History - B.A.

After learning the basic themes associated with two of the broad areas of study listed under the premajor requirements, a history major at the University of Kentucky is given the opportunity to examine in some detail a wide variety of the histories of various nations, civilizations, and topics. History’s emphasis on the skills of critical reading, writing, and research make it an ideal major for the would-be historian, teacher, archivist, business executive, or lawyer.

**120 hours (minimum)**

Any student earning a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree must complete a minimum of 39 hours at the 300+ level. These hours are generally completed by the major requirements. However, keep this hour requirement in mind as you choose your course work for the requirements in the major. A complete description of College requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree can be found on pages 105-106 of the 2008-2009 UK Bulletin.

**University Studies Program Requirements**

| I. Math | 0-3 |
| II. Foreign Language | 0-8 |
| III. Inference–Logic | 3-6 |
| IV. Written Communication | 0-4 |
| V. Oral Communication | 3 |
| VI. Natural Sciences | 6 |
| VII. Social Sciences | 6 |
| VIII. Humanities (completed by Premajor Requirements) | |
| IX. Cross-Cultural (choose a 300+ level Social Science course) | 3 |
| X. Electives (choose two Natural Science courses) | 6 |

**USP hours:** 27-45

**Graduation Writing Requirement**

Students may satisfy the Graduation Writing Requirement with either HIS 499 or HIS 471, required in the Major Requirements.

**Graduation Writing Requirement Hours:** 3

**College Requirements**

| I. Foreign Language (placement exam recommended) | 0-8 |
| II. Disciplinary Requirements |
| a. Natural Science (completed by USP Elective Requirement) | |
| b. Social Science (partially completed by USP Cross-Cultural Requirement) | 3 |
| c. Humanities (completed by Major Requirements) | |
| III. Laboratory or Field Work | 1 |
| IV. Electives | 6 |

**College Requirement hours:** 10-18

**Premajor Requirements**

*HIS 104 A History of Europe through the Mid-17th Century
and
*HIS 105 A History of Europe from the Mid-17th Century to Present
OR
*HIS 106 Western Culture: Science and Technology I
and
*HIS 107 Western Culture: Science and Technology II
OR
*HIS 108 History of the United States Through 1865
and
*HIS 109 History of the United States Since 1865

**Premajor hours:** 6

**Major Requirements**

**Major Core Requirements**

HIS 301 History Workshop: Introduction to the Study of History
and
HIS 499 Senior Seminar for History Majors
OR
HIS 470 Honors Seminar in Historical Methods
and
HIS 471 Honors Seminar in Historical Research

**Major Core hours:** 6

**Other Course Work Required for the Major**

**From the Major Department:**

Choose 24 hours to include at least 6 hours in pre-1789 work; at least 6 hours in post-1789 work; at least 3 hours in American history; at least 3 hours of European history; at least 3 hours in the history of Africa, Asia, Latin America, or the Middle East. At least 15 of these hours must be at the 300+ level.

**From Outside the Major Department**

Choose 15 hours outside History at the 300+ level, or 200+ level courses used to satisfy USP and College requirements can also be counted here. Foreign language instruction courses may not be used to fulfill the related field requirement. Literature, civilization, and culture classes do count toward fulfilling this requirement.

**Other Major hours:** 39

**Electives**

Electives should be selected by the student to lead to the minimum total of 120 hours required for graduation.

**Total Minimum Hours Required for Degree:** 120

*Course used towards completion of a USP Requirement.