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If you seek to understand how and why the world came to be the way that it is today, then the study of History is your starting point, and the Department of History should become your academic home.

At the most fundamental level, History majors ask "How did we get to this point?" And in seeking the answers to that question, they gain deep and rich insights into both the great diversity and the binding commonalities of the human experience. Ultimately, then, the study of History helps us to define and understand the most essential elements of our own identity – who we are, where we come from, and how we are connected. Who could ask for a more important, dramatic, or rewarding academic endeavor?

History is an ideal undergraduate major for reasons beyond the extraordinary sense of context, perspective, and cultural awareness that it produces. It is valuable as well for the methodological, analytical, and communication skills that it develops in its students. In other words – and contrary to what many may believe – a major in history produces practical and marketable skills for which employers in all fields are looking. Thus, a major in History opens the door to the proverbial best of both worlds: it provides an exciting, stimulating, and multidimensional intellectual experience, while simultaneously preparing the graduate for a wide array of career opportunities.

Course Highlights in History:

- The Crusades
- The American Revolution
- The Holocaust
- American Immigration & Ethnic History
- Alexander the Great
- Women in America
- Religion In Early America
- Latin American Environmental History
- Israel and Palestine
- Roman Empire

Knowledge & Skills Gained as a History Major:

Knowledge

- An opportunity for deep analysis and understanding of why and how events in the past occurred, and a heightened awareness of the continuing impact of those events in today's world
- A richer understanding of the historical forces that have polarized groups, societies, and nations in the past, as an essential framework for addressing and resolving the challenges of today

Skills

- Ask and answer complicated questions through the use of sophisticated research techniques
- Organize and critically analyze various types of information, drawn from a wide array of sources
- Consider multiple interpretations and varying narrative perspectives
- Produce high-quality written reports of their findings and interpretations
- Orally report and discuss their findings

History Major at a glance:

Number of majors: 110
Degrees offered: B.A. and B.S.
Credit hours needed: 36
Minors offered: Yes (Minor in History and several interdisciplinary minors available)

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Career Opportunities:

By nature, Liberal Arts majors make great employees in any field because of their ability to communicate effectively, think critically and solve complex problems. These timeless skills make them attractive to employers in a variety of professions. Specifically though, History majors often pursue careers as:

- Attorneys
- Business-owners
- Archivists
- Museum Directors/Curators
- Paralegals
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Government workers/analysts of all types
- Teachers
- Politicians or political staffers
- Publicists or public relations specialists
- Medical professionals of all types

When the History major is matched with complementary minors and thoughtful internships, new possibilities arise. A few examples are:

- **History** + Political Science minor = Attorney
- **History** + Museum internship = Museum curator/ archivist/exhibit specialist
- **History** + Biology minor = Medical professional
- **History** + Psychology minor = Non-governmental organization employee/counselor/social service provider
- **History** + Education = Primary/secondary teacher
- **History** + Anthropology = Archaeologist

Student Opportunities:

- **Phi Alpha Theta** - History Honorary Society
- **Inter-Tribal Student Council**
- **Phi Alpha Delta** - National Pre-Law Honorary Society
- **Pi Gamma Mu** - International Social Sciences Honorary Society
- Funding for student research
- Annual student awards
- Local Internships

"So this was the big secret historians keep to themselves: historical research is wildly seductive and fun. There's a thrill in the process of digging, then piecing together details like a puzzle."

Nancy Horan

For more information:

For program information, contacts and course requirements visit:

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