

Minor in History

Why study history?

History does not just narrate a sequence of past events. The practice of history examines change over time and tries to understand the forces that contributed to those changes. Historians are most interested in questions that begin by asking 'why' or 'how.' These questions demand complex answers about who we are, how we have come to where we are, and what forces have shaped humanity through time.

In a culture that places primary value only on living in the present, studying history can offer a rare foundation for critiquing or at least comprehending the current state of the world. Studying history helps you cut through the myths that cloud our understanding of ourselves and others and offers a depth of comprehension that few other disciplines can promise. The following are some key characteristics of the Department of History and major:

- **Welcoming:** Politics, sex, art, labor, literature, rebellion, war - the Department of History draws no boundaries between what you may and may not examine. In our teaching and research, faculty are committed to recovering and centering voices of people whose historical experiences have been marginalized through systemic racism, gender and sex prejudice, and class bias. In keep with that goal, we welcome all students and viewpoints in our classrooms.
- **Flexible:** Students must take only two required courses - a seminar on historical methods (HIST 301) and a senior research seminar (HIST 696) or honors thesis (HIST 690 & HIST 691). Because few courses have sequential prerequisites, History is easy to take as a minor or as a second major.
- **Personal:** Courses (<https://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/history/#courseinventory>) in the department are usually small, and the larger courses always include trained Graduate Teaching Assistants to give individual attention and feedback. All our required seminars are capped at fifteen students, and each afford the opportunity to work one-on-one with a faculty member.
- **Prominent:** Faculty (<https://history.ku.edu/faculty/>) in the department are nationally and internationally recognized leaders in their field, and they bring this advanced knowledge into the classroom.
- **Relevant:** The study of history at the collegiate level prepares students for global citizenship. Our courses develop skills in critical thinking, analysis of qualitative and quantitative sources, research methods and practices, persuasive writing, and articulate speaking – all of which transfer to any number of future careers and occupations. Equally important, the discipline of history instills a worldview that expands beyond ourselves and teaches us to form thoughtful evidence-based arguments, even in the face of uncertainty, bias, and incomplete information.

Requirements for the Minor

History Minor Course Requirements

Minors must complete a minimum of 2 courses (6 hours) in both Category I and Category II below. The remaining 6 hours may be taken from either category.

Code	Title	Hours
History Category I: Western Orientation		
Satisfied by two courses (6 hours) from the following:		6

HIST 101	Introduction to Western History: _____
HIST 102	Introduction to History, Honors: _____
HIST 103	Environment and History
HIST 105	Introduction to Ancient Near Eastern and Greek History
HIST 106	Introduction to Roman History
HIST 107	Introduction to the Ancient World
HIST 108	Medieval History
HIST 109	The Black Experience in the Americas
HIST 112	Introduction to British History
HIST 114	Renaissance to Revolution: Europe 1500-1789
HIST 115	French Revolution to the Present: Europe 1789-Present
HIST 116	French Revolution to the Present: Europe 1789 to Present, Honors
HIST 117	Russia, An Introduction
HIST 128	History of the United States Through the Civil War
HIST 129	History of the United States After the Civil War
HIST 139	The Global Cold War
HIST 140	Global Environment I: The Discovery of Environmental Change
HIST 142	Global Environment II: The Ecology of Human Civilization
HIST 144	Global Environment I: Discovery of Environmental Change, Honors
HIST 145	Global Environment II: The Ecology of Human Civilization, Honors
HIST 150	Introduction to Food History: Around the World in Eight Dishes
HIST 177	First Year Seminar: _____
HIST 201	Writing the Past-Category I/Western Topics: _____
HIST 203	Speaking the Past-Category I/Western Topics: _____
HIST 220	A Global History of Human Health
HIST 229	United States in the 1960s
HIST 230	Sex, Gender, Film, and History
HIST 231	War and 20th Century U.S. Culture
HIST 250	Study Abroad Topics in: _____
HIST 285	Headless Men: Conquest and Cultural Exchange Before the Age of Exploration
HIST 303	Sin Cities
HIST 304	1642, 1688, 1776: Three British Revolutions
HIST 305	The Scientific Revolution
HIST 308	Key Themes in Modern Global History
HIST 312	American Culture, 1877 to the Present
HIST 314	Globalization: History and Theory
HIST 316	Ministers and Magicians: Black Religions from Slavery to the Present
HIST 317	African American Women: Colonial Era to the Present
HIST 318	Indian Territory
HIST 319	History, Women, and Diversity in the U.S.
HIST 320	From Goddesses to Witches: Women in Premodern Europe

HIST 321	From Mystics to Feminists: Women's History in Europe 1600 to the Present	HIST 391	Topics in (Honors): _____
HIST 322	LGBTQ U.S. History, 1600-1900	HIST 401	Case Studies in: _____
HIST 323	LGBTQ U.S. History, 1900-Present	HIST 402	War and Society in Greece and Rome
HIST 324	History of Women and the Body	HIST 404	Technology and the Modern World
HIST 325	The Spanish Inquisition	HIST 405	Women, Gender, and Sexuality in the North American West
HIST 331	Age of Empires-The Atlantic 1400-1800	HIST 407	History of Science in the United States
HIST 332	Sex in History	HIST 408	History of the Great Plains
HIST 333	Eurometro: Visions of the European Metropolis, 1849-1939	HIST 410	The American Revolution
HIST 334	The Great War: The History of World War I	HIST 412	The Civil War in America, 1828-1877
HIST 335	History of Jewish Women	HIST 441	Aviation in American Culture
HIST 336	Ethics, Ideas, and Nature	HIST 442	The Politics of Racial Injustice in the United States
HIST 337	History, Ethics, Modernity	HIST 450	Study Abroad Topics in: _____
HIST 338	African American Urban Community and Class in the Midwest	HIST 460	Topics in: _____
HIST 340	The History of the Second World War	HIST 461	The Asia-Pacific War, 1937-1945
HIST 341	Hitler and Nazi Germany	HIST 475	Professional Skills in History
HIST 343	The Holocaust in History	HIST 492	Readings in History
HIST 344	Modern Jewish History	HIST 494	Service Learning in History
HIST 345	Hard Times: The Depression Years in America, 1929-1941	HIST 500	History of the Book
HIST 346	Law and Society in America	HIST 501	Topics in Western History: _____
HIST 347	Environmental History of North America	HIST 502	The Age of Heroes: Early Greece
HIST 348	History of the Peoples of Kansas	HIST 503	The Ancient History of the Near East
HIST 349	Antisemitism: A Long History	HIST 504	Rise of Athens and Sparta
HIST 350	The Korean War, 1950-1953	HIST 506	Roman Republic
HIST 356	At the Movies: U.S. History on the Silver Screen	HIST 507	Early Roman Empire
HIST 357	History of the American West	HIST 508	Late Roman Empire (284-527)
HIST 358	The Vietnam War	HIST 514	The Civil Rights Movement
HIST 359	The Black Experience in the U.S. Since Emancipation	HIST 518	Capitalism and the Black Experience
HIST 361	Youth, Sex, and Romance in Post-WWII United States	HIST 520	The Age of the Renaissance
HIST 362	The American Way of War Since World War II	HIST 521	The Age of the Reformation
HIST 363	Perspectives on Science, Engineering and Mathematics	HIST 522	The Age of Religious Wars, 1540-1648
HIST 364	Angry White Male Studies	HIST 524	The French Revolution
HIST 365	Invention of the Tropics	HIST 525	France and Its Empire: From Acadia to Zidane
HIST 367	Magic and Superstition in European History	HIST 527	Recent European History, 1870 to the Present
HIST 373	The Supreme Court and Religious Issues in the United States	HIST 528	Economic History of Europe
HIST 374	The History of Modern American Conservatism	HIST 530	History of American Women--Colonial Times to 1870
HIST 376	Immigrants, Refugees, and Diasporas	HIST 531	History of American Women--1870 to Present
HIST 377	Everyday Communism in Eastern Europe	HIST 541	British History, Tudors and Stuarts
HIST 378	Beyond the Iron Curtain: Soviet Perspectives on the Cold War	HIST 545	British History from Monarchy to Democracy
HIST 379	Europe in Crisis: Empire, Extremism, and War, 1890-1945	HIST 548	Rise of Modern Britain
HIST 381	Enemies of Ancient Israel	HIST 563	U.S. Environmental Thought in the 20th Century
HIST 382	Jerusalem Through the Ages	HIST 564	Medieval Russia
HIST 387	Alexander the Great: Man and Myth	HIST 565	Imperial Russia
HIST 388	Julius Caesar: Man and Myth	HIST 568	Rise and Fall of the Soviet Union
HIST 389	Topics in Western History: _____	HIST 570	The Middle East After World War II
		HIST 574	Slavery in the New World
		HIST 591	Food in History: West and East
		HIST 601	Oral History
		HIST 610	American Colonial History
		HIST 615	Rise of Modern America: Politics, Culture, and Society, 1900-1950
		HIST 616	Contemporary America, 1941-Present

HIST 617	America in the 1960's
HIST 618	History of the American West to 1900
HIST 621	The American West in the 20th Century
HIST 625	The Body, Self and Society
HIST 630	The United States and the World, 1890-2003
HIST 631	The Contemporary Afro-American Experience
HIST 649	History of Feminist Theory

History Category II: Non-western Orientation

Satisfied by two courses (6 hours) from the following: 6

HIST 102	Introduction to History, Honors: _____
HIST 104	Introduction to African History
HIST 109	The Black Experience in the Americas
HIST 110	Introduction to Non-Western History: _____
HIST 111	Introduction to African History, Honors
HIST 117	Russia, An Introduction
HIST 118	Premodern East Asia
HIST 119	Modern East Asia
HIST 120	Colonial Latin America
HIST 121	Modern Latin America
HIST 122	Colonial Latin America, Honors
HIST 123	Modern Latin America, Honors
HIST 124	Latin American Culture and Society
HIST 139	The Global Cold War
HIST 140	Global Environment I: The Discovery of Environmental Change
HIST 142	Global Environment II: The Ecology of Human Civilization
HIST 144	Global Environment I: Discovery of Environmental Change, Honors
HIST 145	Global Environment II: The Ecology of Human Civilization, Honors
HIST 150	Introduction to Food History: Around the World in Eight Dishes
HIST 160	Introduction to West African History
HIST 177	First Year Seminar: _____
HIST 190	Warlords and Rebels in Asia
HIST 202	Writing the Past-Category II/Non-Western Topics: _____
HIST 204	Speaking the Past-Category II/Non-Western Topics: _____
HIST 250	Study Abroad Topics in: _____
HIST 300	Modern Africa
HIST 303	Sin Cities
HIST 307	Modern Africa, Honors
HIST 308	Key Themes in Modern Global History
HIST 314	Globalization: History and Theory
HIST 318	Indian Territory
HIST 326	Native Americans Confront European Empires
HIST 327	The Premodern Middle East
HIST 328	The Modern Middle East
HIST 332	Sex in History
HIST 336	Ethics, Ideas, and Nature
HIST 337	History, Ethics, Modernity

HIST 348	History of the Peoples of Kansas
HIST 351	American Indian and White Relations to 1865
HIST 352	American Indians Since 1865
HIST 353	Indigenous Peoples of North America
HIST 365	Invention of the Tropics
HIST 368	A History of Afro-Latin America
HIST 369	Colonialism and Revolution in the Third World, Honors
HIST 371	Tequila, Tango, Carnival, City
HIST 376	Immigrants, Refugees, and Diasporas
HIST 378	Beyond the Iron Curtain: Soviet Perspectives on the Cold War
HIST 381	Enemies of Ancient Israel
HIST 382	Jerusalem Through the Ages
HIST 387	Alexander the Great: Man and Myth
HIST 390	Topics in Non-Western History: _____
HIST 391	Topics in (Honors): _____
HIST 392	Huns, Turks, and Mongols: The Nomad Factor in Asian History
HIST 393	The Silk Road
HIST 394	Made in China: Chinese Business History
HIST 395	History of Sushi
HIST 397	From Mao to Now: China's Red Revolution
HIST 398	Introduction to History of Japan: Anime to Zen
HIST 399	The Samurai
HIST 400	Indigenous People of the Great Plains
HIST 401	Case Studies in: _____
HIST 415	The Rise of Civilization
HIST 450	Study Abroad Topics in: _____
HIST 460	Topics in: _____
HIST 461	The Asia-Pacific War, 1937-1945
HIST 480	Travelers' Tales of the Middle East
HIST 481	From Harem to the Streets: Gender in the Middle East, 1900-Present
HIST 492	Readings in History
HIST 494	Service Learning in History
HIST 510	Topics in Non-Western History: _____
HIST 511	Foodways: Native North America
HIST 512	Foodways: Latin America
HIST 561	Liberation in Southern Africa
HIST 564	Medieval Russia
HIST 565	Imperial Russia
HIST 568	Rise and Fall of the Soviet Union
HIST 570	The Middle East After World War II
HIST 571	Pre-Hispanic Mexico and Central America
HIST 572	Ancient American Civilizations: The Central Andes
HIST 574	Slavery in the New World
HIST 575	The Many Faces of Mexico
HIST 576	History of the Caribbean and Central America
HIST 577	The Andean World
HIST 579	The History of Brazil
HIST 580	Economic History of Latin America
HIST 581	The Japanese Empire

HIST 583	Imperial China
HIST 584	Modern China
HIST 585	Beer, Sake, Tea-Beverages in Japan History
HIST 587	Age of Shoguns: Early Modern Japan
HIST 588	Japan, 1853-1945
HIST 589	Japan Since 1945
HIST 591	Food in History: West and East
HIST 596	Defining Japan: Marginalized Groups and the Construction of National Identity
HIST 598	Sexuality and Gender in African History
HIST 601	Oral History
HIST 603	History of Tibet
HIST 604	Contemporary Greater China
HIST 605	Medieval Japan
HIST 611	Early American Indian History
HIST 612	History of Federal Indian Law and Policy
HIST 618	History of the American West to 1900
HIST 619	History of the American Indian

History Electives

Satisfied by 2 HIST courses (6 hours)

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History Minor Hours & GPA

While completing all required courses, majors must also meet each of the following hour and grade point average minimum standards:

Minor Hours

Satisfied by 18 hours of minor courses.

Minor Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 9 hours of junior/senior (300+) hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior (300+) Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

Minor Graduation GPASatisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 GPS in all departmental courses in the minor. GPA calculations include all departmental courses in the field of study including Fs and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa/>).