



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 planning and proactive involvement is critical.

Note: You have some choices as to when you would like to take a particular course, especially those under the General Education Requirement. Please consult the bulletin and your degree plan for prerequisite requirements.

SUGGESTED DEGREE PLAN FOR HISTORY MAJOR (HIST)

FIRST FALL

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

15 hours

FIRST SPRING

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

15 hours

SECOND FALL

Oral Communication
 MATH 1312 or higher
 Science in Depth
 HIST 2321 World Civilization
 Elective

15 hours

SECOND SPRING

Computational Skills
 CULF 1319 Und & App the Arts
 CULF 2321 American Dilemmas
 RELS/PHIL
 HIST 2329 Modern World

15 hours

THIRD FALL

SCIE 2320 Science in Perspective
 HIST 3311 Western Civ
 Latin American History course
 Elective
 Elective

15 hours

THIRD SPRING

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

15 hours

FOURTH FALL

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

15 hours

FOURTH SPRING

US History Elective
 History Elective
 Elective
 Elective
 Elective
 GDCT 4000.01* Intent to graduate

15 hours

**You must register for this course in the term you plan to graduate.
 Failure to do so will result in you not being certified and not graduating.*