

HISTORY: AMERICAN HISTORY, BA

The Department of History offers a variety of courses dealing with the political, social, diplomatic, intellectual, economic, and cultural history of the Americas, Europe, Asia, and Africa, from the early medieval period to the present. The department seeks to give undergraduates both specific mastery of particular times, places, and aspects of the human condition and the critical skills to think historically about both long-term and modern phenomena, emphasizing the dynamics of change and continuity over time. The History Department at the University of Pennsylvania has a long tradition of distinction. Beginning as one of the first programs in the United States to offer doctoral study in history, the department continues to pioneer new areas of scholarship. In the last twenty years, faculty members of the departments in American, European, and World history have assumed a leading role in introducing and promoting new varieties of historical research and writing. Today, no other institution surpasses the Penn history department's coverage of social history or equals the distinction of its faculty in that field.

The minimum total course units (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/credits-needed-major/>) for graduation in this major is 32. Double majors may entail more course units.

8 courses must be taken in History at the University of Pennsylvania.

For more information: <https://www.history.upenn.edu/undergraduate/history-major/> (<https://www.history.upenn.edu/undergraduate/history-major/>)

For information about the General Education requirements, please visit the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum/>) page.

Code	Title	Course Units
College General Education Requirements and Free Electives		
Foundational Approaches + Sectors ¹ + Free Electives		20
Major Requirements		12
<i>Geographic Distribution</i>		
Select one distinct course in four of the six geographic regions ²		
United States & Canada		
Europe and Australia		
Africa and the Middle East		
Latin America & The Caribbean		
East Asia and South Asia		
Global Issues		
<i>Chronological Distribution</i>		
Select 2 Pre-1800 courses ²		
<i>Seminars</i>		
Select 2 Penn History Seminars at 2000-Level or Above		
<i>Research Requirement</i>		
Research requirement fulfilled		
<i>American History Concentration</i>		
Select 1 American History Seminar 2000-level or above		
Select 5 American History electives		

Other Courses for the Major

Select 4 Other courses

Total Course Units 32

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You may count no more than one course toward both a Major and a Sector requirement. For Exceptions, check the Policy Statement (<http://www.college.upenn.edu/sectors-policy/>).

2

May be taken abroad. No Major-related courses.

Honors

Required: A minimum overall GPA of 3.0 and a GPA of 3.5 in Major related courses.

Code	Title	Course Units
HIST 4997	Junior Honors in History	1
HIST 4998	Senior Honors in History	1

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2023 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.