



DEGREE OFFERED

Bachelor of Arts in History

ABOUT THE MAJOR

History is the systematic inquiry into the past in order to deepen understanding of the human experience and to make the present more intelligible. In assessing the unique perspective of the present, historical study focuses on a critical examination of social, economic, political, intellectual, religious, and cultural dimensions of the human experience as perceived at specific times and places. Historical study leads to greater awareness of the continuities and change which have shaped the present.

The History program at HNU offers a variety of current methodologies including the recent fusion of gender studies with cultural, social, and anthropological history. The major includes area studies of Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin and Central America, Africa, and the United States. There are also three experiential courses to choose from: African American Communities and Experiences; Latino/Hispanic Communities and Experiences; and Asian American Communities and Experiences.

The Major culminates in a senior seminar in Historiography and Historical Methodology.

Faculty teaching in the History program maintain close contact with their areas of specialization through research experiences in various parts of the world. These experiences are shared with students in small, seminar-type classes which are typical of the classroom situation at HNU.

CAREER OPTIONS

There are countless careers in which a degree in History would serve as preparation, such as business, government, law, teaching, journalism, archival work, and research. Recent graduates of the HNU history program have been employed by Sumitomo Bank, California Federal Savings and Loan, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, and various elementary and secondary schools. Many graduates continue their advanced studies at institutions such as University of California, Berkeley; American University; Georgetown University; William and Mary College; Monterey Institute of International Studies; and Hastings Law School.

CURRICULUM

Preparation for the Major

HIST 6	World Politics and Geography
HIST 17A,B	United States History: Survey

Major Requirements (24 upper-division units)

HIST 102(W)	Historiography
HIST 124	Contemporary Europe
HIST 165	History of China and Japan

Five courses with at least one from each of the following clusters

Latin America:

HIST 160	History of Latin America
HIST 162	History of Central America

United States:

HIST 170	United States: Social and Cultural History
HIST 185(W)	Diplomacy & Foreign Policy: United States and the World

Multicultural:

HIST 172	African American Communities and Experiences
HIST 174	Asian American Communities and Experiences
HIST 177	Latino/Hispanic Communities and Experiences
(W)	=Intensive writing class

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