

HISTORY MAJOR

Degree Requirements

All students are required to complete overall degree requirements in addition to their major. Please see Degree Completion Requirements (<https://catalog.hiram.edu/undergraduate/student-academic-responsibilities-performance/degree-completion-requirements/>) for full details for students entering in the 2024-2025 catalog year.

Those students who started at Hiram prior to the 2024-2025 academic year will follow the Degree Requirements outlined in your catalog of record.

Major Requirements

The history major requires a minimum of 12 courses or 38 hours. We advise students who wish to pursue graduate work to take more than the minimum number of courses. All history majors must take a minimum total of eight courses in any 3-3-2 combination in the three geographic regions: U.S., Europe, the World outside of Europe and North America. For example, a student may take three U.S. history courses, three European history courses, and two courses in the history of the rest of the world. Through these courses, students will learn civic knowledge and engagement as well as intercultural knowledge and competence.

Moreover, history students are strongly encouraged to take two courses of a foreign language, but they may substitute two additional history courses instead.

History majors are also required to take HIST 38000 JUNIOR SEMINAR, a junior research seminar, the topic of which varies from year to year, and the senior seminar, HIST 48000 SENIOR SEMINAR. Before a student can progress to the senior seminar, they must have earned at least a 2.5 grade-point average in the major or alternatively to have earned at least a B (3.0) in HIST 38000 JUNIOR SEMINAR.

History majors have the option of concentrating in a particular field of history. The concentrations we offer are history and law, gender history, and a regional area of history, such as Asian history. Students should discuss choosing a concentration with a faculty member in the history program. Students who are majoring in integrated social studies for the purpose of obtaining a license to teach will have different requirements and should consult with faculty in the education program in conjunction with the history program. The history program counts all Hiram history courses when calculating grade-point averages.

The History Senior Seminar

History majors are required to complete a professional-quality research paper in the senior year and to present their papers to the community in a public forum. The seminar paper should demonstrate thorough research using both primary and secondary historical sources, and the program encourages students to make an original argument supported by credible historical evidence. Students work with individual faculty members to research and write the seminar paper. With the completion of their papers, students present their work orally to the Hiram College community. Students with majors other than history sometimes choose to do the senior seminar with the history program. Students interested in doing this should consult with history faculty members before the senior year.

Requirements (12 courses or 38 credits)

Code	Title	Hours
Total of eight (8) courses in any 3-3-2 combination in the three geographic regions: U.S., Europe, and the World outside of Europe and North America.		
3 courses in one region		9-12
3 courses in one region		9-12
2 courses in remaining region		6-8
Junior and Senior Seminar		
HIST 38000	JUNIOR SEMINAR	4
HIST 48000	SENIOR SEMINAR ¹	4
Two Additional Courses		
2 Courses in FREN or SPAN STRONGLY RECOMMENDED		6-8
or 2 additional HIST Courses		
Total Hours		38-48

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Pathway

Course	Title	Hours	Term
First Year			
Fall 12 Week			
Select one 10000-level History elective (p. 2)		4	_____
UCS 10101	FIRST-YEAR ENDURING QUESTIONS	4	_____
Foreign Language Elective ¹		4	_____
Hours		12	
Fall 3 Week			
Foreign Language Elective ¹		3-4	_____
Hours		3-4	
Spring 12 Week			
Select one 10000-level History elective (p. 2)		4	_____
UCS 20201	ADDRESSING URGENT QUESTIONS	4	_____
Select one 20000-level History elective (p. 2)		4	_____
Hours		12	
Spring 3 Week			
Hiram Core Requirement		3-4	_____
Hours		3-4	
Second Year			
Fall 12 Week			
Select one 20000-level History elective (p. 2)		4	_____
Hiram Core Requirement		4	_____
Hiram Core Requirement		4	_____
Hours		12	
Fall 3 Week			
Select one 20000-level History elective (p. 2)		3-4	_____
Hours		3-4	
Spring 12 Week			
Select one 20000-level History elective (p. 2)		4	_____

Hiram Core Requirement	4	_____
Hiram Core Requirement	4	_____
Hours	12	
Spring 3 Week		
Select 20000-level History elective (p. 2)	3-4	_____
Hours	3-4	
Third Year		
Fall 12 Week		
UCS 30301 URGENT CHALLENGE SEMINAR:TT	4	_____
Select one 20000-level History elective (p. 2)	4	_____
Additional HIST, Elective, Minor, 2nd Major Course ¹	4	_____
Hours	12	
Fall 3 Week		
Select one 20000-level History elective (p. 2)	3-4	_____
Hours	3-4	
Spring 12 Week		
HIST 38000 JUNIOR SEMINAR	4	_____
Hiram Core Requirement	4	_____
Additional HIST, Elective, Minor, 2nd Major Course ¹	4	_____
Hours	12	
Spring 3 Week		
Additional HIST, Elective, Minor, 2nd Major Course ¹	3-4	_____
Hours	3-4	
Fourth Year		
Fall 12 Week		
HIST 48000 SENIOR SEMINAR	4	_____
Additional HIST, Elective, Minor, 2nd Major course ¹	4	_____
Additional HIST, Elective, Minor, 2nd Major course ¹	4	_____
Hours	12	
Fall 3 Week		
Additional HIST, elective, minor, 2nd major course ¹	3-4	_____
Hours	3-4	
Spring 12 Week		
Additional HIST, elective, minor, 2nd major course ¹	4	_____
Additional HIST, elective, minor, 2nd major course ¹	4	_____
Additional HIST, elective, minor, 2nd major course ¹	4	_____
Hours	12	
Spring 3 Week		
Additional HIST, Elective, Minor, 2nd Major Course ¹	3-4	_____
Hours	3-4	
Total Hours	120-128	

History Elective

Choose 8 courses in any 3-3-2 combination. Below is a sample of applicable courses. Please refer to the catalog and speak with a member of the program to get a complete list.

Code	Title	Hours
US		
HIST 14000	US HISTORY TO 1865:CA,UD	4
HIST 14100	US HIST 1865 TO PRESENT:CA,UD	4
HIST 24000	AMERICN ENVRONMNTAL HIST:CA,UD	4
HIST 24300	THE US WAR IN VIETNAM:CA,EW	3
European		
HIST 12100	EUROPE 500-1450:CA,EW	4
HIST 12200	MDRN EUROPE: 1450-PRESNT:CA,EW	4
HIST 22200	KINGS AND VIKINGS:CA,EW	3
HIST 25600	EUROPEAN SOCIETY & WAR:CA,EW	4
World, Asia, Non-West		
HIST 12800	WORLD HISTORY 1000-1800:CA,EW	4
HIST 13800	WORLD HIST 1750-PRESENT:CA,EW	4
HIST 25650	GENDER&SEXUALITY E ASIA:CA,EW	3
HIST 27800	CANNIBALS HEADHUNTER:CA,EW	3

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