

# History Major

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The Department of History offers a major and three minor programs of study as well as a wide range of offerings that support the College's General Education Program. Its minors are in History, U.S. History, and European History. The Department's offerings reflect the wisdom of the adage that "He who knows only his own generation remains always a child." Thus, the spirit and purpose shaping the study of history at Westminster rests on the belief that the critical study of what men and women have thought and done in the past, whether in the Old World or the New, disciplines the mind for wise action, frees it from the narrow perspective of the present, and leads to self-knowledge.

Students who double major in Education and History may complete the history major as described above; OR they may fulfill all history major requirements except HIS 422, 423 and 424 provided they successfully complete a fifth 300 -level courses in history plus EDU 435.

Departmental majors must have at least a 2.00 GPA in all History courses needed to satisfy the major requirement.

**ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY SHEET**

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025**

Major: HISTORY

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Student's Last Name First Name Middle Initial

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Advisor Date Major Declared

| Course Code                                                                                    | Title                                   | Hours     | Semester | Grade |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------|----------|-------|
| <b>Required Courses (23 hours)</b>                                                             |                                         |           |          |       |
| HIS 103                                                                                        | History of the United States to 1877    | 3         |          |       |
| HIS 104                                                                                        | History of the United States since 1877 | 3         |          |       |
| HIS 109                                                                                        | World History I                         | 3         |          |       |
| HIS 110                                                                                        | World History II                        | 3         |          |       |
| HIS 390                                                                                        | Historical Methods                      | 3         |          |       |
| HIS 396                                                                                        | Applied History                         | 1         |          |       |
| HIS 397                                                                                        | Writing for the Public                  | 1         |          |       |
| HIS 422                                                                                        | Thesis I                                | 2         |          |       |
| HIS 423                                                                                        | Thesis II                               | 3         |          |       |
| HIS 424                                                                                        | Thesis Rewrite                          | 1         |          |       |
|                                                                                                | <b>Total Required Hours</b>             | <b>23</b> |          |       |
| Four upper-level history courses, including at least one with each full-time department member |                                         |           |          |       |
|                                                                                                | 1)                                      | 3         |          |       |
|                                                                                                | 2)                                      | 3         |          |       |
|                                                                                                | 3)                                      | 3         |          |       |
|                                                                                                | 4)                                      | 3         |          |       |
|                                                                                                | Total Elective Hours                    | 12        |          |       |
| Additional Upper- Level Course ONLY if taking the Education/Non-Thesis Route:                  |                                         |           |          |       |
|                                                                                                |                                         | 3         |          |       |

**TOTAL HOURS 35 (38 for the non-thesis option)**

Non-Required, but Recommended Skills-based Courses:

ENG 380: Digital Humanities

HIS 200: History on Film

LST 201: Leadership Theories and Practice

MSM 210: Intro to Museum Studies

SSI 101/205: Library Research

SPE 101 Intro to Speech Communication

SPE 220 Public Speaking

If any substitutions or waivers of requirements are allowed, please list below and initial.

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Advisor Signature

Department Chair Signature