



History Major FAQs

How can I become a History major?

Any Georgia State student in good academic standing can become a history major by filling out a form in the College of Arts and Sciences, room 418 General Classroom Building. (Freshman should submit forms in the Student Advisement Center in Sparks Hall.)

What are the requirements to graduate with a history degree?

- 120 hours of coursework.
- Completion of the university's core requirements.
- US history survey, World History to 1500, and World History since 1500. (12 hours)
- 30 credit hours of coursework with a "C" or above in each course.
- Required courses as part of the 30 credit hours:
Hist 3000 (Introduction to Historical Studies— Take Early), Hist 4990 (senior seminar, topics vary by semester—Authorization Required)
- You may take any combination of additional courses so long as they include at least one US, one European, and one World History course (Asia, Africa, Latin America, or Middle East).

Can I specialize?

The History department offers two specialized programs in addition to its BA in History:

- Pre-Education Track
- World History Concentration

The History Department offers a wide variety of courses each semester taught by a faculty of more than twenty full-time professors. Some students prefer to take the widest possible range of courses, while others create a specialty by selecting a series of related courses. To learn more about our faculty and our program, please consult the department's web site: www.gsu.edu/history.

Does the history department offer special activities for its undergraduate students?

- Phi Alpha Theta, the international honor society in history: This organization gives students the opportunity to present original research at conferences, meet professionals in the field and compete for organizational scholarships and prizes. Requirements for membership in Phi Alpha Theta can be found on the department's website.
- Joint Studies Program in British and American Cultures: The History and English Departments of GSU have an exchange program with the University of Northumbria in Newcastle, England.

What can I do with a history degree?

Many history majors choose careers in teaching, archives, preservation, law, government, and business. To learn more about careers in history, please consult GSU's career website www.gsu.edu/careers.

How can I learn more?

- For detailed information on our programs, please consult our website at www.gsu.edu/history.
- For questions about the major, contact Dr. Larry Youngs, Director of Undergraduate Advisement, hislry@langate.gsu.edu or 404-413-6357.