

# HISTORY - B.A.

## College of Arts and Sciences

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## Description

The Bachelor of Arts degree in History provides a well-rounded educational experience in which students have the independence and flexibility to explore and develop their individual interests while getting a solid grounding in different approaches to historical research, writing and analysis. The study of history offers insight into the complexity of the human experience by exploring the political, cultural, social, economic and environmental factors that have shaped the past and the present. The study of history also offers training in a range of skills including how to find, evaluate, manage and synthesize multiple sources of information; how to think critically and analyze complex evidence; how to undertake independent research and manage time effectively; how to develop and present reasoned arguments supported by evidence; how to present information and arguments effectively in writing; and how to develop and deliver effective oral presentations. The skills and experiences gained through the study of history provide preparation for a variety of career tracks.

The History major is comprised of several elements. *Lower-Division History Electives* provide history majors with an overview of the major themes and developments in World history from human origins to the present and in the history of the United States from pre-colonization to the present. The required *Historical Research Methods* course introduces students to the main tools and techniques of doing history while providing them with the opportunity to develop and refine the skills of historical research, writing, and analysis to do well in their upper-division coursework. The History major also includes distribution requirements in two categories of upper-division courses. *Area Studies Electives* are a group of upper division history courses in which the history of a place (state, nation, or region) is the primary focus of the courses. *Thematic Studies Electives* are a group of upper-division history courses in which a specific topic or theme is the primary focus of the courses while the place and time period are secondary. The required *Senior Seminar in History* course is a capstone experience in which students develop, design, and execute their own original historical research project that utilizes primary sources and engages with current historical scholarship. Majors are also encouraged to do an internship in history for course credit to gain job experience and further strengthen their profile for their career after graduation.

## Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus
- Stark Campus

## Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special

talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

**Freshman Students on the Kent Campus:** The freshman admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon the following: cumulative grade point average, ACT and/or SAT scores, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. The Admissions Office at the Kent Campus may defer the admission of students who do not meet admissions criteria but who demonstrate areas of promise for successful college study. Deferred applicants may begin their college coursework at one of seven regional campuses of Kent State University. For more information on admissions, including additional requirements for some academic programs, visit the admissions website for new freshmen.

**Freshman Students on the Regional Campuses:** Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

**English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students:** All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score or minimum 48 PTE score, or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

**Transfer, Transitioning and Former Students:** For more information about admission criteria for transfer, transitioning and former students, please visit the admissions website.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Understand and apply a variety of basic historical methods.
2. Find, use, and analyze historical evidence and communicate their findings in an effective manner.
3. Obtain historical content knowledge and understand the connectedness of historical events and the wide varieties of human experiences.
4. Understand history as a discipline based on interpretation with historical questions constantly being reframed and investigated.

## University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

**NOTE:** University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1
Course is not required for students with 25 transfer credits, excluding College Credit Plus, or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	

Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 (or 42)
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate. Students in a B.A. and/or B.S. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 42 upper-division credit hours.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120
Some bachelor's degrees require students to complete more than 120 credit hours.	

## Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCOMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>36-37</b>

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)</b>		
HIST 32050	HISTORICAL RESEARCH METHODS	3
HIST 49091	SENIOR SEMINAR IN HISTORY (ELR) (WIC) <sup>1</sup>	3
History (HIST) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 level) <sup>2</sup>		9
History (HIST) Lower-Division Electives (10000 or 20000 level), choose from the following:		9
HIST 11050	WORLD HISTORY: ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL (DIVG) (KHUM)	
HIST 11051	WORLD HISTORY: MODERN (DIVG) (KHUM)	
HIST 12070	EARLY AMERICA: FROM PRE-COLONIZATION TO CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION (DIVD) (KHUM)	
HIST 12071	MODERN AMERICA: FROM INDUSTRIALIZATION TO GLOBALIZATION (DIVD) (KHUM)	
Area Studies Electives, choose from the following:		6
HIST 31022	THE GREAT POWERS IN WAR AND PEACE, 1792-1914	
HIST 31027	HISTORY OF ENGLAND TO 1688	
HIST 31028	ENGLAND SINCE 1688	
HIST 31032	SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY EUROPE	
HIST 31036	THE TWENTIETH CENTURY WORLD	
HIST 31040	AMERICAN HISTORY THROUGH POPULAR MUSIC	
HIST 31050	HISTORY AND SOCIETY OF MODERN GREECE	
HIST 31055	POLITICS, CULTURE AND SOCIETY OF 20TH-CENTURY EUROPE	
HIST 31052	HISTORY OF MODERN FRANCE	

HIST 31053	MODERN EUROPE, 1815 TO PRESENT
HIST 31056	EUROPE IN THE RENAISSANCE
HIST 31061	HISTORY OF OHIO
HIST 31082	HISTORY OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS AND BLACK POWER MOVEMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES
HIST 31087	SECTIONAL CONFLICT AND CIVIL WAR
HIST 31100	RECONSTRUCTION AND THE LATER SOUTH
HIST 31106	PROGRESSIVE AMERICA: THE UNITED STATES, 1896-1919
HIST 31107	NEW ERA THROUGH WORLD WAR: THE UNITED STATES, 1920-1945
HIST 31108	RECENT AMERICA: THE UNITED STATES, 1945-PRESENT
HIST 31112	CHINESE CIVILIZATION
HIST 31113	HISTORY OF JAPAN
HIST 31115	INDIA SINCE 1526
HIST 31123	HISTORY OF CONTEMPORARY AFRICA
HIST 31126	HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE EAST
HIST 31130	HISTORY OF AFRICAN CIVILIZATION
HIST 31140	MODERN LATIN AMERICA (DIVG)
HIST 31141	EARLY LATIN AMERICA
HIST 37001	FLORENCE THE MYTH OF A CITY
HIST 38495	SPECIAL TOPICS IN AREA STUDIES
HIST 40197	AMERICAN CULTURAL HERITAGE:THE ARTS AND SOCIETY
HIST 41006	ROMAN HISTORY
HIST 41010	THE EARLY MIDDLE AGES
HIST 41011	THE HIGH MIDDLE AGES
HIST 41020	NINETEENTH-CENTURY EUROPE
HIST 41024	MODERN EUROPEAN HISTORY, 1914-1945
HIST 41025	MODERN EUROPEAN HISTORY:1945-PRESENT
HIST 41041	HISTORY OF GERMANY, 1871-PRESENT
HIST 41044	IMPERIAL RUSSIA, 1689-1917
HIST 41045	MODERN RUSSIA, 1917-PRESENT
HIST 41056	HISTORY OF COLONIAL AMERICA:1492-1714 (DIVD)
HIST 41057	EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY AMERICA:1714-1789 (DIVD)
HIST 41058	JEFFERSON-JACKSON ERA, 1789-1848
HIST 41077	THE GREAT DEPRESSION IN AMERICA
HIST 41085	THE SIXTIES IN AMERICA
HIST 41112	HISTORY OF MODERN CHINA
HIST 41132	HISTORY OF AFRICA, 1880-PRESENT
HIST 41789	THE FRENCH REVOLUTION AND NAPOLEON
HIST 42297	COLLOQUIUM:CHINA AND JAPAN (WIC)
HIST 43797	COLLOQUIUM ON VICTORIAN ENGLAND (WIC)
HIST 48697	COLLOQUIUM:U.S. MIDDLE PERIOD, 1820-1900 (WIC)
Thematic Studies Electives, choose from the following:	6
HIST 31020	POLIS TO METROPOLIS: HISTORY OF THE EUROPEAN CITY
HIST 31024	WORLD WAR II
HIST 31030	NATO:THE ENDURING ALLIANCE
HIST 31031	THE PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC REFORMATIONS
HIST 31033	WITCHES AND EUROPEAN HISTORY, 1500-1800
HIST 31035	THE GLOBAL COLD WAR
HIST 31041	SPORT HISTORY IN THE UNITED STATES

HIST 31045	A HISTORY OF CRIME IN THE UNITED STATES
HIST 31071	US FOREIGN RELATIONS THROUGH 1898
HIST 31072	US FOREIGN RELATIONS, 1898-1945
HIST 31073	US FOREIGN RELATIONS SINCE 1945
HIST 31074	HISTORY OF ESPIONAGE: FROM JOSHUA TO EDWARD SNOWDEN
HIST 31075	HISTORY OF WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES
HIST 31077	HISTORY OF SEXUALITY IN THE UNITED STATES
HIST 31080	AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY: SLAVERY TO FREEDOM
HIST 31083	THE HISTORY OF WHITENESS IN THE UNITED STATES
HIST 31101	WAR AND SOCIETY IN THE UNITED STATES FROM 1607 THROUGH 1865
HIST 31102	WAR AND SOCIETY IN THE UNITED STATES FROM 1865 TO THE PRESENT
HIST 31104	MIGRATIONS TO AMERICA, 1607 TO PRESENT
HIST 31114	TRADITION AND REVOLUTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA
HIST 31118	VIETNAM WAR
HIST 31119	THE SIXTIES: A THIRD WORLD VIEW
HIST 31120	COMPARATIVE THIRD WORLD REVOLUTIONS
HIST 31124	HIGHLIFE HISTORIES: MODERN AFRICAN URBAN EXPERIENCE
HIST 31127	ANCIENT AND EARLY MEDIEVAL JEWISH HISTORY
HIST 31128	LATE MEDIEVAL AND MODERN JEWISH HISTORY
HIST 31500	FOUNDATIONS IN THE HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE
HIST 31543	THE SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION
HIST 31550	MEDICINE IN THE MODERN WORLD SINCE 1500
HIST 38595	SPECIAL TOPICS IN THEMATIC STUDIES
HIST 41000	INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC HISTORY
HIST 41032	CONSUMPTION AND MASS CULTURE IN MODERN EUROPE
HIST 41033	WOMEN AND GENDER IN MODERN EUROPE
HIST 41060	COMPARATIVE FASCISM
HIST 41062	THE UNITED STATES:THE WESTWARD MOVEMENT
HIST 41071	AMERICAN SOCIAL AND INTELLECTUAL HISTORY, 1876-PRESENT (DIVD)
HIST 41129	THE HOLOCAUST:THE DESTRUCTION OF EUROPEAN JEWRY, 1938-1945
HIST 42142	AFRO-LATIN AMERICA
HIST 48897	COLLOQUIUM IN AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY SINCE 1877

<b>Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)</b>		
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Foreign Language (see Foreign Language College Requirement below)		14-16
College General Requirement (must be from Kent Core Basic Sciences)		3
College General Requirement (must be from Kent Core Social Sciences)		3
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3
Kent Core Fine Arts		3

Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional	3
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 42 upper-division credit hours)	36
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	120

- <sup>1</sup> A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.
- <sup>2</sup> A maximum of 3 credit hours in HIST 40092 may be earned towards the degree.
- <sup>3</sup> One additional course taken from the Kent Core Basic Science courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Biological Sciences (BSCI), Chemistry (CHEM), Geography (GEOG), Geology (GEOL) or Physics (PHY). The course may not be from the student's major.
- <sup>4</sup> One additional course taken from the Kent Core Social Sciences courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Geography (GEOG), Criminology and Justice Studies (CRIM), Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS), Political Science (POL), Psychology (PSYC) or Sociology (SOC). The course may not be from the student's major.

## Graduation Requirements

<b>Minimum Major GPA</b>	<b>Minimum Overall GPA</b>
2.000	2.000

## Foreign Language College Requirement

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 14-16 credit hours of foreign language.<sup>1</sup> To complete the requirement, students have the equivalent of Elementary I and II in any language, plus one of the following options:

1. Intermediate I and II of the same language<sup>2</sup>
2. Elementary I and II of a second language
3. Any combination of two courses from the following list:
  - Intermediate I of the same language
  - MCLS 10001 INTRODUCTION TO STRUCTURAL CONCEPTS FOR LANGUAGE STUDENTS
  - MCLS 20091 VARIABLE CONTENT SEMINAR IN GLOBAL LITERACY: CASE STUDIES
  - MCLS 21417 MULTICULTURALISM IN TODAY'S GERMANY (DIVG)
  - MCLS 28404 THE LATIN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (DIVG)

<sup>1</sup> All students with prior foreign language experience should take the foreign language placement test to determine the appropriate level at which to start. Some students may begin beyond the Elementary I level and will complete the requirement with fewer credit hours and fewer courses. This may be accomplished by (1) passing a course beyond Elementary I through Intermediate II level; (2) receiving credit through Credit by Exam (CBE), Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or College Level Examination Program (CLEP); or (3) being designated a "native speaker" of a non-English language (consult with the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Office for additional information). When students complete the requirement with fewer than 14 credit hours and four courses, they will complete remaining credit hours with general electives.

<sup>2</sup> Certain majors, concentrations and minors may require specific languages, limit the languages from which a student may choose or require coursework through Intermediate II. Students who plan to pursue graduate study may need particular language coursework.

## Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

<b>Semester One</b>		<b>Credits</b>
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
History (HIST) Lower-Divison Electives (10000 or 20000 level)		6
Foreign Language		4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		14
<b>Semester Two</b>		
!	History (HIST) Lower-Divison Electives (10000 or 20000 level)	3
Foreign Language		4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		16
<b>Semester Three</b>		
!	HIST 32050 HISTORICAL RESEARCH METHODS	3
Foreign Language		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
<b>Semester Four</b>		
!	Area Studies Electives	3
!	Thematic Studies Electives	3
Foreign Language		3
College General Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
<b>Semester Five</b>		
!	Area Studies Electives	3
!	Thematic Studies Electives	3
College General Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
General Electives		3
Credit Hours		15
<b>Semester Six</b>		
!	History (HIST) Upper-Divison Electives (30000 or 40000 level)	3
General Electives		12
Credit Hours		15
<b>Semester Seven</b>		
!	HIST 49091 SENIOR SEMINAR IN HISTORY (ELR) (WIC)	3
General Electives		12
Credit Hours		15
<b>Semester Eight</b>		
History (HIST) Upper-Divison Electives (30000 or 40000 level)		6
General Electives		9
Credit Hours		15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120