

# 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

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| <b>Core Curriculum</b>                                       |   | 60  |
| Core Areas A - E* (See VSU Core Curriculum)                  |   | 42  |
| Core Area F <sup>1</sup>                                     |   |     |
| Foreign Language and Culture <sup>2</sup>                    |   | 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   |     |
| <b>Senior College Curriculum</b>                             |   | 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                                     |   |     |

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| 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. |                |            |
| <b>Total hours required for the degree</b>   |                | <b>120</b> |

- <sup>1</sup> All courses with the HIST prefix taken in Areas E and F must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.