History is the study of the causes and consequences of changes in human events across time. Like other liberal arts disciplines, historical study trains students to think critically by reading, writing about, and discussing the human experience. History stimulates a deeper understanding of today’s cultures by considering them in a global context. The goal of the study of history is to help students develop powers of judgment and expression that will propel them to future leadership positions in education, the professions, government and public service, international organizations, communications, and business.

The Department of History offers a broad-based Bachelor of Arts major and two Bachelor of Science options. One BS option emphasizes training in the social sciences and includes requirements in research methods as well as a minor in fields such as English, economics, political science, sociology, cinema studies, East Asian studies, or women’s studies. The other BS option seeks to prepare students for public history fields such as museum administration, archival management, or historic preservation. The Department of History participates in numerous interdisciplinary programs, including East Asian studies; cinema studies; environmental studies; international affairs; Jewish studies; Latino/a, Latin American, and Caribbean studies; and women’s studies.

All history majors take introductory courses in European, world, American, Middle Eastern, or East Asian history; an introductory course in historical methods; as well as advanced courses in a range of historical themes, periods, and regions. Students focus their studies by choosing a cluster of four courses in a particular geographical area, time period, or theme. The program emphasizes undergraduate research in the major and trains students to conduct research in archives and primary sources and to write research papers. Honors study is strongly encouraged for eligible students, as is study abroad. Advanced undergraduates have the opportunity to participate in individual directed study with members of the faculty on topics of mutual interest. Cooperative education placements, fieldwork, internships, and other experiential learning activities are also available.

Undergraduates who plan to teach in public schools may combine history with education courses that can lead to state certification in Massachusetts.

The Department of History offers qualified undergraduates the opportunity to pursue a combined BA/MA or BS/MA degree in five years, upon the approval of the department. Students with a minimum 3.330 cumulative GPA and minimum 3.500 GPA in required history courses may apply for admission to the five-year MA program in history.

Transferring to the Major
Same as college standards. Acceptance into the major is based on students’ ability to meet the department’s criteria for admission and the availability of space in the program.

Academic Progression Standards
Same as college standards.

BA in History

NU CORE REQUIREMENTS
See page 26 for requirement list.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA
See page 41 for requirement list.

HISTORY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Introductory History
Complete the following course:
HIST 1201 The History Colloquium 4 SH
and two additional courses from the following list:
AFAM 1140 Introduction to African-American History 4 SH
ASNS 1150 East Asian Studies 4 SH
HIST 1110 Introduction to World History 4 SH
HIST 1120 Introduction to Public History 4 SH
HIST 1130 Introduction to American History 4 SH
HIST 1170 Introduction to European History 4 SH
HIST 1180 African History 4 SH
HIST 1185 Introduction to Middle Eastern History 4 SH
HIST 1187 Introduction to Latin American History 4 SH
HIST 1189 Introduction to South Asian History 4 SH
WMNS 1103 Women’s Studies 4 SH

History Seminar and Historical Writing
Complete the following two courses concurrently:
HIST 2301 The History Seminar 4 SH
with HIST 2302 Historical Writing 1 SH

HISTORY CLUSTER
In conjunction with their history advisor, history majors must define a history cluster by the first semester of their junior year of study. A cluster comprises four history courses with no more than two courses in the 1200–1299 range.
ADDITIONAL HISTORY REQUIREMENTS

Pre-1800 Course
Complete one course from the following list. This course may count toward the history cluster or history elective:

- AFRS 2390 Africa and the World in Early Times 4 SH
- or HIST 2390 Africa and the World in Early Times 4 SH
- AFRS 2391 Modern African Civilization 4 SH
- AFRS 2392 African Diaspora 4 SH
- HIST 1210 Atlantic Connection 4 SH
- HIST 1222 History of Science and Technology 4 SH
- HIST 1250 Emergence of East Asia 4 SH
- HIST 1252 Japanese Literature and Culture 4 SH
- HIST 1270 Ancient Greece 4 SH
- HIST 1271 Ancient Rome 4 SH
- HIST 1272 The Invention of Europe 500–1500 4 SH
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- HIST 1285 Introduction to Russian Civilization 4 SH
- HIST 1507 Chinese Civilization in Her Eyes 4 SH
- HIST 2310 Spread of Buddhism 4 SH
- HIST 2330 Colonial and Revolutionary America 4 SH
- HIST 2370 Culture and Identity in Early Modern England 4 SH
- HIST 2375 Culture and Identity in Early Modern 4 SH
- HIST 2393 Islam and Empires 4 SH
- HIST 3411 Environment in the Age of Discovery 4 SH
- HIST 3475 The Culture of Europe 4 SH

Capstone or Project
Complete one of the following courses:

- HIST 4701 Capstone Seminar 4 SH
- HIST 4911 Senior Project 1 4 SH
- HIST 4912 Senior Project 2 4 SH

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED HISTORY COURSE REQUIREMENT
A minimum of three courses from the above requirements must be at a course level of HIST 2303 or higher. These courses may count toward the history cluster.

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT
The following course:

- HIST 2301 The History Seminar 4 SH

fulfills the University’s experiential education requirement.

HISTORY MAJOR CREDIT REQUIREMENT
Complete 41 semester hours in the major.

GENERAL ELECTIVES
Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION
If elected

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS
128 total semester hours required
Minimum 2.000 GPA required

BS in History

NU CORE REQUIREMENTS
See page 26 for requirement list.

HISTORY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Introductory History
Complete the following course:

- HIST 1201 The History Colloquium 4 SH

and two additional courses from the following list:

- AFAM 1140 Introduction to African-American History 4 SH
- ASNS 1150 East Asian Studies 4 SH
- HIST 1110 Introduction to World History 4 SH
- HIST 1120 Introduction to Public History 4 SH
- HIST 1130 Introduction to American History 4 SH
- HIST 1170 Introduction to European History 4 SH
- HIST 1180 African History 4 SH
- HIST 1185 Introduction to Middle Eastern History 4 SH
- HIST 1187 Introduction to Latin American History 4 SH
- WMNS 1103 Women’s Studies 4 SH

History Seminar and Historical Writing
Complete the following two courses concurrently:

- HIST 2301 The History Seminar 4 SH
- with HIST 2302 Historical Writing 1 SH

HISTORY CLUSTER
In conjunction with their history advisor, history majors must define a history cluster by the first semester of their junior year of study. A cluster comprises four history courses with no more than two courses in the 1200–1299 range.

ADDITIONAL HISTORY REQUIREMENTS

Pre-1800 Course
Complete one course from the following list. This course may count toward the history cluster:

- AFRS 2390 Africa and the World in Early Times 4 SH
- or HIST 2390 Africa and the World in Early Times 4 SH
- AFRS 2391 Modern African Civilization 4 SH
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**Research Methods**

Complete one course from the following list:

- CS 1100 Computer Science and Its Applications 4 SH
- ECON 2350 Statistics 4 SH
- ENVR 5260 Geographical Information Systems 4 SH
- MATH 1180 Statistical Thinking 4 SH
- MATH 2280 Statistics and Software 4 SH
- PHIL 1215 Symbolic Logic 4 SH
- POLS 2400 Quantitative Techniques 4 SH
- PSYC 2320 Statistics in Psychological Research 4 SH
- SOCL 2320 Statistical Analysis in Sociology 4 SH

**Capstone or Project**

Complete one of the following courses:

- HIST 4701 Capstone Seminar 4 SH
- HIST 4911 Senior Project 1 4 SH
- HIST 4912 Senior Project 2 4 SH

**Note:** Public history concentrators satisfy this requirement within the concentration with HIST 4903 and HIST 4904.

**MINOR OUTSIDE HISTORY**

Students must complete a minor in any field outside history.

**OPTIONAL PUBLIC HISTORY CONCENTRATION**

**Public History Courses**

Complete the following three courses (HIST 1120 is a prerequisite for HIST 4903 and HIST 4904):

- HIST 1120 Introduction to Public History 4 SH
- HIST 4903 Fieldwork in History 1 4 SH
- HIST 4904 Fieldwork in History 2 4 SH

**Graduate Public History Course**

Complete one graduate-level course in public history. See history faculty advisor for an approved list.

**EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT**

The following course:

- HIST 2301 The History Seminar 4 SH

fulfills the University’s experiential education requirement.

**INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED HISTORY COURSE REQUIREMENT**

A minimum of three courses from the above requirements must be at a course level of HIST 2303 or higher. These courses may count toward the history cluster.

**HISTORY MAJOR CREDIT REQUIREMENT**

Complete 45 semester hours in the major.

**GENERAL ELECTIVES**

Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

**COOPERATIVE EDUCATION**

If elected

**UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS**

128 total semester hours required
Minimum 2.000 GPA required

**BA/MA in History**

**NU CORE REQUIREMENTS**

See page 26 for requirement list.

**COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA**

See page 41 for requirement list.

**HISTORY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

**Introductory History**

Complete the following course:

- HIST 1201 The History Colloquium 4 SH

and two additional courses from the following list:

- AFAM 1140 Introduction to African-American History 4 SH
- ASNS 1150 East Asian Studies 4 SH
- HIST 1110 Introduction to World History 4 SH
- HIST 1120 Introduction to Public History 4 SH
- HIST 1130 Introduction to American History 4 SH
- HIST 1170 Introduction to European History 4 SH
- HIST 1180 African History 4 SH
- HIST 1185 Introduction to Middle Eastern History 4 SH
- HIST 1187 Introduction to Latin American History 4 SH
- HIST 1189 Introduction to South Asian History 4 SH
- WMNS 1103 Women’s Studies 4 SH

**History Seminar and Historical Writing**

Complete the following two courses concurrently:

- HIST 2301 The History Seminar 4 SH
- HIST 2302 Historical Writing 1 SH

**HISTORY CLUSTER**

In conjunction with their history advisor, history majors must define a history cluster by the first semester of their junior year of study. A cluster comprises four history courses with no more than two courses in the 1200–1299 range.

**ADDITIONAL HISTORY REQUIREMENTS**

**Pre-1800 Course**

Complete one course from the following list. This course may count toward the history cluster or history elective:

- AFRS 2390 Africa and the World in Early Times 4 SH
- AFRS 2390 Africa and the World in Early Times 4 SH
- AFRS 2391 Modern African Civilization 4 SH
- AFRS 2392 African Diaspora 4 SH
- HIST 1210 Atlantic Connection 4 SH
- HIST 1222 History of Science and Technology 4 SH
- HIST 1250 Emergence of East Asia 4 SH
HIST 1252 Japanese Literature and Culture 4 SH
HIST 1270 Ancient Greece 4 SH
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HIST 2375 Culture and Identity in Early Modern England 4 SH
HIST 2393 Islam and Empires 4 SH
HIST 3411 Environment in the Age of Discovery 4 SH
HIST 3475 The Culture of Europe 4 SH

Capstone or Project
Complete one of the following courses:
HIST 4701 Capstone Seminar 4 SH
HIST 4911 Senior Project 1 4 SH
HIST 4912 Senior Project 2 4 SH

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED HISTORY COURSE REQUIREMENT
A minimum of three courses from the above requirements must be at a course level of HIST 2303 or higher. These courses may count toward the history cluster.

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT
The following course:
HIST 2301 The History Seminar 4 SH
fulfills the University’s experiential education requirement.

GRADUATE-LEVEL HISTORY REQUIREMENTS

Required Course
Complete the following course:
HIST 5101 Theory and Methodology 1 4 SH

Graduate Electives
Complete seven graduate electives.

GRADUATE GPA REQUIREMENT
Minimum GPA of 3.000 required in all graduate HIST courses

GENERAL ELECTIVES
Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION
If elected

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS
160 total semester hours required
Minimum 2,000 GPA required for undergraduate courses
Minimum 3,000 GPA required for graduate courses

BS/MA in History

NU CORE REQUIREMENTS
See page 26 for requirement list.

HISTORY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Introductory History
Complete the following course:
HIST 1201 The History Colloquium 4 SH
and two additional courses from the following list:
AFAM 1140 Introduction to African-American History 4 SH
ASNS 1150 East Asian Studies 4 SH
HIST 1110 Introduction to World History 4 SH
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HIST 1185 Introduction to Middle Eastern History 4 SH
HIST 1187 Introduction to Latin American History 4 SH
HIST 1189 Introduction to South Asian History 4 SH
WMNS 1103 Women’s Studies 4 SH

History Seminar and Historical Writing
Complete the following two courses concurrently:
HIST 2301 The History Seminar 4 SH
with HIST 2302 Historical Writing 1 SH

HISTORY CLUSTER
In conjunction with their history advisor, history majors must define a history cluster by the first semester of their junior year of study. A cluster comprises four history courses with no more than two courses in the HIST 1200–1299 range.

ADDITIONAL HISTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR BS STUDENTS

Pre-1800 Course
Complete one course from the following list. This course may count toward the history cluster:
AFRS 2390 Africa and the World in Early Times 4 SH
or HIST 2390 Africa and the World in Early Times 4 SH
AFRS 2391 Modern African Civilization 4 SH
AFRS 2392 African Diaspora 4 SH
HIST 1210 Atlantic Connection 4 SH
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Research Methods
Complete one course from the following list:
CS 1100  Computer Science and Its Applications  4 SH
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MATH 1180  Statistics and Software  4 SH
MATH 2280  Statistics and Software  4 SH
PHIL 1215  Symbolic Logic  4 SH
POLSC 2400  Quantitative Techniques  4 SH
PSYC 2320  Statistics in Psychological Research  4 SH
SOC 3230  Statistical Analysis in Sociology  4 SH

Capstone or Project
Complete one of the following courses:
HIST 4701  Capstone Seminar  4 SH
HIST 4911  Senior Project 1  4 SH
HIST 4912  Senior Project 2  4 SH

Note: Public history concentrators satisfy this requirement within the concentration with HIST 4903 and HIST 4904.

MINOR OUTSIDE HISTORY
Students must complete a minor in any field outside history.

OPTIONAL PUBLIC HISTORY CONCENTRATION
Public History Courses
Complete the following three courses (HIST 1120 is a prerequisite for HIST 4903 and 4904):
HIST 1120  Introduction to Public History  4 SH
HIST 4903  Fieldwork in History 1  4 SH
HIST 4904  Fieldwork in History 2  4 SH

Graduate Public History Course
Complete one graduate-level course in public history. See history faculty advisor for an approved list.

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT
The following course:
HIST 2301  The History Seminar  4 SH
fulfills the University’s experiential education requirement.

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED HISTORY COURSE REQUIREMENT
A minimum of three courses from the above requirements must be at a course level of HIST 2303 or higher. These courses may count toward the history cluster.