

HISTORY - B.A.

College of Arts and Sciences
 Department of History
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About This Program

Gain a comprehensive understanding of history and develop critical thinking, research and communication skills to succeed in a wide range of careers. With experienced faculty, personalized attention and engaging courses, Kent State's History B.A. program provides you the foundation needed to pursue graduate studies, law school or careers in education, government, non-profit and many other fields. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - 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.

First-Year Students on the Kent Campus: First-year admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon cumulative grade point average, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. Students not admissible to the Kent Campus may be administratively referred to one of the seven regional campuses to begin their college coursework. For more information, visit the admissions website for first-year students.

First-Year Students on the Regional Campuses: First-year admission to Kent State's campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, is open to anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent. For more information on admissions, contact the Regional Campuses admissions offices.

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 Academic score, or by completing the ELS level 112 Intensive Program.

For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

Transfer Students: Students who have attended any other educational institution after graduating from high school must apply as undergraduate transfer students. For more information, visit the admissions website for transfer students.

Former Students: Former Kent State students or graduates who have not attended another college or university since Kent State may complete the reenrollment or reinstatement form on the University Registrar's website.

Admission policies for undergraduate students may be found in the University Catalog's Academic Policies.

Some programs may require that students meet certain requirements before progressing through the program. For programs with progression requirements, the information is shown on the program's Coursework tab.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
HIST 32050	HISTORICAL RESEARCH METHODS	3
HIST 49091	SENIOR SEMINAR IN HISTORY (ELR) (WIC) ¹	3
History (HIST) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 level) ²		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 31023	THE GREAT POWERS IN WAR AND PEACE, 1914-1945	
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 31053	MODERN EUROPE, 1815 TO PRESENT	
HIST 31055	POLITICS, CULTURE AND SOCIETY OF 20TH-CENTURY EUROPE	
HIST 31056	EUROPE IN THE RENAISSANCE	
HIST 31057	THE FRENCH REVOLUTION AND NAPOLEON	
HIST 31061	HISTORY OF OHIO	
HIST 31082	HISTORY OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS AND BLACK POWER MOVEMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES	
HIST 31084	THE INVENTION OF AMERICA: 1492-1714 (DIVD)	
HIST 31085	ALEXANDER HAMILTON'S WORLD: 18TH-CENTURY AMERICA (DIVD)	

HIST 31087	SECTIONAL CONFLICT AND CIVIL WAR	HIST 31104	MIGRATIONS TO AMERICA, 1607 TO PRESENT (DIVD)
HIST 31100	RECONSTRUCTION AND THE LATER SOUTH	HIST 31114	TRADITION AND REVOLUTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA (DIVG)
HIST 31106	PROGRESSIVE AMERICA - REFORMERS, CRUSADERS AND RADICALS: AMERICA, 1893-1929	HIST 31118	VIETNAM WAR
HIST 31107	NEW ERA THROUGH WORLD WAR: THE UNITED STATES, 1920-1945	HIST 31124	HIGHLIFE HISTORIES: MODERN AFRICAN URBAN EXPERIENCE
HIST 31108	RECENT AMERICA: THE UNITED STATES, 1945-PRESENT	HIST 31500	FOUNDATIONS IN THE HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE
HIST 31112	CHINESE CIVILIZATION	HIST 31543	THE SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION
HIST 31113	HISTORY OF JAPAN	HIST 31550	MEDICINE IN THE MODERN WORLD SINCE 1500
HIST 31115	INDIA SINCE 1526	HIST 38595	SPECIAL TOPICS IN THEMATIC STUDIES
HIST 31126	HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE EAST	HIST 41000	INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC HISTORY
HIST 31130	HISTORY OF PRE-COLONIAL AFRICA TO 1880	HIST 41060	COMPARATIVE FASCISM
HIST 31131	HISTORY OF COLONIAL AFRICA, 1880-1994	HIST 41062	THE UNITED STATES:THE WESTWARD MOVEMENT
HIST 31132	HISTORY OF POST-COLONIAL AFRICA	HIST 41071	IDEAS IN ACTION: U.S. INTELLECTUAL HISTORY (DIVD)
HIST 31140	MODERN LATIN AMERICA (DIVG)	HIST 41129	THE HOLOCAUST: THE DESTRUCTION OF EUROPEAN JEWRY, 1938-1945
HIST 31141	EARLY MODERN LATIN AMERICA (C. 1450-1820) (DIVG)	HIST 48800	SEMINAR IN MODERN AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
HIST 37001	FLORENCE THE MYTH OF A CITY	Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)	
HIST 38495	SPECIAL TOPICS IN AREA STUDIES	UC 10001	FLASHES 101 1
HIST 41003	HISTORY OF ANCIENT GREECE	Foreign Language (see Foreign Language College Requirement below) 14-16	
HIST 41006	ROMAN HISTORY	Kent Core Composition 6	
HIST 41020	NINETEENTH-CENTURY EUROPE	Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning 3	
HIST 41024	MODERN EUROPEAN HISTORY, 1914-1945	Kent Core Fine Arts 3	
HIST 41025	MODERN EUROPEAN HISTORY:1945-PRESENT	Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines) 6	
HIST 41041	HISTORY OF GERMANY, 1871-PRESENT	Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory) 6-7	
HIST 41058	JEFFERSON-JACKSON ERA, 1789-1848	Kent Core Additional 3	
HIST 41077	NEW DEAL AMERICA AND BEYOND	General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours) 42	
HIST 41085	THE SIXTIES IN AMERICA	Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120	
HIST 41112	HISTORY OF MODERN CHINA	¹ A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement. ² Maximum 3 credit hours of HIST 40092 may be applied toward the degree.	
HIST 42297	COLLOQUIUM: CHINA AND JAPAN	Graduation Requirements	
HIST 43797	COLLOQUIUM ON VICTORIAN ENGLAND	Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
Thematic Studies Electives, choose from the following: 6		2.250	2.000
HIST 31020	POLIS TO METROPOLIS: HISTORY OF THE EUROPEAN CITY	Foreign Language College Requirement, B.A.	
HIST 31024	WORLD WAR II	Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 14-16 credit hours of foreign language. ¹	
HIST 31031	REFORMATIONS IN EARLY MODERN CHRISTIANITY	To complete the requirement, students need the equivalent of Elementary I and II in any language, plus one of the following options ² :	
HIST 31033	WITCHES AND EUROPEAN HISTORY, 1500-1800	1. Intermediate I and II of the same language	
HIST 31035	THE GLOBAL COLD WAR	2. Elementary I and II of a second language	
HIST 31041	SPORT HISTORY IN THE UNITED STATES	3. Any combination of two courses from the following list:	
HIST 31045	A HISTORY OF CRIME IN THE UNITED STATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate I of the same language ARAB 21401 ASL 19401 	
HIST 31071	AMERICA AND THE WORLD THROUGH 1898		
HIST 31072	AMERICA AND THE WORLD: 1898-1945		
HIST 31073	AMERICA AND THE WORLD 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		

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- MCLS 21420
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¹ 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.

² 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.

Semester One	Credits
UC 10001 FLASHES 101	1
History (HIST) Lower-Division Electives (10000 or 20000 level)	6
Foreign Language	4
Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours	14
Semester Two	Credits
! History (HIST) Lower-Division Elective (10000 or 20000 level)	3
Foreign Language	4
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours	16
Semester Three	Credits
! HIST 32050 HISTORICAL RESEARCH METHODS	3
Foreign Language	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours	15
Semester Four	Credits
! Area Studies Elective	3
! Thematic Studies Elective	3
Foreign Language	3
Kent Core Requirement	3

Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours	15
Semester Five	Credits
! Area Studies Elective	3
! Thematic Studies Elective	3
General Electives	9
Credit Hours	15
Semester Six	Credits
! History (HIST) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)	3
General Electives	12
Credit Hours	15
Semester Seven	Credits
! HIST 49091 SENIOR SEMINAR IN HISTORY (ELR) (WIC)	3
General Electives	12
Credit Hours	15
Semester Eight	Credits
History (HIST) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 level)	6
General Electives	9
Credit Hours	15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	120

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.

Flashes 101 (UC 10001)	1 credit hour
Course is not required for students with 30+ 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 credit hours
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 credit hours
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120 credit hours

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCMP)	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
Total Credit Hours:	36-37

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.

Full 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.

Students in the History major are encouraged to undertake an internship for course credit to gain job experience and further strengthen their profile for their career after graduation.