

# 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

**Credit hours:** 42 (non-comprehensive) or 48

*Students must also take 30 credit hours of General Studies courses. A total of 120 credit hours are needed to graduate from WSC. Additional majors or minors can be added to help meet graduation requirements.*

**Degree options:** B.A. or B.S.

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

**School:** Arts and Humanities

**Popular pairings:** Art History, Geography, Geospatial Technology, International Business Studies, International Studies, Political Science, Pre-Law

## 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
- Rural Law Opportunities Program (RLOP)
- Service-Learning
- Study Abroad

### Clubs / Organizations

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



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The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

## Program courses

### Social Sciences Core Courses

GEO 120 World Regional Geography .....	3
HIS 385 America, 1945 to the Present.....	3
Select one of the following political science courses.....	3
POS 350 The American Presidency (3)	
POS 355 Politics of the Supreme Court (3)	
POS 365 Comparative Government and Politics (3)	
POS 420 American Constitutional Law (3)	
POS 425 Rights and Liberties (3)	
POS 445 Public Administration and Management (3)	
Select one of the following courses.....	3
SSC 490 Social Sciences Research Seminar (3)	
Appropriate Honors Course 395 or 499 (3)	

### History Concentration

HIS 170 World Civilizations I.....	3
HIS 171 World Civilizations II.....	3
HIS 280 America, 15000 BC to 1845.....	3
HIS 281 America, 1845-1945.....	3
U.S. upper-level history electives .....	3
Non-U.S. upper-level history electives.....	6
History electives by advisement .....	6-9*
Upper-level history electives (required only for the 48-hour option).....	9

\*Take 9 credits of history electives by advisement for the 42-hour option; take 6 credits for the 48-hour option.

## Student learning outcomes

1. Demonstrate significant knowledge of chronology, geography, and events in history
2. Evaluate a variety of historical sources for their credibility, position, and perspective
3. Analyze interpretations about the past in scholarly books and articles, including contextualizing, explaining, and corroborating sources
4. Communicate historical knowledge and analysis in writing

## history faculty



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