History (BA)

This program is offered by the College of Arts & Sciences/History, Politics, and International Relations Department.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the history major, students will:

• Be familiar with the outlines of the history of the modern world, i.e. since 1500.
• Be familiar in some depth with the history of one geographic area or historical epoch.
• Be able to make historical arguments using concrete illustrations and examples

Degree Requirements

A minimum of 128 credit hours consisting of the following:

• 42 required credit hours within the History, Politics, & International Relations Department
• 30 of the 42 required credit hours must be in history courses, including HIST 2600, INTL 1500, a research requirement (completed by placing on file with the department a substantial research paper from an upper-level course or a senior thesis), and senior overview
• 3 international language requirement credit hours
• Applicable University Global Citizenship Program hours
• Electives

History majors must take a minimum of 6 credit hours of political science and/or international relations. They must take at least 12 credit hours of upper-level coursework in the department (3000 or above), of which a minimum of 6 credit hours must be HIST. At least 18 of the 42 required credit hours in history, political science, and international relations must be taken at Webster University.

International Language Requirement

• A minimum of three hours in a foreign language is required. Courses used towards the international language requirement may also be used to fulfill global citizenship requirements or a major/minor in a foreign language.
• Transfer students who have completed their 3 credits at an institution of higher education are considered to have fulfilled the requirement, as are students who have scored a “3” or higher on an Advanced Placement exam in a non-native language.
• For students whose native language is not English, a passing grade on the TOEFL will count as their foreign language requirement. Students who are from bilingual families but have no evidence of academic study of the second language on a transcript will need to take one course.

Curriculum

The 42 credit hours required for history majors include:

• INTL 1500 The World System since 1500 (3 hours)
• American history (3 hours)
• European history (3 hours)
• Non-Western history (e.g., Asia, African, Latin American) (3 hours)
• HIST 2600 The Craft of History (3 hours)
• HIST 4000 Research Requirement (to be taken in conjunction with a designated 3000-level or 4000-level) (0 hours)
• Senior overview (0 hours)
• Political science/international relations (6 hours)
• Departmental electives (can include courses in HIST, POLT, INTL) (6 hours)