

HISTORY, BA

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

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This Four-Year Plan is only one way a student may complete an L&S degree with this major. Many factors can affect student degree planning, including placement scores, credit for transferred courses, credits earned by examination, and individual scholarly interests. In addition, many students have commitments (e.g., athletics, honors, research, student organizations, study abroad, work and volunteer experiences) that necessitate they adjust their plans accordingly. Informed students engage in their own unique Wisconsin Experience by consulting their academic advisors, Guide, DARS, and Course Search & Enroll for assistance making and adjusting their plan.

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
History Breadth ¹	4 History course for the Ethnic Studies Requirement (complete within 1st 60 credits) ²	4
Communication Part A (Complete during your first year)	3 Biological Science Breadth ³	3
Quantitative Reasoning Part A (complete during your first year)	3 Literature Breadth	3
Foreign Language (if necessary)	4 Elective or Course for Second Major ⁴	4
	14	14

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HISTORY 201 (counts toward Communication Part B) ⁵	4 History Breadth	4
HIST SCI 211 (may be taken instead of History 201)	History Elective	3
Quantitative Reasoning Part B (I/A Comp Sci, Math, or Stats if required for the BS)	3 Physical Science Breadth	3
History Elective or Course for Second Major	3 Elective or Course for Second Major	3
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Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Declare the Major (before 86 credits)*	History Breadth	4
History Breadth	3 HISTORY 301 (optional)	1

HISTORY 300 ⁶	2 Science Breadth	3
I/A Comp Sci, Math, or Stats (if required for the BS)	3 Elective or Course for Second Major	3
Literature Breadth	3 Elective or Course for Second Major	3
Elective or Course for Second Major	4	
	15	14

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Complete Remaining L&S Requirements**	History Elective	4
HISTORY 600 ⁷	3 Science Breadth	3
HIST SCI 555 (may be taken instead of History 600)	Elective or Course for Second Major	3
Elective or Course for Second Major	4 Elective or Course for Second Major	3
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Elective or Course for Second Major	4	
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Total Credits 120

¹ The History Breadth requirements are very flexible. History majors must complete Chronological Breadth (one course) and take at least one course from four of the eight Geographical Breadth categories. A single course may count toward both Chronological and Geographic Breadth, if appropriate. (For example, a course on Ancient Rome would count toward Chronological Breadth and European History.) HISTORY 201 may also count toward History Breadth requirements.

² Some examples of History courses that count toward the Ethnic Studies Requirement are: HISTORY/CHICLA 152 The United States West Since 1850, HISTORY/ASIAN AM 160 Asian American History: Movement and Dislocation, & HISTORY/JEWISH 213 Jews and American Pop. Culture.

³ Some L&S Breadth requirements will be satisfied with History coursework. History classes will complete the additional Humanities Breadth credits (the Humanities credits that are not Literature) and may also complete Social Science Breadth.

⁴ History is a flexible major and can be combined with a wide range of other majors and certificates. We encourage students to be thoughtful in how they approach their elective credits, whether that means pursuing an additional major or creating an individual plan of study that draws from multiple disciplines.

⁵ HISTORY 201 The Historian's Craft or HIST SCI 211 The Historian's Craft: Science, Medicine, and Technology may be taken as soon as you have completed the Communication A requirement. Students should try to complete the Historian's Craft by the end of the second year.

⁶ History offers two optional careers courses that expose students to, and prepare them for, the wide range of careers pursued by history majors: HISTORY 300 & HISTORY 301. History at Work: Professional Skills of the Major (HISTORY 300) connects students to History alumni in different fields and helps develop essential career skills related to the value of the major. History at Work: History Internship Seminar

(HISTORY 301) allows students to receive credit toward their major requirements for work associated with an internship.

⁷ HISTORY 600 or HIST SCI 555 may be taken at any point after a student has completed either HISTORY 201 The Historian's Craft or HIST SCI 211 The Historian's Craft: Science, Medicine, and Technology.

History 600s and History of Science 555 are offered on a variety of topics every semester and they provide students with the rich experience of a small, faculty-led seminar. They may be taken for credit more than once as long as the topics are different.

* Students must declare a major by the time they reach 86 credits.

**Please refer to the Requirements tab in Guide for College of Letters & Science Breadth and Degree Requirements as well as Residence and Quality of Work requirements for the major.