



UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHERN COLORADO

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

History

Welcome to the History Major at the University of Northern Colorado! The faculty looks forward to working with you as we explore together the complex and fascinating world of history.

The Department of History is widely recognized for its outstanding teaching and faculty. You will find us to be innovative and engaging teachers who are excited to work with you. When you declare a major in History, you will be assigned a full-time faculty member who will serve as your advisor. You will meet with you advisor at least once every semester as we help you select courses and make sure you are making good progress towards graduation. If you ever have any questions, you can always get in touch with me at fritz.fischer@unco.edu or your advisor at firstname.lastname@unco.edu. We have two undergraduate majors, History Liberal Arts and History Secondary Education.

THE HISTORY LIBERAL ARTS MAJOR consists of 4 pieces: The Liberal Arts Core (green sheet); the History major courses (pink sheet); a minor of your choice (usually 18 credits); and typically about 7 classes you take because they interest you. If you double major, no minor is needed.

REQUIRED COURSES:

- One of the following
 - HIST 100(US History to 1877)
 - HIST 101(US History from 1877)
 - HIST 120(Western Civilization to 1689)
 - HIST 121(Western Civilization from 1689)
- One of the following:
 - HIST 112: Asian Civilization to 1500
 - HIST 113: Asian Civilization since 1500
 - HIST 114: World History to 1500
 - HIST 115: World History since 1500
 - HIST 118: History of Mexico
- Any two additional 100-level HIST courses of your choice from those listed above.
- HIST 280: Sophomore Seminar
- LIB 180: History Library Research
- HIST 480: Senior Seminar

You do not need to take the 100-level courses in any particular order because they are designed to introduce you to the subject area. Take what interests you!

Each history major then takes 8 upper division courses in History (200 level and above). At least 6 need to be 300 level and above. At some point you will decide which geographic area of history most interests you: US History, European History or World History (Asian, African, Latin American and general world courses). You take 4 courses from your “favorite” area and 2 from each of the other two areas.

SO WHAT SHOULD YOU TAKE IN YOUR FIRST SEMESTER HERE AT UNC?

ENG 122 Composition

2 100-level HIST classes

2 LAC classes, especially from areas 3,5,or 8...EXPLORE!

THE HISTORY SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJOR consists of 4 pieces: The Liberal Arts Core; the History major courses, including both History and Social Science courses; and what we call the STEP program (Secondary Teacher Education Program) which includes education courses and field-work in local schools.

For this major, the required HIST courses are:

- HIST 100(US History to 1877)
- HIST 100(US History from 1877)
- One of the following:
 - HIST 114: World History to 1500
 - HIST 115: World History since 1500
- One of the following:
 - HIST 120(Western Civilization to 1689)
 - HIST 121(Western Civilization from 1689)
 - HIST 112: Asian Civilization to 1500
 - HIST 113: Asian Civilization since 1500
 - HIST 118: History of Mexico
- HIST 280: Sophomore Seminar
- LIB 180: History Library Research
- HIST 480: Senior Seminar

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You will also need to take following(these social science courses are required because your teaching license will be to teach all of social studies, not only history):

- ANT 110 Cultural Anthropology (also counts for Area 7 of the Liberal Arts Core)
- ECON 203 Macroeconomics (also counts for Area 5 of the Liberal Arts Core)
- GEOG 100 World Geography (also counts for Area 5 of the Liberal Arts Core)
- PSCI 100 American National Government (also counts for Area 5 of the Liberal Arts Core)

Two additional courses, 200 level or higher, in GEOG OR ECON OR PSCI.

In the fall or spring of your sophomore year, you will apply for the teaching, or STEP, program.

This requires a 2.5 cumulative gpa. Beginning in either the spring of your sophomore year or the fall of your junior year, you will begin to take the STEP program.

A most rewarding (and challenging!)part of the STEP program is the work you will do in local high schools and middle schools. Every semester in the STEP program requires extensive engagement with the schools, culminating in a full time student teaching experience in your final semester.

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2 100-level HIST classes

2 of these: GEOG 100; ANT 110; PSCI 100