

History (BA)

This program is offered by the College of Arts & Sciences/History, Politics, and International Relations Department, and is only available at the St. Louis home campus.

- Departmental electives (can include courses in HIST, POLT, INTL) (6 hours)
- One additional departmental course (3 hours)
- Upper-level coursework in the department (12 hours)

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-level 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)