

# HISTORY

*Exploring the past to inform our understanding of the present*

The study of history at IUPUI differs from the often dull listing of events and dates that sometimes passes for history in high schools. In college, history is the discovery and reconstruction of the past. It provides students with opportunities to explore the richness of human experience and, in combining investigation with interpretation, encourages students to seek explanations for the legacies that shape contemporary cultures and societies.

History challenges students to make sense of complicated situations in the past. History majors are trained in the methods of discovering and evaluating written documents and other sources in search of answers to historical questions. Research and inquiry into the causes and consequences of change makes the study of history an excellent preparation for careers that demand decision-making abilities like law, government, business, and education. Historians are highly skilled in the use of language and depend on intelligent reading and clear writing to understand, analyze, and critique arguments and develop interpretations of the past.

Whether learning about American history or world history, historians strive to know why something happened and with what consequences. The historical profession integrates the excitement of exploration and discovery with the sense of solving intricate and challenging problems. As the study of peoples and places across time and space, history also enables students to better understand the modern and complex present-day world.

## WHY CHOOSE HISTORY?

The history department offers exciting and challenging opportunities for learning and preparing for satisfying careers and rewarding lives. The faculty is professionally trained, international in interests and backgrounds, and dedicated to creative scholarship and their students. The department's commitment to history in a global and interdisciplinary context is underscored by the variety of its courses.

Faculty members encourage students to explore the history of a wide variety of regions,

topics, and periods from different perspectives. Moreover, the study of history teaches students to think critically, independently, and creatively; it instructs them to argue logically as well as to examine the values of their society and others; and, it encourages students to write with clarity, precision, and authority.

The major in history allows considerable room for flexibility and choice, and the history faculty are committed to providing majors with assistance in developing coherent and thoughtful academic plans and reasonable and realistic career strategies.

Graduates state that the study of history was useful and fulfilling and remains important in their lives long after college.

## MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

All courses are 3 credit hours, except K493-K495 which may be 1-3 hours. Prefix letters usually indicate the geographical areas studied, but most H-prefix courses can serve any of these areas: North America; Europe; Africa, Asia, Latin America.

A major in history requires 33 credits in history:

- 6 credit hours on the 100-level
- 24 credit hours on the 200-400 level
- 3 credit hours for a seminar course

Required course distribution for all history majors:

- H105-H106 American History I-II
- Two courses in each of three geographic areas:
  - North America (A-prefix courses)
  - Europe (B-C-D-prefix courses)
  - Africa, Latin America, Asia (E-F-G-prefix courses)
- Two additional courses for a concentration in any one of the three geographic areas listed previously
- J495 Proseminar for History Majors, selected topics in history, required in the junior or senior year

Double majors need to fulfill all of the requirements above as well as those in the second major.

## MINOR REQUIREMENTS

A minor in history requires students to complete 15 credit hours (200-level and above) from the departmental curriculum. At least one course in each of the following three geographic areas is required: North America; Europe; and Africa, Asia, Latin America. Two additional courses for a concentration in any one of the three areas completes the minor.

## CAREERS

The department prepares students for future careers in a variety of fields by training them in historical analysis, research, and writing. History students hone skills in critical thinking, effective communication, and problem-solving. They learn how individuals and groups manage change and how change can cause tension and conflict. These are critical abilities for succeeding in a fast-paced workplace.

There is no single path that carries history majors directly into one career, but skills they learn are marketable and transfer into rewarding pursuits in the worlds of business, government, and education. Many history majors find jobs in business, some become teachers, and some go on to professional and graduate schools. Others work in nonprofit organizations and foundations, in local, state, and federal government, or become journalists, archivists, and librarians. Some apply their skills to the field of health.

## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

The History Department offers a Master of Arts in History, including a track in Public History, as well as two joint graduate degrees: Master of Library Science and Master of Arts in History; Master of Arts in History and Philanthropic Studies. We participate in graduate certificate programs in Museum Studies and Professional Editing.

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## COURSE LISTING

- H105-H106 American History I-II  
H108-H109 Persp. on the World I-II  
H113-H114 History of Western Civ I-II  
H217 The Nature of History  
H220 American Military History  
A301-A302 Colonial and Revolutionary America I-II  
A303-A304 United States, 1789-1865 I-II  
A312 North & South at Peace & War  
A313 Origins of Modern America, 1865-1917  
A314 United States History, 1917-1945  
A315 United States History Since World War II  
A317 American Social History, 1865 to Present  
A325-A326 American Constitutional History I-II  
A327 American Legal History I  
A328 History of Work in America  
A337-A338 American Frontier I-II  
A345-A346 American Diplomatic History I-II  
A347 American Urban History  
A348 Civil War and Reconstruction  
A352 History of Latinos in the United States  
A355-A356 African-American History I-II  
A363 Survey of Indiana History  
A364 History of Black Americans  
A371-A372 History of Indiana I-II  
A390 Representative Americans  
A402 Readings in American Environmental History  
A410 American Environmental History  
A421 Topics in United States History  
B309-B310 Britain I-II  
B351 Barbarian Europe, 200-1000  
B352 The Age of Chivalry, 1000-1500  
B353 The Renaissance  
B354 The Reformation  
B355 Europe: Louis XIV to French Revolution  
B356 French Revolution and Napoleon  
B357 Modern France  
B359-B360 Europe: Napoleon to First World War I-II  
B361-B362 Europe in the Twentieth Century I-II  
B383-B384 European Intellectual History I-II  
B393 German History: From Bismarck to Hitler  
B421 Topics in European History  
B425 The Second World War  
B426 Genocide and its Origins  
C386 Greek History  
C388 Roman History  
D313 Russian Social and Cultural History, 1801-1917  
D314 Soviet Social and Cultural History  
D428 Eastern Europe, 1914 to Present  
E432 History of Africa II  
F341 Latin America: Conquest and Empire  
F342 Latin America: Evolution and Revolution since Independence  
F346 Modern Mexico  
F347 U.S.-Latin American Relations  
F431 Nineteenth-Century Latin American Intellectual History  
F432 Twentieth-Century Latin American Revolutions  
F444 History of Mexico  
G451 Traditional Asia  
G452 Modern Asia  
H227 African Civilization  
H306 Sex Roles and Society in American History  
H364 History of Medicine and Public Health  
H373-H374 History of Science and Technology I-II  
H409 Women in History  
H410 Introduction to Archival Practice  
H411 Historical Editing  
H412 Historic Preservation  
H415 Philanthropy in the West  
H421 Topics in African, Asian, or Latin American History  
H425 Topics in History  
H432 Popular Cultures and African Cities  
H477 British Imperialism  
J495 Proseminar for History Majors  
K493 Reading for Honors  
K495 Readings in History