



## DEGREE PLANNING GUIDE FOR HISTORY

A History major is an open door to a broad spectrum of possibilities that includes teaching, graduate school, law, government service, museum work, business opportunities and international endeavors. Most importantly, a History major is an adventure into the rich sounds, images, and ideas of the past that have created the present and open the entire realm of opportunities for the future. History tells us how we got to be what we are, and therefore it has always been valued by those who take an interest in the development of societies.

There are two general components of your degree program at St. Edward's: a general study of the liberal arts (this is common for all majors and is often referred to as the general education requirement), and an in-depth study of your major. A complete degree takes approximately 120 credit hours (about 40 courses). Almost half of your study will be in the general liberal arts area, with the balance of your program focused on your major field of study and its related courses and electives. Electives are courses you choose because they interest you, strengthen your career preparation, or provide you with a secondary area of emphasis (a minor).

### YOUR GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

**Foundational Skills:** 21 hours (7 courses) including math, computational skills, oral and written communication and foreign language.

**Cultural Foundations:** 18 hours (6 courses) designed to provide you with an understanding of our heritage, an appreciation and recognition of other cultures, and an exposure to contemporary world issues. Some of these include Understanding and appreciating the Arts, American Dilemmas, Identity of the West and Contemporary World Issues.

**Foundations for Values and Decisions:** 18 hours (6 courses) that stress critical thinking, moral reasoning, problem solving, and the assumption of social responsibility.

**WHAT IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?** No problem! In fact, it is not unusual. Part of what college is about is a process to identify your area of interest. As long as that decision is made in the first two years, it is not likely to impact your degree program very much, as much of your initial course work is the area of general education, that body of courses common to all students. There are a few exceptions - major change in direction after two years (philosophy to accounting for example) would lengthen your program. If you are a full-time student and take five courses each semester, you will graduate in four years. It's unusual to do it much faster and not uncommon for it to take a little longer. It all depends on how many courses make sense for you.

**PLANNING YOUR FIRST YEAR OF STUDY:** We want you to take an active role in planning your degree program. While there are many requirements in your program, there are still decisions you will need to make. For example, which foreign language you wish to study; which math classes you want to choose to satisfy the math requirement; or whether there is a particular religious study or philosophy course that appeals to you; or are there any time conflicts? Your advisor will help, but your involvement is critical.

## **SUGGESTED DEGREE PLAN FOR HISTORY MAJOR (HIST)**

### **FIRST FALL**

FSTY 1310 Freshman Studies  
FSTY 1311 Rhet & Comp I  
Foreign Language  
HIST 1300 Oral History  
HIST 1301 U.S. History I

15 hours

### **FIRST SPRING**

CULF 1318 Lit & Hum Experience  
CULF 1320-American Exp.  
ENGW 1302-Rhet. & Comp II.  
Foreign Language  
HIST 1302 U.S. History II

15 hours

### **SECOND FALL**

COMM 1317 Pres'l Speaking  
Elective  
MATH 1314 or higher  
Science in Depth  
HIST 2321 World Civilization

15 hours

### **SECOND SPRING**

Computational Skills  
CULF 1319-Und. & App the Arts  
CULF 2321-Amer. Dilemmas  
Religious Studies/Phil.  
HIST 2329 The Modern World

15 hours

### **THIRD FALL**

CULF 3330 Hist Glob Proc  
Elective  
SCIE 2320 Science in Perspective  
HIST 3311 Western Civ  
Latin American History

15 hours

### **THIRD SPRING**

CULF 3331 Cont World Issues  
Elective  
Ethics  
HIST 3320 European History  
US History Elective

15 hours

### **FOURTH FALL**

CAPS 4360 Capstone  
HIST 4342 Historical Inv  
HIST 4344 20th Century Europe  
History Elective  
European History

15 hours

### **FOURTH SPRING**

Elective  
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History Elective  
US History Elective  
GDCT 4000.01

15 hours