

# History Major Application and Information

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## Included in this packet:

1. Requirements for Major (Green)
2. History Major Application (Blue)
3. Checklist for History's Major Requirements (Yellow)
4. List of History Faculty and their specializations (Orange)

## What to do:

1. Fill out the information on both the blue and yellow sheets.
2. **Choose an advisor** with whom you would like to work from the Faculty Specialization Sheet. (Their office hours are posted outside 450 McGraw Hall and on the department website. We do not make appointments for Professors – please email them directly.)
3. **Meet with your new History advisor, discuss a plan for successful completion of the major, fill out both the blue and yellow forms, and have your new History advisor sign and date both forms.**
4. Please return both the completed and signed blue and yellow forms to Judy Yonkin in 450 McGraw Hall.
5. The yellow sheet that you and your advisor work with to determine what courses you have taken or plan to take to fulfill all major requirements must be updated after each meeting with your advisor and returned to the main office.
6. Majors **MUST** meet with their advisor to discuss their progress during the junior year. And then again at the beginning of their senior year to fill out the application to graduate.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Judy Yonkin.

**Students who are interested in information on Honors in the History Major, please see Judy Yonkin for separate application/info.**

## **Requirements for the History Major**

*Separate application available*

- Students must complete (or be taking) two history courses before applying to the history major.
- 9 history courses (with a grade of “C” or better)
- 3 of the nine courses must be in history before 1800 (Courses that fulfill the Arts & Sciences historical breadth requirement do not necessarily fulfill the History pre-1800 requirement.)
- 4 of the nine courses must be courses categorized as outside of U.S. History
- 2 of the nine courses must be seminars, and one of these seminars must be a 4000-level seminar. Service-learning courses offered at the 4000-level may not be used to fulfill the 4000-level seminar requirement.

Note: a single course may count to fulfill more than one of the requirements. However, you are still required to complete a total of NINE history courses for successful completion of the major. A list of courses designated as “pre-1800” and “outside U.S. History” is posted at the History office (450 McGraw Hall) and these designations are included at the end of each course description.

**Note: Students are only allowed to petition for a total of TWO to THREE transfer courses from another institution to be counted towards the major's requirements. The number of transfer credits allowed is determined by the length of time away. See History Major Transfer Credit Form.**

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## **Requirements for Honors in History**

*Separate application available*

- 10 history courses (with a grade of “C” or better), which include:
  - History 4000 (Introduction to Historical Research), taken in sophomore or junior year. Majors wishing to continue to HIST 4001 are required to apply to the Honors Program and find a thesis supervisor by **May 15<sup>th</sup>** of junior year.
  - History 4001 (Honors Guidance: Thesis Research) taken during the fall semester of senior year.
  - History 4002 (Honors Guidance: Thesis Writing) taken during the spring semester of senior year.
- At least a 3.5 average within the History department
- 3 of the ten courses must be in history before 1800
- 4 of the ten courses must be outside of U.S. History
- 2 of the ten courses, must be seminars. One of these seminars must be a 4000-level seminar. Service-learning 4000-level courses may not be used to fulfill the 4000-level seminar requirement.

Note: History majors who wish both to study abroad (or in Cornell-in-Washington) and to enter the honors program should consult their advisors or the DUS as soon as possible after declaring the major. The department requires all honors students to enroll in History 4000 before writing a thesis in their senior year; students may not enroll simultaneously in 4000 and 4001 (the first term of thesis-writing). So planning ahead is essential, especially if you intend to spend a full year abroad.

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## **Requirements for the History Minor**

*Separate application available*

The History Minor is designed to be a straightforward opportunity to sample the offerings of the department. Students may choose to take courses in a few different regions and time periods or to focus on the one particular area of history they're most interested in. Either way, students will have the chance to deepen their knowledge of the past and sharpen their analytical and writing skills.

- 5 courses within the Department of History (that is, only courses offered or crosslisted in the department)
  - All five courses must be taken for letter grades, with a grade of C or better, and either 3 or 4 credits each.
  - First-Year Writing seminars do **not** count for the minor
- 1 of the five courses must be a seminar at the 2000-level or above

Note: Transfer, advanced placement, or study abroad credits are **not** eligible.

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## **Requirements for the Interdisciplinary Minor in the History of Capitalism**

*Separate application available*

Capitalism has delivered unrivaled prosperity, but with many social costs. Understanding capitalism's past is essential to understanding our world today—as well as tomorrow. How has it been defined? How has it developed at different times and in different parts of the world? Students undertaking the minor will be exposed to many different perspectives on capitalism, enabling them to critically reflect on economic institutions and ideas, as well as understand how our global economy has come to be.

The minor is designed to provide students with the basic vocabulary of economics and business, and to deepen it with a longer, critical perspective on the development of capitalism. “Capitalism” has had many different meanings over time and students in the minor will also learn how its meanings have changed across time and how they continue to differ across place.

- 5 approved courses in History, ILR, Econ and other units. Students may request the inclusion of non-approved courses.
  - All five courses must be taken for letter grades, with a grade of C or better, and either 3 or 4 credits each.
- 1 course must be HIST 1540 - American Capitalism/AMST 1540/ILRLR 1845
- 1 course in Economics or Business (from an approved list)
- 3 historical courses (from an approved list)

Note: AP, Transfer, and Study Abroad courses are **not** eligible.



# THE HISTORY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS SHEET

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's CUID: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Students must complete (or be taking) two History courses before being admitted to the major.
- 2) Students must choose a History Advisor, meet and discuss a plan for successful completion of the major (fill out the chart below), and gain that advisor's signature on both the Requirements Sheet and Application before submitting these to the main office.
- 3) 9\* History Department courses must be completed with a C or better. Courses taken for entry can be counted towards the nine required.

*\*Many history courses will fulfill more than one of the following requirements. However, you must still take a total of NINE COURSES to complete the history major.*

## \_\_\_ 4 courses outside of American history

Course #	_____	Title:_____
	_____	Title:_____
	_____	Title:_____
	_____	Title:_____

## \_\_\_ 3 courses in history before 1800

Course #	_____	Title:_____
	_____	Title:_____
	_____	Title:_____

## \_\_\_ At least 2 seminars, one of which MUST BE a 4000-level (taken on Cornell Campus)

Course #	_____	Title:_____
	_____	Title:_____

## \_\_\_ Other history courses

Course #	_____	Title:_____
	_____	Title:_____

ADVISOR'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Student and Advisor Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_