



College of Liberal Arts and Education

History

To be ignorant of what happened before you were born is to be forever a child.—Cicero

History Programs

The history program at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville offers several degrees in history, as well as a social sciences comprehensive major with a history emphasis. All degree options lead to a bachelor of arts degree.

Balanced Curriculum

The history program is located in the Department of Social Sciences within the College of Liberal Arts and Education. It offers a curriculum balanced between broad and in-depth courses in American, European and Non-Western world history.

Preparation for Teaching

The history education program prepares the graduate to teach in secondary school. A 36-credit major with a 24-credit minor and a professional sequence in the College of Education will certify graduates for the teaching license.

A social sciences comprehensive with a history emphasis is a 60-credit program, 24 credits of which are in history and 36 in the social sciences. This program, along with the professional sequence in the College of Education, will certify graduates in the broad field of social sciences and history. This program can also be used to certify in one or more other social science fields.

Faculty

The highly trained faculty represent national geographical and educational backgrounds. Their experience covers many years of teaching, research, public service and leadership. Each student is assigned an academic advisor and is encouraged to consult with the advisor (or with any member of the department) as need arises. With small classes, each student is treated as an individual. Instructors and students usually become well-acquainted with each other.

Facilities

The History Program is located on the third floor of Warner Hall. Its facilities include a seminar room and a conference/reading room well-stocked with basic historical reference materials. Students are encouraged to use the facilities freely. Excellent facilities for the study of local history, archival and museum work are available through the archives of the Wisconsin Room. Cooperative work experience in the Mining and Jamison Museums of the city of Platteville and other area museums can also be arranged.

Scholarships

The James Alva Wilgus Scholarship is awarded annually to a junior or senior maintaining a grade point average of 3.0 or above and majoring in history or social sciences.

Two Thomas B. Lundeen scholarships may be awarded annually to sophomores or juniors who major in history or social science comprehensive with a history emphasis, who maintain a 3.0 or higher grade point average.

The Helen Tierney Scholarship is awarded annually to history majors with 3.0 grade point averages or above.

Career Opportunities

The strengths developed in the study of history (analysis, synthesis and communication) make history an excellent liberal arts base for advanced professional training in law or business.

Public and private middle and high school teaching continues to provide opportunities for history majors interested in education.

Positions for those with advanced degrees in history have improved greatly. Although there is and will continue to be an increasing demand for graduates in traditional historical areas, the most dramatic increases are in the fields of public history.

New career opportunities are evolving in the administration of cultural resource management programs in agencies or organizations such as archives, museums, historic preservation offices and historical sites; the development and management of corporate archives and other “memory” areas of the corporate sector; program development and analysis within local and state governments and in the corporate sector; and new positions for strengthened local and public history offerings within departments of history.

For More Information

For more information, write to the Department of Social Sciences/History Program, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, 1 University Plaza, Platteville, Wisconsin 53818-3099, or call (608) 342-1787.

For general information on the university and its programs, consult the website at www.uwplatt.edu or contact UWP Prospective Student Services, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, 1 University Plaza, Platteville, WI 53818-3099, or call toll-free 1.877.897.5288 or locally 608.342.1127.

History Major and Minor requirements

General Requirements, Bachelor of Arts Degree

Total for Graduation: 120 credits
General Education: 44-58 credits
Major Studies: 36 credits

Students must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.50 within the major studies for graduation.

History Major (36 credits)

I. Required courses

HIST 1010	World Civilization I	3
HIST 1020	World Civilization II	3
HIST 1330	History of the United States, 1492 to 1877	3
HIST 1430	History of the United States since 1877	3
		12 credits

Additional courses: All majors must take 24 more credits as instructed in parts II-V.

II. Take two of the following U.S. History courses (all are 3 credits):

Hist 3080	American Military History
Hist 3010	Race Gender & U.S. Labor History
Hist 3130	The New Nation
Hist 3140	The Civil War and Reconstruction
Hist 3150	Gilded Age and Progressive Era
Hist 3230	The West in American History
Hist 3240	African-American History, 1619-Present
Hist 3320	The History of Wisconsin
Hist 3400	The Vietnam War
Hist 3430	Twentieth Century America
Hist 3450	U.S. Foreign Relations
Hist 3980	The U.S. since 1945
Hist 3520	American Women
Hist 4230	Issues in History (U.S. topics)

III. Take two of the following European History courses (all are 3 credits):

Hist 3610	History of England to 1714
Hist 3620	History of England since 1714
Hist 3640	Imperialism in Africa and Asia
Hist 3700	Women in European Civilization
Hist 3730	Medieval Europe
Hist 3740	Renaissance and Reformation
Hist 3830	French Revolution and Napoleon, 1789-1815
Hist 3850	Twentieth Century Europe
Hist 3860	History of Western Science
Hist 3880	Modern European Thought and Culture
Hist 4110	Russia under the Romanovs
Hist 4120	Modern Russia
Hist 4230	Issues in History (European Topics)

IV. Take one of the following non-western courses (all are 3 credits):*

Hist 3640	Imperialism in Africa and Asia
Hist 3920	Modern Middle East
Hist 3940	Modern Japan
Hist 3970	Modern China
Hist 4110	Russia under the Romanovs
Hist 4120	Modern Russia
Hist 4230	Issues in History (Non-Western Topics)

* Hist 3640, 4110, and 4120 count as either European or non-western courses.

V. Take 3 more courses from the above lists.

Students may also enroll in:

History Minor (24 credits)

I. Students must take the following required courses:

Hist 1010	World Civilization I
Hist 1020	World Civilization II
Hist 1330	History of the United States, 1492-1877
Hist 1430	History of the United States, 1877-Present

II. From the courses listed under "History Major" above, choose:

- one U.S. history course
- one European history course
- one non-western course, and
- any other course(s) as elective(s)

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