

HISTORY

In 1775 Patrick Henry wrote, “I know no way of judging the future but by the past.” In this spirit, the goal of the history department at Wichita State University is a thorough examination of the forces that have shaped our world to provide students a historical perspective for the future.

The department offers a program of study that is varied and flexible. You will select from three areas of concentration: ancient and Medieval, modern European and American. Other courses are available in such areas as urban history, military history, women in history, popular culture, family history and the Holocaust.

History shares with other liberal arts disciplines the virtue of training individuals to think, to sensitively perceive opposing viewpoints and interpretations and to develop solutions to today’s problems. Skills developed by the study and writing of history—research techniques, critical analysis and the logical and effective communication of ideas—are important tools that can be adapted to a wide range of professional pursuits.

Indeed, there are few intellectual or professional endeavors without historical basis.

History, often in combination with courses or majors in other disciplines, embraces many fields, and because of this flexibility provides access to many career opportunities that are frequently overlooked. Students with degrees in history have entered such fields as law, politics, communications, professional, writing, business, teaching, government, the military, the ministry, and library and museum work.

Wichita State’s history faculty is able to provide extensive counseling on departmental, college and University requirements, career planning and future opportunities for history majors.

Admission

When you choose to study history, you will be admitted to the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. You will be assigned a faculty adviser in the history department who will help you develop your program of study and who will outline specific requirements.

If you are still deciding on a major when you start taking classes at WSU, the Liberal Arts and Sciences Advising Center can help you explore career and major options.

Related Opportunities

As a history student, you may participate in Phi Alpha Theta, the history honorary society. You are encouraged to enter your work in state, regional and national competitions.

If eligible, you may be selected for University academic honor societies such as Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and Mortar Board.

Related Programs

If you are like many history majors, you will take additional classes in political science, literature, philosophy, journalism, or business. It is possible to major in history and earn certification to teach history and social studies in the secondary schools.

**GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
REQUIREMENTS**

The General Education Program is an integral component of every degree at Wichita State University. These courses make up about one third of any degree. The goals of the General Education program are:

- **To study and apply mathematical principles;**
- **To study and apply principles of written and oral communication;**
- **To study and apply basic library research skills including basic assessment of various kinds of sources;**
- **To study the natural sciences, social and behavioral sciences, humanities and fine arts in order to understand how scholars in those fields work;**
- **To study human diversity and its implications for society on a global basis.**

Successful completion of the General Education Program and LAS College requirements provides knowledge and skills leading to life-long learning in an ever-changing global world.

Descriptions of the General Education Program and of the courses that are included in it are available both in the *University Catalog* and in the *Schedule of Courses*. These documents are available both in hard copy form and online at the WSU Web site: www.wichita.edu. Click on "Browse A-Z" and use C for the *Catalog* and S for the *Schedule of Courses* menu option, and then select "General Education."

When you enter the university, you will work with an academic advisor to select general education courses for your major and your degree choice.

For More Information

To receive more information, or to arrange a campus visit, contact:

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Major Requirements*	
At least 33 total history hours, including:	
Three credit hours in one of the following courses:	
The Human Adventure: World Civilization Since 1500	3
History of Western Civilization I	3
History of Western Civilization II	3
World Civilization to 1500	3
Three credit hours in either:	
History of the United States I	3
History of the United States II	3
And both:	
Introduction to Historical Research and Writing	3
Historiography	3
One course at the 500 or 600 level in each of the following areas:	
Ancient and Medieval	3
Modern Europe	3
American (including Latin America)	3
Four additional courses-two need to be upper-division	12
There are additional requirements to earn certification to teach history/social studies in secondary schools. Consult the College of Education.	
*Some of the courses listed in Major Requirements will count toward the LAS General Education requirements.	

The University reserves the right to revise or change rules, charges, fees, schedules, courses, requirements for degrees, and any other regulations affecting students whenever considered necessary or desirable.

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