

Bachelor of Arts with a Major in History

Selected Educational Outcomes

The Bachelor of Arts program with a major in history has numerous desired outcomes. Examples of the outcomes include the following:

1. Students will demonstrate knowledge of major political developments in history.
2. Students will demonstrate knowledge of major social developments in history.
3. Students will communicate effectively in writing and orally.
4. Students will demonstrate the ability to engage in critical analysis and historical interpretation.

Examples of Outcome Assessments

1. As a matter of established departmental policy, all upper division courses require written work in the form of essays, research papers, and other similar projects that help determine progress in written communication skills, analytical and interpretive skills, and mastery of course content.
2. Senior Seminar is designed to measure student progress in the program in the mastery of effective oral and written communication, the acquisition of skills in critical analysis and historical interpretation, and the ability to make effective use of library resources and computer and information technology.
3. When such information is available, the department will use as an assessment tool the results of University-wide collection of data that relate to the major and to History Department graduates.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Major in History

Core Curriculum		60
Core Areas A - E* (See VSU Core Curriculum)		42
Core Area F ¹		
Foreign Language and Culture ²		6
HIST 2111	United States History to 1865	3
or HIST 2112	United States History since 1865	
HIST 1011	History of Civilization I (if taken in Area E, then elective from list below)	0-3
HIST 1012	History of Civilization II (if taken in Area E, then elective from list below)	0-3
HIST 1013	History of Civilization III (if taken in Area E, then elective from list below)	0-3
Electives		0-6
Acceptable electives for Area E:		
ANTH 1102	Introduction to Anthropology	
CS 1000	Introduction to Microcomputers and Applications	
ECON 1500	Survey of Economics	
GEOG 1101	Introduction to Human Geography	
GEOG 1102	World Regional Geography	
GEOG 1103	Geographic Perspectives on Multiculturalism in the U.S.	
MATH 2620	Statistical Methods	
PHIL 2010	Fundamentals of Philosophy	
POLS 2101	Introduction to Political Science	
POLS 2401	Introduction to Global Issues	
POLS 2501	Current Issues in American Politics	
PSYC 1101	Introduction to General Psychology	
REL 2020	World Religions	
SOCI 1101	Introduction to Sociology	
SOCI 1160	Introduction to Social Problems	
Senior College Curriculum		60
HIST 3000	Study of History	3
Upper division courses in History		24
Courses numbered above 3000, including at least one each in:		
a. European or British History		
b. United States History		

c. Latin American, African, Middle Eastern, or Asian History		
d. Additional course from categories (a) or (c), above		
HIST 4950	Senior Seminar	3
Foreign Language and Culture (if not taken in Area C)		0-3
Minor or Electives		27-30
Must include at least six (6) semester hours in courses numbered 3000 or above in a single discipline outside the history major.		
Total hours required for the degree		120

- ¹ All courses with the HIST prefix taken in Areas E and F must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
- ² Only two of three required courses in a single foreign language can be taken in Area F. The third course must be taken in Area C or as part of the Senior College Curriculum.