

HISTORY

College of Arts and Humanities

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The Department of History at the University of Maryland embraces the diversity of the human past with a global vision and a variety of methods of inquiry. Our faculty form a community of accomplished scholars whose specialties examine cultures across the Americas, Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Europe, and whose chronologies stretch from antiquity to the late modern. Maryland's professors also explore the history of the natural sciences, the environment, and the economy. Both our undergraduate and graduate students consequently benefit from a curriculum enriched by the many questions our faculty pose of the past.

PROGRAMS

Majors

- History Major (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/history/history-major/>)

Minors

- History Minor (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/history/history-minor/>)
- Humanities, Health, and Medicine Minor (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/history/humanities-health-medicine-minor/>)
- Middle East Studies Minor (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/history/middle-eastern-studies-minor/>)

Certificate

- East Asian Studies Certificate (HIST) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/history/east-asian-studies-certificate/>)

ADVISING

Academic advising is available daily on a drop-in basis in the History Undergraduate Advising Office, 2131 Francis Scott Key Hall. Check the department website for current schedule or contact historyadvising@umd.edu for more information.

To review the academic plan for the major, go to <http://arhu.umd.edu/undergraduate/advising/academicplans/>.

OPPORTUNITIES

Honors Program

The purpose of the Honors Program in History is to allow promising undergraduates to develop historical and historiographical skills, in an atmosphere that guarantees personal attention and that encourages hard work and excellence. The program is a four-semester sequence, the culmination of which is a senior thesis—a major research paper written under the close supervision of a faculty mentor. There are two phases to the program: in the junior year, students are introduced to the problems of history-writing at a sophisticated level, via two seminars on problems of

historiography; in the senior year they complete two supervised courses in the writing of the senior thesis.

IMMIGRATION AND MIGRATION STUDIES TRANSCRIPT NOTATION

The Center for Global Migration Studies in the Department of History offers a transcript notation for students interested in studying migration's effects on American society and institutions, especially if they are considering careers in law, public policy, social work, and other fields. Applications are on a rolling deadline from students who have sophomore status (or the equivalent in the Fall semester of the following year) and have a GPA of at least 3.0. Requirements include completion of 12 credits of coursework (two required courses and two electives), and attendance at co-curricular activities sponsored by the Center.

INTERNSHIPS

Students may take up to 6 credits in historically-related internships, of which 3 may be counted toward the 39 total credits required for the major. All internships must have a direct relationship to the work of understanding, interpreting, presenting or preserving history and/or historical evidence. Students must have both a site supervisor at the place of the internship and a history faculty mentor for their internship project. Placements must be approved by the History Department internship coordinator. Internships are generally only open to students who are of at least junior standing and have a GPA of at least 2.5.

Student Societies and Professional Organizations

History majors and other interested students are encouraged to join the History Undergraduate Association (HUA), which sponsors a variety of professional and social events throughout the semester. The Department also hosts the Beta-Omega chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honors society. Information on these organizations can be obtained from the History Undergraduate Office, 2131 Francis Scott Key Hall.

Scholarships and Financial Assistance

The Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) administers all types of federal, state and institutional financial assistance programs and, in cooperation with other university offices, participates in the awarding of scholarships to deserving students. For information, visit: <http://financialaid.umd.edu>.