

HISTORY EDUCATION

Subject endorsement to teach grades 6-12

The History Education endorsement at Wayne State prepares students for teaching careers in grade levels 6-12. The study of history helps us gain a broad understanding of what happened in the past and what it can teach us. The discipline encompasses past and present civilizations and studies aspects of their political, social, economic, and intellectual development. It's an important subject to be taught in school. As the study of what has happened, history can open you up to a deeper understanding of things such as politics, religion, economics, and general culture trends.

In addition to choosing the History subject endorsement, you will need to select a second subject endorsement to receive your B.A. or B.S.

fast facts

Credit hours: 78

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.

Departments: History, Politics, and Geography; Educational Foundations and Leadership

Schools: Arts and Humanities; Education and Behavioral Sciences

Popular pairings: Geography Education, Political Science Education

focus on results

Skills Learned

- World cultures and civilizations
- 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
- Classroom management and curricular development

Possible Careers

- History teacher
- History tutor
- Public historian
- Research specialist
- Preservation specialist
- Public policy analyst
- Cultural resource manager
- Archivist
- Curator
- Tour guide

Types of Employers

- Middle schools
- High schools
- Colleges and universities
- Education and learning centers
- Museums and exhibitions
- Historical societies
- Conservation societies
- National parks
- Government / federal agencies
- Libraries

outside the classroom



Visit www.wsc.edu/clubs to learn more about clubs and organizations on campus.

Activities/Opportunities

- Multicultural events
- Constitution Day
- Service-Learning
- Study Abroad
- Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy (NENTA)

Clubs/Organizations

- Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA) Aspiring Educators
- Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honorary)
- Pi Gamma Mu (Social Sciences Honorary)

Courses and outcomes

2026-27 Academic Year

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 Content Courses

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
POS 100 American National Government.....	3
U.S. upper-level History electives.....	3
Non-U.S. upper-level HIS electives.....	6
Upper-level HIS electives.....	9

Professional Education Courses

EDU 150 Introduction to Professional Education	3
EDU 245 Preparing for Level 2: Teacher Candidacy.....	0
EDU 250 Human Development and Cognition.....	3
EDU 275 PK-12 Instructional Design.....	3
EDU 310 Reading, Writing, and Assessment in Content Areas.....	2
EDU 409 Content Area Methods and Assessment (Social Sciences).....	3
EDU 414 Content Area Practicum Experience.....	1
EDU 445 Preparing for Level 3: Clinical Practice	0
EDU 456 Clinical Practice and Seminar for the Secondary School.....	12
SPD 302 Inclusion and Co-teaching in General Education.....	3
SPD 436 Classroom Management through Social Emotional Learning 7-12.....	3

Student learning outcomes

History programs

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

Education programs

- Teacher candidates who successfully complete an education preparation program at Wayne State will be able to:
1. Create environments that support individual and collaborative learning using knowledge of how students grow and develop, along with individual differences and diverse cultures. (InTASC Standards 1-3)
 2. Plan for instruction by applying content knowledge, a variety of instructional strategies, and multiple methods of

- assessment to connect concepts for learners in real-world applications. (InTASC Standards 4-8)
3. Engage in ongoing professional learning and use evidence to reflect on and adapt practice to meet the needs of each learner. (InTASC Standard 9)
 4. Seek leadership roles and opportunities to take responsibility for student learning, to collaborate with stakeholders, and to advance the profession. (InTASC Standard 10)

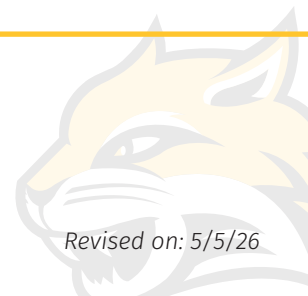
history faculty



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