

## What to do with a History Major?

The major in history gives students a broad grasp of world history and the cultural backgrounds of many segments of contemporary society. Students learn methods of historical research and exposition, effective writing, critical analysis, and research skills, interdisciplinary thinking and training, as well as curiosity and inquisitiveness. These skills may be applied not only by the professional historian but also by those interested in pursuing careers in government, education, law, the media, business, and other fields. Although not required, proficiency in at least one foreign language is recommended, especially for students who are considering graduate study in history.

Below are some of the career paths history majors commonly pursue.

Teacher, Social Studies	Lawyer
Historical Society Staff	Journalist
Historic Site Tour Guide	Lecturer
Urban Administrator	Genealogist
Community Relations	Librarian
Congressional Aide	Dir. Historian
Market Research Analyst	Park Ranger
Research Assistant	Archeologist
Intelligence Analyst	Curator
Government Official	FBI/CIA Agent
Foreign Service Officer	Economist
Legal Assistant/Paralegal	Editor
Peace Corps/Vista Worker	Urban Planner
Museum Tech. & Specialist	Writer/Author
Foreign News Correspondent	Clergy
Archivist/Historic Preservation	Lobbyist
Media Consultant/Public Relations	Criminologist

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**Federated  
Department  
of History**



The history faculty at Rutgers University-Newark and NJIT are joined in a single federated department that offers an integrated curriculum and joint undergraduate and graduate degree programs.



The Federated Department of History offers its students a wide range of excellent resources for the study of history, including:

- ◆ an outstanding faculty with nationally and internationally known scholars and teachers
- ◆ a broad selection of undergraduate and graduate course offerings, with extensive coverage of major historical periods and regions, from the ancient Middle East to contemporary America, Africa, and China, and a unique undergraduate and graduate program in the history of Technology, Environment and Health/Medicine
- ◆ opportunities for original research and writing, with particular emphasis upon the craft of historical writing
- ◆ internships with the Newark Museum and other local cultural institutions
- ◆ eligibility to participate in the certification programs offered by the Department of Urban Education at Rutgers University-Newark
- ◆ opportunities to share in the resources and facilities of both institutions, including the extensive library holdings of the Rutgers University system

The B.A. in History is offered jointly by the Federated History Department of Rutgers-Newark and NJIT.

#### **Major Requirements:**

The major requires 36 credits of history courses with a grade of C or higher. These courses may include offerings at Rutgers (510 and 512 prefixes) or NJIT (Hist prefix). Each program is subject to approval by an advisor or by the chairperson of the department. Specific requirements:

1. 6 credits in introductory western civilization: R510:201 and R510:202
2. 6 credits in any U.S. history (512 prefix) courses (any level)
3. 6 credits in any (510 prefix) Asian, African, Latin American, or Comparative history courses (any level)
4. 3 credits in Perspectives in History: R510:315 or R510:316
5. 3 credits in the History Seminar: Research (510:490). Open to Junior and Senior Majors
6. 12 additional credits in history, at least 6 of which must be taken at the 300 or 400 level

Students considering the history major are encouraged to contact a history faculty advisor to discuss their interests and career options.

#### **Department of History offers the following minors:**

##### **— History —**

- 18 credits are required for the minor in history:
- ◆ 3 credits in European history, including western civilization (510 prefix)
  - ◆ 3 credits in U.S. history (512 prefix)
  - ◆ 3 credits in Asian, African, Latin American, or Comparative history courses (510 prefix)
  - ◆ 9 credits in history electives (510 or 512 prefix)

##### **— Ancient and Medieval Civilizations (AMC) —**

18 credits are required for the minor in AMC:

- ◆ 6 credits of select history courses and courses in material and intellectual development according to the student's area of concentration
- ◆ 6 credits in Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Hebrew, or Latin selected according to the student's area of interest
- ◆ 6 credits in a mixture of the above two categories

##### **— Asian Studies —**

18 credits are required for the minor in Asian Studies:

- ◆ 6 credits in history related to any of the following: East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Near East, Middle East
- ◆ 12 credits in a combination of courses chosen from language study (Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Persian), history, humanities and/or social sciences

##### **— Film Studies —**

18 credits are required for the minor in Film Studies:

- ◆ The minor examines film as a form of art, entertainment, a business, and a political and social practice, tracing its evolution over time and its variants in different cultures.

Consult with the director or visit website for course selection.

##### **— Legal Studies —**

18 credits are required for the minor in Legal Studies:

- ◆ 6 credits of select required courses
- ◆ 12 credits in select electives courses (no more than two courses per department)

Consult with the director or visit website for course selection.

##### **— Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies (MEIS) —**

18 credits are required for the minor in MEIS:

- ◆ 9 credits of select core courses (from at least two different departments)
- ◆ 9 credits in a combination of select core and elective courses

Consult with the director or visit website for course selection.