

# History

University of Wisconsin-River Falls  
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## Goals and Objectives

- to provide in-depth exposure to history as a discipline and traditional subject within the framework of a liberal arts education.

The general premise underlying the study of history is that by understanding the past, one can comprehend the present. The array of coursework provides access for both majors and non-majors to the historical experience of humankind. The department offers courses in American, European, World, Asian, and Latin American history, as well as courses in women's history, ethnic history, art history, public history, and film history. It is central to the mission of the history department to attract and maintain the highest caliber of professional historians in each core area.

In recognition of the university's mission to meet the educational and personal developmental needs of students through effective teaching, academic advising, and counseling, the history department provides cultural opportunities, foreign and domestic travel seminars, and extracurricular programs in addition to traditional courses. Foreign study opportunities are offered in the university's Wisconsin in Scotland program in Dalkeith, Scotland, in the Semester Abroad Program, in programs in France and Mexico and China and Japan. Tours are offered in the Colonial United States and to France, Italy, China, and other countries.

**Career in Teaching** Students who wish to teach history or any of the other social sciences (anthropology, economics, geography, political science, psychology, or sociology) in the states of Wisconsin or Minnesota are advised to take a Broad Field Social Studies degree. This includes a 36-credit major in history as well as additional courses in the other social sciences. Students will also take the required courses in the College of Education and Professional Studies and become certified to teach at the middle school and/or high school level.

**Faculty** The history and philosophy department includes six full-time history faculty and two full-time philosophy faculty, all with doctoral degrees in their area of expertise.

**Career Opportunities** Students with a history major are armed with skills for many different and rewarding careers. Below are some of the career fields of recent UW-RF history graduates:

- advertising—writing, editing, creative director
- business—management, marketing, communications, public relations, human resources, research and development, publications
- civil service
- communications
- public relations
- education—elementary teaching, secondary teaching, college teaching, educational administration
- financial services
- foreign service and consular service
- human services
- journalism
- lawyer or para-legal
- public history—national and state archives, business and medical archives, historical societies and museums
- publishing
- travel industry

**H**istory majors learn the following:

- historical methods;
- a sense of respect for the past, not as something hidden, but as something very much alive and useful in their own lives;
- the ability to read and write critically, based on historical reference points;
- and an understanding of historiography—how history is written and interpreted.



# HISTORY

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## Bachelor of Science Degree. Academic Advising Plan.

### Semester 1 (Fall)

ENGL 111	Academic Reading and Writing.....	3
HIST 101	Origins of Civilization .....	3
MATH 126	Activities in Mathematics .....	3
SCTA 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
Natural science course	.....	3
	Total semester credits .....	15

### Semester 2 (Spring)

ART 100	Introduction to Art	
or MUS 100	Understanding Music	
or SCTA 105	Introduction to Theatre and Drama ....	3
ENGL 112	Persuasive Reading and Writing .....	3
HIST 102	Origins of One World .....	3
Natural science course (CHEM/BIOL/PHYS etc)	.....	3
Social science course (general education)	.....	3
	Total semester credits .....	15

### Semester 3 (Fall)

ENGL 241-245	Sophomore Literature Course .....	3
HIST 103	U.S. History to 1877 .....	3
HIST 201	Introduction to Asian Civilization	
or HIST 202	Intro to Latin American Civilization	
or HIST 206	Native Americans and the U.S.....	3
Social science course (general education)	.....	3
Minor required course	.....	3
	Total semester credits .....	15

### Semester 4 (Spring)

HIST 104	U.S. History Since 1865 .....	3
History elective course	.....	3
Humanities requirement	.....	3
Social science course (general education)	.....	3
Minor required course	.....	3
	Total semester credits .....	15

### Semester 5 (Fall)

HIST 205	Women's History: United States	
or HIST 305	Women's History: Global Perspectives	3
History course (advanced American or European)	.....	3
Liberal arts course	.....	3
Liberal arts course (foreign language recommended)	..	3
Minor required course	.....	3
	Total semester credits .....	15

### Semester 6 (Spring)

P ED 108	Health and Fitness for Life .....	1
Physical education activity courses	.....	1
History course (advanced American or European)	.....	3
Liberal arts course (foreign language recommended)	..	4
Diversity course	.....	3
Minor requirement	.....	3
	Total semester credits .....	15

### Semester 7 (Fall)

History course (advanced American or European)	.....	3
History elective course	.....	3
General elective course	.....	3
Minor requirements	.....	6
	Total semester credits .....	15

### Semester 8 (Spring)

HIST 485	History Seminar .....	3
ISCI 497	Science Capstone Course .....	2
History course (advanced American or European)	.....	3
General elective course	.....	4
Minor requirement	.....	3
	Total semester credits .....	15

## Summary of Degree Requirements

General Education .....	39 cr.
Major Requirements .....	36 cr.
Minor Requirements .....	24 cr.
Electives .....	11 cr.
Liberal Arts Electives .....	10 cr.
Credits to Degree.....	120 cr.

This plan is one possible configuration of courses that are required for the Bachelor of Science degree in History. Courses may be taken in other semesters and in a different order. Students should consult the university catalog for full and precise requirements for all degrees and can obtain check sheets from the history department.