

# 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.

## 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 first-year students.

**Freshman Students on the Regional Campuses:** Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, 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, minimum 48 PTE score or minimum 100 DET 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.

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| 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 |

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| 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

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| 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 |
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| <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                               |              |

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| 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 POST COLONIAL AFRICA  |
| HIST 31126   | HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE EAST   |
| HIST 31130   | HISTORY OF PRE-COLONIAL AFRICA TO 1880                                     |
| HIST 31140   | MODERN LATIN AMERICA (DIVG)  |
| HIST 31141   | EARLY MODERN LATIN AMERICA (C. 1450-1820) (DIVG)                           |
| 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 COLONIAL AFRICA, 1880-1994                                      |
| 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                                    |

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| 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 | U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS THROUGH 1898                           |
| HIST 31072 | U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS, 1898-1945                             |
| HIST 31073 | U.S. 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             |

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| <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     |

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| 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         |
| <b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>   | <b>120</b> |

- <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

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

### Foreign Language College Requirement, B.A.

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 need the equivalent of Elementary I and II in any language, plus one of the following options<sup>2</sup>:

1. Intermediate I and II of the same language
  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, or ARAB 21401, ASL 19401, CHIN 25421, MCLS 10001, MCLS 20001, MCLS 20091, MCLS 21417, MCLS 21420, MCLS 22217, MCLS 28403, MCLS 28404
- <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 start 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 one of the alternative credit programs offered by Kent State University; or (3) demonstrating language proficiency comparable to Elementary II of a foreign language. 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> |
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| 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              |
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| Credit Hours  |   | 16             |
| <b>Semester Three</b>   |   |                |
| !   | HIST 32050 HISTORICAL RESEARCH METHODS                        | 3              |
| Foreign Language  |   | 3              |
| Kent Core Requirement   |   | 3              |
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| 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            |