

HISTORY MAJOR (B.A.)

Since the present was forged in the past, the study of history is uniquely suited to enable us to comprehend and deal with the modern world. A major in History promotes critical thinking, data analysis, and communication skills. It also provides excellent preparation for careers in professional fields such as business, law, journalism, government, and education. In addition to a wide range of courses and the opportunity to undertake directed studies, the Department of History offers both a major and a minor. Students participate in broadly-based and globally-oriented study through either a regional concentration (American, European, Asian, or Latin American/Caribbean) or a thematic concentration (for example, economic or military history).

For further information about degree requirement policies and guidelines, see the Degree Requirements (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/) page.

Major Requirements

Students must receive approval from the History Department Chair for a regional concentration or thematic area within history. Examples might include American, European, Asian, or Latin American/Caribbean, or thematic concentrations in economic history, social history, or war and society. Students are encouraged to speak to the department chair as early in their career as possible to seek approval for their concentration courses.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Course:		
HI 402	Seminar in History	3
One course in non-Western history:		3
HI 261	Latin America (1800-present)	
HI 264	History of China: Before Confucius, After Mao	
HI 265	History of Japan: Samurai and Salarymen	
HI 266	Middle East: Islamic and Contemporary	
HI 279	Modern South Asia	
HI 280	The Caribbean: Past, Present, Future	
HI 315	Fashion Film and Food in South Asia	
HI 316	Women and Gender in South Asia	
HI 317	South Asian Religions	
HI 367	History and Culture of North Korea	
HI 393	Selected Topics in Asian History	
HI 394	Selected Topics in Latin American/Caribbean History	
Four courses in a field of regional concentration or in a thematic area in history approved by the Department Chair		12
Two unrestricted history electives (any HI course not otherwise required)		6
Total Credits:		24

Approved History Themes

Concentrations/themes within history must be approved by the History Chair. Possible options include, but are not limited to:

Course	Title	Credits
History of the Americas		
HI 261	Latin America (1800-present)	
HI 280	The Caribbean: Past, Present, Future	
HI 340	Colonial America (1400-1750)	
HI 342	The Revolutionary Generation in the United States (1750-1815)	
HI 343	Modern United States History (1920-present)	
HI 344	Constitutional History of the United States	
HI 346	Economic History of the United States	
HI 347	Work and the American Worker	
HI 348	History of American Technology	
HI 350	Serfs, Slaves and Sojourners: The Minority Experience in the United States	
HI 351	The American Religious Experience	
HI 353	History of Capitalism in Modern America	
HI 355	American Environmental History	
HI 356	The United States: From Nation to Empire (1865-1920)	
HI 357	America and Its Arts	
HI 358	U.S. Women's History	
HI 359	Immigration in U.S. History	
HI 370	History of American Sports	
HI 371	Baseball as American History	
HI 372	History of Boston	
HI 381	The Civil War	
European History		
HI 236	History of Ireland: From St. Patrick to "The Troubles"	
HI 305	Arts and Society	
HI 323	The Medieval West	
HI 331	Modern British History	
HI 334	The Soviet Union and After	
HI 382	World War I	
HI 383	World War II	
HI 388	Europe Reborn: From Cold War to the War in Ukraine	
War and Society		
HI 309	Genocide in Modern History	
HI 310	Historic Approach to Modern Terrorism	
HI 311	Revolutions and the Modern World	
HI 342	The Revolutionary Generation in the United States (1750-1815)	
HI 381	The Civil War	
HI 382	World War I	
HI 383	World War II	
HI 385	The Vietnam War	
Economic History		
HI 314	History of the World Economy	
HI 346	Economic History of the United States	
HI 347	Work and the American Worker	
HI 353	History of Capitalism in Modern America	

Asian History		
HI 264	History of China: Before Confucius, After Mao	
HI 265	History of Japan: Samurai and Salarymen	
HI 266	Middle East: Islamic and Contemporary	
HI 279	Modern South Asia	
HI 315	Fashion Film and Food in South Asia	
HI 316	Women and Gender in South Asia	
HI 317	South Asian Religions	

Additional thematic areas are available upon approval. Examples include: “The Formation of the Atlantic World,” “Early Civilizations,” and “The Medieval and Early Modern World.”

General Degree Requirements

Foundations for Success (15 Credits)

Course	Title	Credits
FDS 100	Falcon Discovery Seminar	3
Communications and Writing		
Select one from:		
EMS 101	Critical Reading and Writing	3
or EMS 101L	Critical Reading and Writing with Lab	
or EMS 102	Critical Reading and Writing for Multilingual Students	
or EMS 102L	Critical Reading and Writing for Multilingual Students with Lab	
And one from:		
EMS 104	Multimodal Communication	3
or EMS 105	Multimodal Communication for Multilingual Students	
Information Technology		
CS 100	Solving Business Problems with Information Technology	3
Mathematical Sciences		
Select one from:		
MA 105	Mathematical Foundations for Business	3
or MA 105L	Mathematical Foundations for Business with Lab	
or MA 107	Applied Calculus for Business	
or MA 107L	Applied Calculus for Business with Lab	
or MA 131	Calculus I	
or MA 131L	Calculus I with Lab	
Total Credits		15

Context and Perspectives (18 Credits)

Course	Title	Credits
Students must take six courses, one in each category of Context and Perspectives:		
Culture, Change, and Behavior (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#culturechangeandbehavior)		
Globalization (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#globalization)		
Institutions and Power (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#institutionsandpower)		

Race, Gender, and Inequality (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#racegenderandinequality)	
Scientific Inquiry (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#scientificinquiry)	
Values, Ethics, and Society (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#valuesethicsandsociety)	
Total Credits	18

Business Dynamics/Business Administration Minor (18 Credits)

Course	Title	Credits
All courses are required:		
AC 115	Introduction to Financial Reporting and Analysis	3
EC 111	Principles of Microeconomics	3
FI 118	Introduction to Finance	3
LA 100	Business Law	3
MG 116	Human Dynamics in Organizations	3
ST 113	Business Statistics	3
Total Credits		18

Communication Intensive

All students are required to take a three-credit course designated as a Communication Intensive. This requirement can be met within a variety of course subjects in both Arts & Sciences and Business. Communication Intensive courses are designated with a "Communication Intensive" course tag in Workday. *Transfer students with a minimum of 30 credits will be waived from the Communication Intensive requirement.*

Please note that certain majors have an additional three-credit Communication Intensive built into their major requirements, separate from the general CI requirement.

Additional Requirements

Modern Language Requirement (6 Credits)

Course	Title	Credits
Two Modern Language courses (must be two semesters of the same language, regardless of proficiency level)		6
Total Credits		6

Unrestricted Electives (39 Credits)

Course	Title	Credits
Select 13 elective courses		39
Total Credits		39

Total: 120 Credits