

Undergraduate Programs

*H*istorians study the impact of time and change on human affairs. From this perspective, the curriculum of the History Department provides students an understanding of the past designed to foster a critical and humane approach to the complexities of the present. The department offers a comprehensive range of courses that explore the historical development of a broad spectrum of human societies and enhance students' appreciation of their own and other cultures. Our curriculum also emphasizes skills of critical thinking and writing that students will find indispensable as they pursue a variety of careers, including education, research, law, business, public affairs, and the service professions. History is a flexible major which combines well with a wide choice of minors. The Department offers courses leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts as well as a minor.

We have organized the information into the following sections.

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MAJOR/MINOR WORK SHEETS**

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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Major in History for the Bachelor of Arts Degree (36 cr. Hours)

Required Courses:

Two courses in European History: 6 cr.

HIST 111A World History: West to 1500.3 cr.

HIST 111 B World History: West, 1500- Present. 3 cr.

Two courses in United States History: 6 cr.

HIST 214 United States History to 1877.....3 cr.

HIST 215 United States History, 1877-Present ..3 cr.

Two courses in non-European and non-United States History: 6 cr.

The courses can be taken *at any level* in the following areas; they are usually satisfied by:

HIST 111C World History: East Asia.3cr.

HIST 111D World History: Latin America. .3cr.

HIST 111E World History: Africa. 3 cr.

Six courses (18 cr.) chosen from 300-level electives in history with the approval of an advisor

Total 36 cr.

NOTE: Only one section of each of the following courses may apply to the major: HIST 390, HIST 393. History 391 and 392 may be repeated with varying topics. Students will be expected to keep a record of titles of these courses and names of the instructors who taught them.

History/Secondary Ed double majors are required to complete 8 semester hours in U.S. history, which effectively means that they will need to take a 300-level course in U.S. History in addition to the two U.S. survey courses (History 214 and History 215). They are also required to take a basic course in Economics. Consult the Secondary Education and Economics Departments for more information about these requirements.

All history majors are required to establish an **Assessment Portfolio** with the departmental secretary before graduation. The purpose of this portfolio is solely to assess the effectiveness of the history curriculum in meeting the goals of the major. The portfolio will consist of either one research paper of at least 10 pages in length, or three theme papers of 3-5 pages in length (book reviews are not acceptable). The paper(s) must have been written for course work in history at Northeastern. Although this portfolio will be assessed only for statistical purposes, students are nonetheless encouraged to submit their best work for evaluation.

STUDENTS ARE THEREFORE ADVISED TO KEEP COPIES OF ALL APPROPRIATE HISTORY PAPERS (or they may deposit copies of their papers with the departmental secretary at the time such papers are handed back by their instructors).

Minor in History (18 cr. hrs.)

Six history courses (18 credit hours) of which a minimum of nine credit hours must be earned at the 300-level, chosen in consultation with a departmental advisor.

Students in the Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education programs who have selected this minor must take an additional course in U.S. history, beyond the 6 courses in the History minor. Students in these fields should consult with their major advisor.

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WORKSHEET FOR MAJOR

COURSE	Cr.Hr.	Satisfied by	Cr.Hr. NEIU	Other institution	Grade
HIST 111A	3	HIST			
HIST 111B	3	HIST			
HIST 214	3	HIST			
HIST 215	3	HIST			
NON-US/* NON-EUR.	3	HIST			
NON-US/* NON-EUR.	3	HIST			
6x 300- LEVEL	18	HIST			
		HIST			
		HIST			
		HIST			
		HIST			
		HIST			

Satisfied by = Number of Course

Cr.Hr. = Semester Credit Hours for the Course

NEIU = Check here if taken at NEIU

Other = Give name of other university or college if taken elsewhere

*These courses may be taken at the 100 or 300 level.

**AT LEAST Fifteen Credit Hours FOR THE MAJOR MUST BE TAKEN AT
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY.**

_____ Assessment Portfolio

WORKSHEET FOR HISTORY MINOR

COURSE	Cr.Hr.	Satisfied by	Cr.Hr. NEIU		Other institution	Grade
ANY LEVEL	3	HIST				
ANY LEVEL	3	HIST				
ANY LEVEL	3	HIST				
3x 300-LEVEL	9	HIST				
300-LEVEL		HIST				
300-LEVEL		HIST				

Satisfied by = Number of Course

Cr.Hr. = Semester Credit Hours for the Course

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AT LEAST Nine Credit Hours FOR THE MINOR MUST BE TAKEN AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY.