HIST 1501, HIST 1511, HIST 1512, HIST 2605, HIST 2606		6
Gen Ed Math		3
Gen Ed SS		3
Semester Hours		16-18

Spring		
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
Gen Ed SS		3
Gen Ed NS		3
Gen Ed Elective		3
HIST 26XX/37XX		3
Semester Hours		15

Year 2		
Fall		
FNLG 1501	Conversational Foreign Language 1	3
Gen Ed NS		4
Gen Ed Elective		3
Minor course		3
HIST 37XX		3
Semester Hours		16

Spring		
Gen Ed Elective		3
NAT SCI Gen Ed lecture course		3
FNLG 1502	Conversational Foreign Language 2	3
Minor course		3
HIST 37XX		3
Semester Hours		15

Year 3		
Fall		
HIST 37XX		3
HIST 37XX		3
Minor course		3
Elective		3
Elective 37XX		3
Semester Hours		15

Spring		
HIST 37XX		3
HIST 37XX		3
Minor course		3
Elective course		3

Elective course	3	
Semester Hours		15

Year 4		
Fall		
HIST 37XX		3
HIST 37XX		3
Minor course		3
Elective course		2
Elective 37XX		3
Semester Hours		14
Spring		
HIST 4870	Senior Research Seminar	3
Minor course		3
Elective 37XX		3
Elective 37XX		3
Elective 15XX		2
Semester Hours		14
Total Semester Hours		120-122

Learning Outcomes

- (All courses) Students will demonstrate the skills necessary for the historian to analyze information and report findings effectively, by recognizing the difference between primary and secondary resources and being able to critically read and analyze their content; by effectively communicating in written and oral media; and by exhibiting satisfactory critical-thinking and synthesis skills.
- (All courses) Students will demonstrate comprehension of the basic concepts that guide the historian's work, by understanding: the concepts of historiography and that historical interpretation is not fixed but changes over time; the significance of chronologies and the impact of cause and effect; and the importance and impact of cultural diversity on the past and its relevance in the present.
- (Applied History Courses only): Students will demonstrate the ability to translate traditional historical scholarship into media meant primarily for non-academic audiences.