



History

WHAT IT IS

History students are offered study in United States, European, Russian, Latin American, African, and Asian history. Students can expect to participate in a variety of academic activities including lecture and discussion courses and seminars. The history curriculum acquaints students with the various methods of historical study, provides them with a broad understanding of the major themes of history, allows them to concentrate on topical courses and themes of their choosing, and offers opportunities to propose and implement their own research projects.

WHAT YOU STUDY

Students need 120 credits in order to graduate, with 36 credits taken within the history major. Students may transfer up to 60 credits from a two-year institution or up to 75 credits from a four-year institution.

Requirements for History Major

HST 101 History of Western Civilization I

HST 102 History of Western Civilization II

OR

HST 103 World Civilizations I

HST 104 World Civilizations II

Six Credits in U.S History: 200-level or above

Example: HST 301 American Colonial History

Six Credits in European History: 200-level or above

Example: HST 332 The Reformation

Six Credits in "Other" History (e.g. Russia, Latin America, Asia, Near East, Africa, Ancient)

Example: HST 357 Empires of Central Asia, from Attila the Hun to the Taliban

Three Credits in History Seminar: 400-level

Example: HST 402 Seminar European History

Nine Credits in History Electives

Total Course Credits Required for the Major: 36

Note: No more than a total of 12 credits can be take at the 100-level.

Requirements for History Minor

18 credits in history as follows:

- a) At least nine credits of 300-400 level courses;
- b) At least three credits in or a seminar
- c) No more than six credits at the 100-level

In addition to the courses required for a major in History, students meet the college's requirements for a well-rounded liberal arts education. They take a variety of elected and required courses in subjects such as English, literature, science, the humanities (philosophy, art, music, and culture and civilization courses in foreign literature and language), and the social sciences (economics, political science, psychology, sociology, and anthropology).

Students must also meet a two-year foreign language requirement, either by studying another language, or displaying proficiency in one of several foreign language tests.

CAREER AND FURTHER STUDY

As a broadly based liberal arts degree, the major emphasizes the development of critical thinking and communication skills as well as the acquisition of historical perspective. Our graduates prepare themselves for a wide variety of positions in government, education, and business. An undergraduate degree in History can also lead to graduate work in a variety of fields and serve as a sound foundation for law school.

For more information about the history major offered through Professional & Continuing Education, you may call Academic Advisor **Nancy Moniz** at **508-999-9158** or **nmoniz@umassd.edu**.