

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

History

The Bachelor of Arts Degree in History will increase students' knowledge of history and develop research, organizational, and written and oral communication skills. It also prepares students for advanced study in areas or careers such as history, law, or other related fields that could lead to careers in history, law, business, or other related professions.

Faculty support the development of individual interests, through research and independent projects. They are well-prepared instructors and active scholars, encouraging students to explore history beyond the classroom. Professors have teaching and publication experience in a variety of fields, including United States history, Modern Europe, Latin America, Medieval history, the Middle East and historic preservation. Many have national or international reputations, teaching awards, and recognitions from the university and broader community. Classes average 20 to 30 students, which allows for individual attention on research projects and experiential activities.

Becoming Career Ready...

/ Exceptionally well qualified faculty members work closely with students in small- class settings, challenging students to learn to read, critically evaluate, and interpret primary and secondary historical sources.

/ History graduates work in political, financial, sales, marketing, government, and communication fields. Examples of job titles include analyst, archivist, consultant, campaign worker, intelligence agent, journalist, lawyer, lobbyist, human resource specialist, politician, immigration officer, researcher and legislative assistant.

/ History students master the methods of effective historical research and communication.

/ Students in the major learn to understand and formulate historical arguments and interpretation.

/ Students interested in graduate study in history, other disciplines, or law schools are exceptionally well prepared for entrance into those programs.

/ 100% of Southeast programs offer real-world experience. History students gain this experience through an optional internship or through study abroad opportunities. In addition, the number of electives in the program can easily accommodate more than one minor area of study.

/ The path to a successful career starts with you! You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests and skills to jobs and opportunities in the field. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities and more.

Career Fields for Program Graduates

- Government
- Politics
- Law
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Museums
- Historic Sites
- Journalism
- Education
- Business

Graduate Schools of Recent Graduates

- Master's Program – University of Mississippi
- Master's Program – University of Missouri
- Master's Program – University of Delaware
- Master's Programs – University of Pennsylvania
- Ph.D. Program – University of Massachusetts
- Ph.D. Program – University of Mississippi
- Ph.D. Program – University of Missouri

Student Organizations Associated with History

History majors have many opportunities outside the classroom. The History Club and the Historic Preservation Club are open to all students who want to share their common love for the past.

The Alpha Epsilon chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, an international honor society in history, is one of the oldest in the nation.

The Epsilon chapter of Sigma Pi Kappa, the Historic Preservation honorary society, is the first undergraduate chapter in the country.

The Social Studies Educators' Association prepares students for teaching and other opportunities in education.

These organizations sponsor a variety of events including guest speakers, field trips to historic sites, professional events and academic conferences.

Special Options with History

Southeast offers a Master of Arts in History.

Transfer and Dual Credit Students

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit.

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This is a guide based on the 2021-2022 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

History Major – 39 Hours – Minor Required

Required Courses:

- ___ GH007 BA Portfolio Review (0)
- ___ GH315 Historiography (3)
- ___ GH415 Senior Seminar in History (3)

Choose 15 Senior (300-500) Level Hours From:

- ___ EH300-500 (6)
- ___ US300-500 (6)
- ___ WH300-500 (3)

Choose 6 Senior Level (300-500) Hours From:

- ___ EH, GH, US OR WH prefix courses (6)

Choose an additional 12 Hours:

- ___ EH, GH, US, WH, HP 100, HP 200, OS200 or departmentally approved UI courses (Only 3 Hours UI courses can be counted on major)

Additional Requirements – choose one option:

- ___ 12 hours in the same foreign language
OR
- ___ 6 hours in one foreign language
AND
- ___ 6 hours in a different foreign language
OR
- ___ 6 hours in one foreign language
AND
- ___ 6 hours of EH/WH 300-500 level
OR
- ___ 6 hours in one foreign language
AND
- ___ 6 hours of mathematics/statistics (PY 271, PL 120, QM 257, SO/SW 242, MA 123 or above)
OR
- ___ EH/WH 300-500 level - 12 hours
OR

Second degree/major in one of the following:

- ___ BA – Global Cultures and Languages
- ___ BA – Political Science
- ___ BS – Historic Preservation
- ___ BSBA – International Business

General Education Requirements – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
- Civics examination

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	UI100	1	General Education	3
	EN100	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	Minor or Elective	3
	Total	16	Total	15
SECOND YEAR	GH315	3	History 1xx-5xx	3
	History 1xx-5xx	3	Minor	3
	History 1xx-5xx	3	Additional Requirement	3
	Additional Requirement	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	Elective	2
	Total	15	Total	14
THIRD YEAR	History 3xx-5xx	3	History 3xx-5xx	3
	History 1xx-5xx	3	History 3xx-5xx	3
	Additional Requirement	3	Additional Requirement	3
	General Education	3	Minor	3
	Minor	3	Elective	3
	Total	15	Total	15
FOURTH YEAR	GH415	3	GH007	0
	History 3xx-5xx	3	History 3xx-5xx	3
	History 3xx-5xx	3	History 3xx-5xx	3
	Minor	3	Minor	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Total	15	Total	15

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

A minimum 2.0 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a BA degree in history.