
As an integral part of a liberal arts education, history courses introduce students to different historical eras, diverse cultures, famous and ordinary women and men, and a variety of geographical settings. Our courses challenge students to think critically, express themselves clearly, and become informed and responsible citizens in an increasingly interconnected world. Students majoring or minoring in history may become teachers or seek employment in business or government. History is an excellent background for those who wish later to go to law school or enter journalism.

A – GENERAL EDUCATION CORE – 42 HOURS

Students must fulfill the General Education Core requirements.

B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 42 HOURS (36 advanced)

1 – History Core – 12 hours (6 advanced)

HIST 2321 World History I
HIST 2322 World History II
HIST 3300 Historiography and Methods
HIST 4399 Senior Research Seminar

2 – History Electives – 30 hours (30 advanced)

a – United States History – 6 hours (6 advanced)

Choose from:

HIST 3320 Colonial America to 1763
HIST 3321 The United States, Revolution, and the New Nation, 1763-1815
HIST 3322 Rise of the American Nation, 1815-1848
HIST 3323 Era of Sectional Conflict, 1848-1877
HIST 3324 The Emergence of Modern American, 1877-1929
HIST 3325 Twentieth Century America
HIST 3326 Indians of North America
HIST 3327 The American Military Experience
HIST 3328 History of the American Presidency
HIST 3329 American Legal History
HIST 3330 The U.S. as a World Power
HIST 3331 History of American Religious Traditions
HIST 3332 Mexican-American History
HIST 3333 Texas History
HIST 3334 History of the American West
HIST 3335 American Environmental History
HIST 4321 The Spanish Southwest to 1821
HIST 4322 American Southwest and Borderlands after 1821
HIST 4323 History of the Old South
HIST 4324 History of the New South since 1877
HIST 4325 The United States: War, Prosperity, and Depression, 1917-1945
HIST 4326 The United States since 1945
HIST 4327 History of the American Family and Childhood
HIST 4328 Gender in the American West
HIST 4329 Black History and Thought
HIST 4330 Race and Ethnicity in America
HIST 4331 Mexican-American Civil Rights
HIST 4332 Chicano Movement
HIST 4392 Special Topics in US History

b – Europe, Latin America, World, or Asian/Middle Eastern History – 6 hours (6 advanced)

Complete 3 hours each from two of the following areas:

i – European History

Choose from:

HIST 3340 Medieval Europe
HIST 3341 Early Modern Europe
HIST 3342 Revolutionary Europe, 1789-1850

HIST 3343 Europe's Age of Imperialism, 1850-1919
HIST 3344 Contemporary Europe, 1919 to the Present
HIST 3345 History of England to 1688
HIST 3346 History of England after 1688
HIST 3347 History of Spain
HIST 4340 Ancient Greek History
HIST 4341 Ancient Roman History
HIST 4342 The Renaissance and Reformation, 1300-1650
HIST 4343 Russia since 1905
HIST 4344 Absolutism and Enlightenment in Europe, 1650-1789
HIST 4391 Special Topics in European History

ii – Latin American History

Choose from:

HIST 3360 Pre-Conquest Mexico and Central America
HIST 3361 Colonial Latin America
HIST 3363 Mexico from Pre-Conquest to the Present
HIST 3364 Mexico through Independence
HIST 3365 Mexico since Independence
HIST 3366 Latin American Women in the Modern Era
HIST 3367 Women in Colonial Latin America
HIST 4360 Mexico's First Century as an Independent Republic
HIST 4361 Contemporary Mexico
HIST 4362 History of Mexican Culture
HIST 4363 History of Mexican Cinema
HIST 4364 Brazil after Independence
HIST 4365 Latin America Since Independence
HIST 4366 The Caribbean and Central America
HIST 4393 Special Topics in Latin American History

iii – World History

Choose from:

HIST 3301 World History Studies
HIST 3302 Geography and Environment in History
HIST 3303 Classical and Post-Classical World, 500 BCE to 1450
HIST 3304 First Globalization, 1450-1750
HIST 3305 The Modern World, 1750-present
HIST 3306 Great Discoveries in Archaeology and History
HIST 3307 Women in History
HIST 4300 The Atlantic World
HIST 4301 Maritime Archaeology and History
HIST 4302 Comparative Colonialism
HIST 4303 Public Health in the Americas
HIST 4304 U.S.-Latin American Relations
HIST 4306 History of the Cold War
HIST 4390 Special Topics in World History

iv – Asian/Middle Eastern History

Choose from:

HIST 3370 Early Middle East History
HIST 3371 Modern Middle Eastern History
HIST 3372 Introduction to East Asian History I
HIST 3373 Introduction to East Asian History II
HIST 3374 History of the Ottoman Empire
HIST 3375 History of Modern Japan
HIST 3376 History of Modern China
HIST 4394 Special Topics in Asian and Middle Eastern History

c – History Electives – 18 hours (18 advanced)

Choose 18 hours of advanced History.

C – MINOR or MULTIDISCIPLINARY SUPPORT FIELD – 36 HOURS (18 advanced minimum)

Students may complete either a minor or a Multidisciplinary Support Field:

1 – Minor Track – 36 hours (18 advanced)

a – Minor – 18 hours (6 advanced)

b – Free Electives – 18 hours (12 advanced)

2 – Multidisciplinary Support Field Track – 36 hours (30 advanced)

a – Multidisciplinary Support Field – 24 hours (18 advanced)

The Multidisciplinary Support Field will contain 6 hours in modern languages, 6 advanced hours in Liberal Arts, 6 advanced hours in Fine Arts, and 6 advanced hours in History or another related field.

b – Free Electives – 12 hours (12 advanced)

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 120 HOURS

TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS (MINIMUM) – 54 HOURS

ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:

Progression requirements

Majors must earn a grade of 'C' or better in HIST 3300 before taking advanced courses, or may progress at the discretion of the instructor.

Graduation requirements

In addition to the graduation requirements listed in the UTRGV 2017-2019 Undergraduate Catalog, demonstration of proficiency in a language other than English is required at the undergraduate level equivalent to a minimum of six credit hours. Proficiency can be demonstrated by a college credit exam, a placement test approved through the UTRGV Department of Writing and Language Studies, and/or up to six credit hours of college-level language coursework.