

Department of
History



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Introduction

The goal of History at BYU-Idaho is to encourage students to develop a solid understanding of both American and World History, and a sense of the complexities of human experience. This History Department offers BA degrees in History, History Education, and Social Studies Education Composite. The department also sponsors a chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honors Society. Upon graduation students should have a capacity to do quality research using primary and secondary source materials—along with strong reading, writing, and critical thinking skills. In addition, History Education graduates should have developed a sizeable repertoire of lessons, pedagogies, and approaches to history for teaching at the secondary level.

Career Opportunities

Graduates in History are valued in any career in which research, critical thinking, nuanced understanding, or clear writing is necessary. Past graduates have successfully obtained employment in “non-history” fields as diverse as business, government, journalism, and law. Careers with a more specific history focus may be found in archives, libraries, museums, or national parks. More academically oriented students often pursue graduate education in History, English, foreign languages, or the humanities to name a few. And then there are, of course, teaching opportunities at secondary and higher education levels.

4+1 Program

Select students at BYU-Idaho may work towards a graduate degree in Historical Resources at Idaho State University while completing their BA in History at BYU-Idaho. Contact the Department for more information about this program.

Department Requirements

Education Majors must maintain a 2.8 cumulative GPA

Students must earn a C- or better in all courses.

No double counting of Major courses.

Note: History Education majors are encouraged not to take an American Government Education minor. Students wanting an American Government endorsement should take one additional American Government course and one additional comparative government class in addition to their history major.

BA in History (625)

Take required Foundations courses

Major Requirements

No Double Counting of Major Courses - Students must maintain a minimum grade of C- in their major courses

Core Courses	Continued from previous column	World Module	Historical Studies Module	continued from previous column
<i>Take this course during your first or second semester:</i>		<i>Take these courses:</i>	<i>Take 18 credits:</i>	
HIST 101 3	OR	HIST 220 3	HIST 304 3	HIST 360 3
	CHIN 101 4	HIST 222 3	HIST 306 3	HIST 363 3
	CHIN 102 4	HIST 224 3	HIST 308 3	HIST 370 3
	OR	9	HIST 310 3	HIST 372 3
<i>Take this course by the end of your sophomore year:</i>	FR 101 4	American Module <i>Take these courses:</i>	HIST 311 3	HIST 376 3
HIST 300 3	FR 102 4		HIST 312 3	HIST 378 3
	OR		HIST 313 3	HIST 380 3
<i>Take this course during your senior year:</i>	GER 101 4		HIST 314 3	HIST 381 3
HIST 490 3	GER 102 4		HIST 315 3	HIST 382 3
9	OR		HIST 316 3	HIST 388 3
<i>Take 2 courses:</i>	RUSS 101 4		HIST 317 3	HIST 391 3
GEOG 120 3	RUSS 102 4		HIST 318 3	HIST 392 3
GEOG 321 3	OR		HIST 319 3	HIST 393 3
OR	SPAN 101 4		HIST 325 3	HIST 394 3
POLSC 150 3	SPAN 102 4	HIST 326 3	HIST 395 3	
POLSC 170 3	OR	HIST 330 3	18	
OR	ANTH 101 3	HIST 331 3		
ECON 150 3	SOC 111 3	HIST 335 3		
ECON 151 3	6	HIST 340 3		
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Total Major Credits=51

Additional Elective Credits Required for Graduation=29

This major is available on the following tracks:

Fall-Winter---- YES

Winter-Spring---- YES

Spring-Fall---- YES

BA in History Education (815)

Take required Foundations courses

Major Requirements

No Double Counting of Major Courses - Students must maintain a minimum grade of C- in their major courses
Students must maintain a 2.8 cumulative GPA

Education Core:	World Module	Historical Studies Module		
<i>Take these courses:</i>	<i>Take these courses:</i>	<i>Take 6 credits:</i>	<i>cont. from previous column</i>	<i>cont. from previous column</i>
ED 200 2	HIST 220 3	HIST 304 3	HIST 319 3	HIST 378 3
ED 304 3	HIST 222 3	HIST 306 3	HIST 325 3	HIST 380 3
ED 361 3	HIST 224 3	HIST 308 3	HIST 326 3	HIST 381 3
ED 461 3	9	HIST 310 3	HIST 330 3	HIST 382 3
ED 492 10	American Module <i>Take these courses:</i>	HIST 311 3	HIST 331 3	HIST 388 3
SPED 360 2		HIST 260 3	HIST 335 3	HIST 391 3
23		HIST 262 3	HIST 340 3	HIST 392 3
Learning and Teaching		HIST 264 3	HIST 360 3	HIST 393 3
<i>Take these courses:</i>		9	HIST 363 3	HIST 394 3
HIST 101 3			HIST 370 3	HIST 395 3
HIST 206 1			HIST 372 3	6
HIST 300 3			HIST 376 3	
HIST 406 2			<i>cont. in next column</i>	
POLSC 110 3			<i>cont. in next column</i>	
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Total Major Credits=36

Education Core Credits=23

Additional Elective Credits Required for Graduation=1

Education Majors Require an Education Minor for Graduation

This major is available on the following tracks:

Fall-Winter---- YES

Winter-Spring---- YES

Spring-Fall---- YES

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BS in Social Studies Education Composite History Endorsement Emphasis (880-129)

Take required Foundations courses

Major Requirements

No Double Counting of Major Courses - Students must maintain a minimum grade of C- in their major courses

Students must maintain a 2.8 cumulative GPA

Education Core: <i>Take these courses:</i> ED 200 2 ED 304 3 ED 361 3 ED 461 3 ED 492 10 SPED 360 2 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> 23	History Study and Teaching Module <i>Take these courses:</i> HIST 101 3 HIST 206 1 HIST 300 3 HIST 406 2 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> 9 History Content Module <i>Take 2 courses</i> HIST 220 3 HIST 222 3 HIST 224 3 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> 6 <i>Take 2 courses:</i> HIST 260 3 HIST 262 3 HIST 264 3 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> 6	Social Studies Core Module <i>Take these courses:</i> ECON 150 3 ECON 151 3 GEOG 120 3 POLSC 110 3 POLSC 150 3 POLSC 311 3 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> 18 Social Studies Elective Module <i>Take 2 courses:</i> ECON 330 3 ECON 385 3 ECON 381 3 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> 6 <i>continued next column</i>	<i>continued from previous column</i> <i>Take 3 courses:</i> GEOG 230 3 GEOG 240 3 GEOG 320 3 GEOG 321 3 GEOG 350 3 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> 9 <i>Take 1 course:</i> POLSC 314 3 POLSC 315 3 POLSC 320 3 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> 3	Program Notes: Students are encouraged to take the entire History Content Module.
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Total Major Credits=57

Education Core Credits=23

This major is available on the following tracks:

Fall-Winter---- YES

Winter-Spring---- YES

Spring-Fall---- YES

BS in Social Studies Education Composite American Government Endorsement Emphasis (880-130)

Take required Foundations courses

Major Requirements

No Double Counting of Major Courses - Students must maintain a minimum grade of C- in their major courses

Students must maintain a 2.8 cumulative GPA

Education Core: <i>Take these courses:</i> ED 200 2 ED 304 3 ED 361 3 ED 461 3 ED 492 10 SPED 360 2 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> 23	Political Science Module <i>Take these courses:</i> POLSC 110 3 POLSC 150 3 POLSC 311 3 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> 9 <i>Take 2 courses:</i> POLSC 314 3 POLSC 315 3 POLSC 316 3 POLSC 320 3 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> 6	Geography Module <i>Take these courses:</i> GEOG 101 3 GEOG 120 3 GEOG 320 3 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> 9 <i>Take 1 course:</i> GEOG 321 3 GEOG 350 3 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> 3	Economics Module <i>Take these courses:</i> ECON 150 3 ECON 151 3 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> 6 <i>Take 6 credits:</i> ECON 330 3 ECON 357 3 ECON 358 3 ECON 390R 1-3 ECON 440 3 ECON 444 3 ECON 450 3 ECON 475 3 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> 6	Program Notes: *Hist 260 is also recommended.
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Total Major Credits=57

Education Core Credits- 23

This major is available on the following tracks:

Fall-Winter---- YES

Winter-Spring---- YES

Spring-Fall---- YES

History Minor (113)

Minor Requirements

No Double Counting of Minor Courses - Students must maintain a minimum grade of C- in their Minor Courses

Core Courses	
<i>Take these courses:</i>	
HIST 101	3
HIST 220	3
HIST 222	3
HIST 224	3
HIST 260	3
HIST 262	3
HIST 264	3
HIST 300	3
	24

Program Notes:

Total Minor Credits=24

This minor is available on the following tracks:

Fall-Winter---- YES

Winter-Spring---- YES

Spring-Fall---- YES

Minor in History Education (114)

Minor Requirements

No Double Counting of Minor Courses - Students must maintain a minimum grade of C- in their Minor Courses

Core Courses	
<i>Take these courses:</i>	
HIST 206	1
HIST 220	3
HIST 222	3
HIST 224	3
HIST 262*	3
HIST 264	3
HIST 406	2
POLSC 110	3
	21

Program Notes:

**Hist 260 is also recommended.*

Total Minor Credits=21

This minor is available on the following tracks:

Fall-Winter---- YES

Winter-Spring---- YES

Spring-Fall---- YES

History Concentration (D 142)

Concentration Requirements

No Double Counting of Concentration Courses - No Grade Less Than a C- in Concentration Courses

Core Courses	
<i>Take these courses:</i>	
HIST 101	3
HIST 220	3
HIST 222	3
HIST 224	3
HIST 260	3
HIST 262	3
HIST 264	3
HIST 300	3
	24

Take 3 additional 300 level

History courses:

HIST 300-level	3
HIST 300-level	3
HIST 300-level	3
	9

Interdisciplinary Courses

Take these courses:

IDS 398R	1-3
IDS 499	2
	3

Program Notes:

Total Concentration Credits=36

This concentration is available on the following tracks:

Fall-Winter---- YES

Winter-Spring---- YES

Spring-Fall---- YES

History Pre-approved Clusters

American History	4002	World History	4004
<i>Take these courses:</i>		<i>Take these courses:</i>	
HIST 101	Introduction to the Study of History 3	HIST 101	Introduction to the Study of History 3
HIST 260	United States History to 1820 3	HIST 220	World Civilization to AD 1000 3
HIST 262	United States History 1820-1920 3	HIST 222	World Civilization 1000-1750 3
HIST 264	United States History Since 1920 3	HIST 224	World Civilization 1750 to Present 3
HIST 300	Writing and Research in History 3	HIST 300	Writing and Research in History 3
	Total Credits 15		Total Credits 15

Course Descriptions

Credits*

HIST 101 Introduction to Study of History	(3:3:0)
This course lays the foundation for the serious study of history. It introduces students to the nature of historical study, including reading and using primary and secondary sources and understanding the history of studying history. (Winter, Spring, Fall)	
HIST 115 History and Civics for Elementary Education	(2:2:0)
A broad survey course covering all major topics related to history, civics, and economic concepts taught at the elementary level in public schools. (Winter, Spring, Fall)	
HIST 206 Introduction to Secondary Methods	(1:1:0)
Introduction to methods of effective teaching for secondary education majors. (Winter, Spring, Fall)	
HIST 220 World Civilization to AD 1000	(3:3:0)
A broad survey course covering all major topics relating to world history up to AD 1000. (Winter, Spring, Fall)	
HIST 222 World Civilization 1000-1750	(3:3:0)
A broad survey course covering all major topics relating to world history from AD 1000 to 1750. (Winter, Spring, Fall)	
HIST 224 World Civilization 1750-Present	(3:3:0)
A broad survey course covering all major topics relating to world history from AD 1750 to the present. (Winter, Spring, Fall)	
HIST 260 US History to 1820	(3:3:0)
A broad survey course covering all major topics relating to the pre-discovery, seventeenth-century, and eighteenth-century United States. (Winter, Spring, Fall)	
HIST 262 US History 1820 - 1920	(3:3:0)
A broad survey course covering all major topics related to the nineteenth-century United States. (Winter, Spring, Fall)	
HIST 264 US History Since 1920	(3:3:0)
A broad survey course covering all major topics related to the twentieth-century and twenty-first century United States. (Winter, Spring, Fall)	
HIST 290R Independent Study	(1-3:0:0)
Repeatable Course: may earn maximum of 3 credits This course allows students to engage in specific historical topics through directed readings, special projects, or work study. (Winter, Spring, Fall)	
HIST 300 Writing and Research in History	(3:3:0)
Prerequisites: HIST 101 The nature and philosophy of history with emphasis on developing the research and writing skills needed in historical study. (Winter, Spring, Fall)	
HIST 304 Ancient Greece and Rome	(3:0:0)
Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 A survey of either Greek or Roman History with one or two cultural or literary topics covered in more detail. (Randomly Offered)	

HIST 306 Medieval History	(3:3:0)
Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 A survey of the history of the Middle Ages with focused study on selected topics. (Randomly Offered)	
HIST 308 Renaissance and Reformation	(3:3:0)
Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 Major influences and accomplishments of the Renaissance and Reformation, especially evolution of thought. (Randomly Offered)	
HIST 310 Modern European History	(3:3:0)
Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 Europe from 1750 to the present with a particular emphasis on its intellectual and industrial leadership in the world as well as the perils of nationalism and the promise of European integration. (Randomly Offered)	
HIST 311 The Trojan War	(3:3:0)
Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 A course that explores some of the methods used to uncover the historical reality of the legendary Trojan War in the Bronze Age. (Randomly Offered)	
HIST 312 The Golden Age of Athens	(3:3:0)
Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 A course that examines the fifth century BC in Athens particularly through its cultural output. (Randomly Offered)	
HIST 313 Roman Imperialism	(3:3:0)
Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 A course that explores the question of how a republic acquired an empire, covering the events and historiography of the rise of the Roman Empire. (Randomly Offered)	
HIST 314 Augustus and the Principate	(3:3:0)
Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 A course that examines the collapse of the Roman Republic and the creation of the Roman Empire under the Emperor Augustus. (Randomly Offered)	
HIST 315 Anglo-Saxon England	(3:3:0)
Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 A course that examines the political, economic, social and cultural development of Anglo-Saxon society from its beginnings in the fifth century until the Norman Conquest of 1066. (Randomly Offered)	
HIST 316 The Crusades	(3:3:0)
Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 A course focused on the causes and effects of the armed Christian pilgrimages to the Near East, beginning in the eleventh century, with a consideration of related movements in places like Spain and Livonia. Consideration of issues such as just war theory, religious violence, and colonialism will also be included. (Randomly Offered)	
HIST 317 The Byzantine Empire	(3:3:0)
Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 A course that explores the history and culture of the Byzantine Empire from about 300-1453. (Randomly Offered)	

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HIST 318 The Medieval Papacy (3:3:0) Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 A course that explores the history of the institution of the papacy and the lives and ideas of many of its leaders. (Randomly Offered)	HIST 372 Civil War and Reconstruction (3:3:0) Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 Explores the origins of the American Civil War, examines the major campaigns, investigates reconstruction, and evaluates the legacy of this era. (Randomly Offered)
HIST 319 The Hundred Years War (3:3:0) Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 A course that explores the history of the conflict known as the Hundred Years War, and its political, military, and economic impact on both England and France. (Randomly Offered)	HIST 376 U.S. Industrial Age 1870-1945 (3:3:0) Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 Investigation of the rise of modern political, social, and economic structures and values in America from 1877-1918. (Randomly Offered)
HIST 325 Middle East: Muhammad to 1800 (3:3:0) Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 The course covers the Middle East, Southwest Asia, and North Africa from the 6th century through the 18th century AD. The history, culture, religion, economics, and politics of the region will be examined. (Randomly Offered)	HIST 378 United States History Since 1945 (3:3:0) Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 United States as a superpower from the Cold War to the present with a particular emphasis on social, political, economic and cultural changes preceding and succeeding the Vietnam War. (Randomly Offered)
HIST 326 Modern Middle East (3:3:0) Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 The course covers the Middle East, Southwest Asia, and North Africa, focusing on the 19th and 20th centuries. The history, culture, religion, economics, conflicts, and politics of the region will be examined. (Randomly Offered)	HIST 380 U.S. Constitutional History/Law (3:3:0) Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 Foundations of constitutionalism, the development of the federal system, the principles of judicial review, nationalism and sectionalism, commerce, due process, equal protection and civil rights. (Randomly Offered)
HIST 330 The Far East (3:3:0) Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 An introduction to the history of China, Japan, India and neighboring countries, stressing the period since European colonial expansion. (Randomly Offered)	HIST 381 The History of Film in America (3:3:0) Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 This course will explore film in America in three senses: first, the film industry itself as a major part of the totality of American history, second, individual films as historical artifacts that give insight into the eras that produced them, and third, films as agents of historical change that transform the public that embraces them. (Randomly Offered)
HIST 331 South Asia (3:3:0) Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 An introduction to the history of South Asia from the Indus River Civilization to the modern period. The history, culture, and religion of the region will be considered as well as the influence it exerted in other areas of Asia and the West. (Randomly Offered)	HIST 382 U.S. Women's History (3:3:0) Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 A course covering all major topics related to U.S. Women's History, waves of feminism, and the conceptual and theoretical controversies over the place of women. (Randomly Offered)
HIST 335 Africa since 1400 (3:3:0) Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 Major trends in African history from the advent of Europeans in Africa in the mid-1400s. (Randomly Offered)	HIST 388 History of American Immigration (3:3:0) Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 A survey of the social, economic, and political history of immigration to the United States from European contact to the present. (Randomly Offered)
HIST 340 Latin America (3:3:0) Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 A survey of Hispanic History from the conquest to the Present day; selected cultural topics. Several basic political and economic issues covered as well. (Randomly Offered)	HIST 391 The History of Writing (3:3:0) Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 A course tracing the history and evolution of the written word, and its ancillaries, from Ancient Sumeria to Modern America, and beyond. The focus is on various modes of written communication throughout history rather than on any specific time, place, or even script. (Randomly Offered)
HIST 360 Idaho and The Northwest (3:3:0) Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 Studies the exploration, settlement, and development of Idaho within the Pacific Northwest as well as the nation. (Randomly Offered)	HIST 392 History of Peace (3:3:0) Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 A course exploring the religious, philosophical, and political histories of efforts to overcome violence and establish "peace," both culturally, and structurally. It traces the development of various concepts of "peace" in eras from ancient to modern, and in cultures and geographies from across the globe. (Randomly Offered)
HIST 363 The American West (3:3:0) Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 The exploration and development of the western United States from 1800 to the present, with emphasis on cultural interaction and the mythic imagery of the west. (Randomly Offered)	HIST 393 Environmental History of Protected Landscapes (3:3:0) Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 This course examines the history of the human environment relationship, focusing on the development of national parks, nature reserves and other protected landscape systems. After discussing foundations of environmental history, the concept of publically protected areas is studied from its genesis and evolution in the United States to its diffusion around the world. Selected international case studies focus on the applicability of the U.S. developed model to diverse physical and cultural environments. International perspectives, policies, and institutions are then considered. (Randomly Offered)
HIST 370 Early American History to 1800 (3:3:0) Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201 The establishment and growth of the American colonies, the period of revolution and confederation, the framing of the Constitution, and the early period of government under the Constitution. (Randomly Offered)	

HIST 394 Public History (3:3:0)

Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201

This course is an introduction to the ideas and methods of public history, emphasizing practical application of research, writing, and critical thinking skills in the public sector at venues such as museums, state and national parks, archives, the media, etc.

(Randomly Offered)

HIST 395 History of Religions (3:3:0)

Prerequisites: HIST 300 or POLSC 300 or FDENG 201

This course will provide an overview of the development of the discipline of History of Religions; its primary concerns, theories and methodologies; and practical application in the study of a particular religious tradition within its historical context.

(Randomly Offered)

HIST 406 Secondary Methods (2:2:0)

Prerequisites: HIST 206 and ED 361

A final, pre-student teaching course for secondary education majors and minors in the social sciences that will provide some instruction in writing objectives, reading strategies, writing assessments, writing lesson plans, and using various instructional methods in actual teaching experiences.

(Winter, Spring, Fall)

HIST 490 Senior Thesis (3:3:0)

Prerequisite: HIST 300

A capstone course for senior students in which they produce a significant scholarly research report on a topic of their choice, subject to the approval of the course instructor.

(Winter, Spring, Fall)

HIST 498R History Internship (1-6:0:0)

Repeatable Course: may earn maximum of 6 credits

An internship is a cooperative program between the BYU-Idaho Department of History, Geography, and Political Science and an approved organization. Professional internships correlate actual work experience with course work; provide students with knowledge of career opportunities, and give students work experience in preparation for employment after graduation. Ideas for internships are developed by the student in consultation with the department internship coordinator.

(Winter, Spring, Fall)