

THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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Advising Information

Students are encouraged to meet with their advisor each semester to confirm that their plan of study is accurate and complete. If necessary, changes and updates should be made in order to ensure that program requirements can be completed in a timely manner. Faculty advisors work with students to explore appropriate internships, cooperative education placements and/or experiential learning opportunities that will enhance the student's academic program. In addition, advisors provide assistance in selecting elective courses that support the student's interests, career plans and plan of study.

Academic advising services for all freshmen Liberal Arts and Social Sciences majors are provided through the Advising Center on McMullen Hall first floor west. Upon declaring a specific major, Liberal Arts and Social Science majors will be assigned to a faculty advisor in their department for upper-division advising. Although advisors are available to assist students in designing their Plans of Study, students are ultimately responsible for meeting degree requirements.

The Department of History has a four-year program in History that leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Extended Major

In lieu of obtaining a minor in another discipline, history majors may choose the "extended major" option in history. To fulfill the extended major option students are required to complete an additional twelve upper-division (300-400 level) credits in history courses. These courses can be in any combination chosen from among the restricted electives offered by the history program. These credits are in addition to the other general education, language requirements, history major requirements, and minimum credits required for a degree. Students who seek this option do not have to obtain a minor in another discipline.

History


The history program provides a broad general education, an intensive study of history, proficiency in a modern language, and courses in a selected minor field of study or further study in advanced history courses if a student chooses the extended major option.

Students focus their study in the following three areas: United States history, European history, and global history. History helps one to learn to read critically, to write carefully, and to think problems through to a logical conclusion. History courses offer a basic background of knowledge essential to many professions.

Pre-law students can put their study of the past to good use, since the study of history requires a systematic examination of past events and the reasons how and why they happened, in addition to requiring students to refine their critical thinking, writing, and research skills. A range of national and international businesses and government agencies, particularly during this age of emerging globalization, are interested in hiring individuals who have an interest and knowledge in international affairs and cultures. In addition to preparing students who wish to pursue an advanced graduate degree in history or in a related discipline, a degree in history can serve as preparation and background for management, sales, public relations, and those occupations that rely on individuals who have the ability to communicate, orally and in writing, and to think critically.

In the area of journalism—both web-based and print—newspapers, journals, and magazines have a number of research-oriented jobs. History provides a perspective and the advanced communication and writing skills necessary in today's world of communication and social media, television, radio, films and the theater. History also provides artists with the understanding of forces and conflicts that molded and influenced the arts.

Federal, state, and local government agencies remain among the largest employers of history majors. Whatever students choose as occupations, an interest in the world around them, past and present, is essential.

- History Bachelor of Arts Degree (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences/department-history/ba-history/>)
- History Teaching Licensure Option Bachelor of Arts Degree (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences/department-history/ba-history-teaching-licensure-option/>)
- History Minor (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences/department-history/minor-history/>)  Offered Online
- History Teaching Minor (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences/department-history/teaching-minor-history/>)
- Women's Studies Minor (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences/department-history/minor-womens-studies/>)