

# SOCIAL SCIENCES > HISTORY

The work of a historian is to reconstruct and analyze the past, using texts, artifacts, and images that exist today. Through the study of the past, we come to understand our present and can help shape the future. Historians are storytellers, writers, and leaders. A History degree from Wayne State College will prepare you to analyze data, solve problems, and communicate effectively - highly-sought skills for employers. Graduates of our History degree program understand the past that brought us into the modern world. Because history gives you a broad, solid foundation, your career opportunities are countless. A History degree will prepare you well to face the future in a wide variety of career paths. You could teach, work in a museum, go on to study law, or even find success in business. History majors have low unemployment rates relative to other popular majors and comparable annual earnings to all majors with a bachelor's degree.

## fast facts

### Hours:

42 hours for concentration

30 hours in general education

*At least 120 hours are required for graduation from Wayne State College. You may add electives or a minor to help meet these requirements.*

**Degrees offered:** B.A. or B.S.

**Department:** History, Politics, and Geography

**School:** Arts and Humanities

**Internship:** Encouraged but not required

**Recommended minors:** Political Science, Geography, Criminal Justice, Journalism, Philosophy, Pre-Law, Sociology, Business, Public Health, Geospatial Technology, Travel and Tourism, Spanish, Computer Science, Graphic Design

## focus on results

### Skills Learned

- Analysis of contemporary events based on historical precedent
- Ability to argue effectively with evidence
- Creative problem-solving
- Culturally sensitive communication skills
- Workplace adaptability
- Research and writing techniques
- Critical thinking

### Possible Careers

- Management in a variety of fields
- Law
- Librarian
- Administrator
- Sales
- Public history
- Researcher
- Curator
- Archivist
- Travel and tourism
- Writer/author

### Types of Employers

- Schools, colleges, and universities
- Private businesses
- Law firms
- Libraries
- Public institutions
- State and national parks
- Think tanks
- Nonprofit organizations
- Consultancy firms
- State and federal agencies
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)

## outside the classroom

### Activities / Opportunities

- Constitution Day
- Multicultural events
- Peer mentoring and tutoring
- Service-Learning
- Study Abroad
- Voter registration drive

### Clubs / Organizations

- Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honorary)
- Pi Gamma Mu (Social Sciences Honorary)



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# Sample program of study

2024-25 Academic Year

Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. There is no substitute for developing a careful course registration plan in consultation with your advisor. The class sequence listed is suggested only. The final decision rests with the student and academic advisor.

Students are strongly encouraged to consider taking a foreign language as part of their General Studies program. (See appropriate section of catalog.) Please see catalog for a complete listing of program requirements.

HIS 170/171 and HIS 280/281 should be taken in sequence.

## Freshman - 1st semester

ENG 102 English Composition Skills (General Studies CAT 1).....	3
GEO 120 World Regional Geography.....	3
HIS 280 America: 15,000 B.C. to 1845 (General Studies CAT 5).....	3
Math or Science by advisement (General Studies CAT 3 or CAT 7).....	3-4
General Studies by advisement.....	6

## Freshman - 2nd semester

CNA 100 Principles of Human Communication (General Studies CAT 2).....	3
HIS 281 America: 1845-1945.....	3
Math or Science by advisement (General Studies CAT 3 or CAT 7).....	3-4
General Studies by advisement.....	6

## Sophomore - 1st semester

HIS 170 World Civilizations I.....	3
HIS 385 America: 1945 to the Present.....	3
Minor course.....	3
General Studies by advisement.....	9

## Sophomore - 2nd semester

HIS 171 World Civilizations II.....	3
Upper-level POS course from social sciences core.....	3
History electives by advisement.....	3-6
Minor course(s).....	3-6
General Studies by advisement.....	3

## Junior - 1st semester

HIS major courses by advisement.....	6
Electives.....	3
Minor course(s).....	3-6

## Junior - 2nd semester

HIS 480 Historiography Seminar.....	3
HIS major courses by advisement.....	6
Minor course.....	3

## Senior

SSC 490 Social Sciences Research Seminar.....	3
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Continue coursework to fulfill remaining major, minor, and graduation requirements.

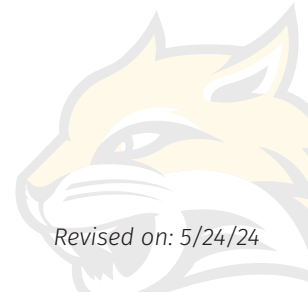
## history faculty



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