Bring the past into the future. As a history major at UMass Dartmouth students immerse themselves in United States, European, Latin American, African, Ancient and Asian history. Themes and methodologies of historical study align with topics of the student's choosing: maritime history, the Middle East, military history, religious history, race relations, and terrorism. A degree in history prepares students for civil service, education, foreign service and intelligence, journalism, law, museum work, politics and advocacy, public policy, public relations – the opportunities in growing fields are endless. History degrees can also lead to graduate work in a variety of fields and provide a solid foundation for law school. The critical reading, writing and thinking skills one develops are useful in all aspects of professional life.

Sample Courses

36 credits are required as part of the 120 to graduate.
- HST 103/4 – History of World Civilization I and II
- HST 201 – Critical Skills for the History Major
- 6 credits U.S. History (above 200 level)
- 6 credits in European History (above 200 level)
- 6 credits in World history – (Latin America, Asia, Near East, Africa, Ancient)
- 3 credits in a history seminar
- 6 credits of history electives

Top Jobs

- Teachers (average salary $50,515)
- Reporters and Correspondents (median salary $40,910)
- Public Relations Specialists (median salary $59,300)
- Historians (median salary $59,120)
- Archivists, Curators, and Museum Staff (median salary $47,360)
- Parks Directors (average salary $59,826)
- Writers (average salary $51,180)

Graduate School Placements

- American International College
- Bentley College
- Brown University
- Eastern Nazarene College
- Endicott College
- Harvard University
- Lasell College
- UMass Dartmouth

Career Placements

- American Red Cross
- Army National Guard
- Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center
- Community Connections Inc.
- Dartmouth Public Schools
- Department of Homeland Security
- Language Link Russia (Russia)
- Massachusetts Department of Higher Education
- Massachusetts General Hospital
- United States Department of Labor

More Info

- Internships working at area museums and historical societies
- Join the History Club
- Join the UMass chapter of the International History Honor Society
- 3+3 Law Degree: If law school is on your radar, consider UMass Law’s accelerated program. Your first year at UMass Law counts as your senior year at UMass Dartmouth, and the Law Campus is right down the street from Main Campus
- 4+1 Teacher preparation program: Your last year at UMass counts as your first year in a Masters in Teaching program. In 5 years, you’ll leave UMass with a BA in History, an MA in Teaching, and a Massachusetts State Teaching License for middle/high school.
- Honors College
- Study Abroad
- Alternative spring break trips (ex. Study Civil Rights Movement trip to Alabama and Georgia 2019 - photo below)

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