

## What is History?

History examines the human experience from its origins to the present. Beyond introductory surveys, courses focus on various regions (Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America, United States), time periods (ancient, medieval, early modern, and modern), and methods (economic, social, quantitative, political, cultural). Interdisciplinary programs incorporate history into a variety of other programs (e.g., history of medicine, international relations, various area studies majors, women's studies).

## What are the major requirements?

Go to [www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html](http://www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html) and select "Undergraduate majors."

## How do I declare a History major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser, a professor, or a teaching assistant to learn about the History major's requirements.
2. When you decide upon a History major, meet with the undergraduate adviser from the department to complete a Major Program form.
3. Bring a copy of the form or plan to your CLA student community.
4. If you decide to change your major, contact your student community to learn more about your new major's declaration process.

## What can I do with a major in History?

### Skills

History majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers.

These skills include:

- Detailed knowledge of the past
- Critical thinking skills
- Research skills
- Ability to formulate clear and persuasive messages verbally and in writing
- Listening, clarifying, questioning, and responding skills
- Foreign language training
- Independent, self-motivated work ethic
- Ability to work well with diverse groups

### Employment

Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

- Government—public information, research, campaigns
- Law—research, education, litigation, paralegal, legal secretary
- Media—writing, editing, public relations, management
- Business—marketing, human resources, sales, consulting

## For more information:

### About the History major:

Undergraduate Advising  
660 Social Science  
(612) 624-5227

<http://www.hist.umn.edu/>

### About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:

CLA Social Sciences Student Community

575 Heller Hall

(612) 626-7714

<http://socsci.class.umn.edu/>

or

CLA Martin Luther King, Jr. Program

19 Johnston Hall

(612) 625-2300

<http://www.class.umn.edu/mlk/>

[mlk@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:mlk@class.cla.umn.edu)

### About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:

Career and Community

Learning Center

135 Johnston Hall

(612) 624-7577

[www.cclc.umn.edu/](http://www.cclc.umn.edu/)

[cclc@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:cclc@class.cla.umn.edu)

### About graduation with honors:

CLA Honors Division

20 Nicholson

(612) 624-5522

[www.honors.class.umn.edu/](http://www.honors.class.umn.edu/)

[honors@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:honors@class.cla.umn.edu)

- Public Relations and Advertising—corporate public affairs, lobbying
- Nonprofit—museum work, fundraising, programming, management
- Education—teaching, research, student affairs

Today's workplace requires individuals with interpersonal skills, the ability to communicate effectively, an ability to solve problems, and adaptability. CLA graduates find that they are well-prepared in all these areas and that their education—especially when combined with experience gained through internships, volunteer positions, past jobs, and other collegiate involvement—makes them competitive.

The **Career & Community Learning Center** provides students with the tools to identify and pursue potential careers. An extensive resource room, career courses and workshops, and a helpful staff are just some of the ways we can help.

## **Remember!**

You have not declared a major until you have:

- completed a Major Program form with your major adviser,
- filed a copy with the major department,
- and filed a copy with your CLA student community.

**Don't forget: keep a copy for yourself!**