

Department of History

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN **HISTORY**

OVERVIEW

The Department of History provides courses in African, Asian, European, Central and South American, and United States history. The History program offers courses in special topics of interest and internships. To study the record of human experience is to understand the present and to recognize the potential of the future!

Wherever breadth of human knowledge, grasp of the essential, and skill in communication and analysis are valued, history holds a familiar and honored place.

Specialization leads to a variety of careers in the public arena and the private sector. Examples of careers in the public arena include, but are not limited to, education, government agencies and branches, libraries and archives, research and development, and social services. Examples of careers in the private sector include, but are not limited to, banking, communications media, consulting, education, law, museums, research and development, social services, and the travel industry.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND CLEP

Lewis University accepts Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations in European History and in United States History. Students who receive a grade of three (3) or higher on an AP exam should submit proof to the chairperson of the Department of History. Lewis University also accepts CLEP in American History and Western Civilization. Students who score in the 55th percentile or above on a CLEP exam should submit proof to the chairperson.

HIGH SCHOOL (6-12) TEACHING CERTIFICATE

The Department of History features a fully approved Social Science with History Designation program that prepares candidates to teach in grades 6-12 in Illinois public schools. The program is approved by the State Teacher Certification Board in conjunction with the Illinois State Board of Education and includes all the requirements for a major in History. History majors should declare a minor in Secondary Education. See advisors in the Department of History and the College of Education for specific approval and a list of required courses.

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BACHELOR OF ARTS/HISTORY

Total Credit Hours: 128

Major Credit Hours: 36

I. Core Courses (12)

09-101 Culture and Civilization I (3)

09-102 Culture and Civilization II (3)

Choose one of the following History of the United States (3)

09-320 United States Colonial and National History (3)

09-322 U.S. Civil War and Reconstruction (3)

09-323 The Emergence of Modern America,
1877-1941 (3)

09-325 United States Since 1941 (3)

Historiography (3) both courses required:

09-203 Historiography I (1)

09-403 Historiography II (2)

II. Select one course in each of the following areas (9):

*United States History (3) European History (3) Outside the
European and United States Experience (3)*

III. Five Department of History course electives (15)

IV. The Senior Capstone

The history major is required to complete the senior capstone. This non-course requirement consists of one researched essay, which will be orally defended by the student in a meeting with the Department of History faculty. The senior capstone must be successfully completed if the Department of History is to endorse the student in continuing graduate studies or teaching the subject at the secondary school level.

V. The advanced writing requirement of the General Education curriculum is satisfied by history majors through the successful completion of the Historiography sequence (09-203 and 09-403).

VI. The Department of History encourages the development of customized minors, such as History minors for Justice, Law and Public Safety Studies majors, Political Science majors, or Economics majors. These 24-credit hour minors must be developed in consultation with an advisor in the Department of History and approved by the chair of the Department of History.

VII. See College of Education, Secondary Education in Social Science with History Designation, for information on certification as a teacher in the State of Illinois.

BACHELOR OF ARTS/PUBLIC HISTORY

Total Credit Hours: 128

Major Credit Hours: 39

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The Public History track will prepare students for entry into Masters programs in Public History, for employment in local history museums and government archives, for curatorships, and for writing in Public History. Public Historians provide a great service to society through the study and preservation of heritage. A prime example of the work of public historians is our very own Lewis University archive of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, the Canal & Regional History Special Collection. This archive in the Lewis Library preserves the maps, the photographs, and the living experience of the creation of the canal, and the study of the canal is one of many opportunities in the field of public history available for Lewis students.

Students in the Public History track must take Workshops and/or internships in Public History. These Workshops and Internships are important components of this program. The Workshops involve such elements as travel to regional sites, hands-on experience with historical artifacts, and written work which will be assessed by the instructor. Internships at such institutions as The Cantigny War Museum, The Joliet Historical Society, and The I&M Canal Archive have produced successful internship reports as well as positive assessments from the staffs of these institutions. The Public History Portfolio in an additional requirement in this track and will consist of reports written during Workshops in Public History and/or Internships in Public History during the course of the major and filed with the History Department chair. The student will submit a minimum of three such reports.

History majors must select History electives from courses numbered 200 and above. No 100-level History courses, except for Culture and Civilization I and II (09-101 and 09-102), may count toward the 39 credit hours required by the major.

I. Core Courses (15)

09-101 Culture and Civilization I (3)

09-102 Culture and Civilization II (3)

09-203 Historiography I: Sophomore Writing Seminar (1)

09-403 Historiography II: Senior Research Seminar (2)

09-329 Public History (3)

09-397 Workshop in History (1-3)

AND/OR

09-398 Internship for History Majors (1-3)

II. Additional requirements (24)

A. Choose two of the following US History courses (6)

09-320 United States Colonial and National History (3)

09-322 U.S. Civil War and Reconstruction (3)

09-323 The Emergence of Modern America, 1877-1941 (3)

09-325 United States Since 1941 (3)

B. Select two other US History courses (6)

C. Select one in each of the following areas (6)

European History

Outside Europe and the US

D. Select two Department of History electives (6)

III. Senior Capstone (0) The Public History major is required to complete the Senior Capstone. This non-credit requirement consists of one researched essay, which will be orally defended by the student in a meeting with the Department of History faculty. The Senior Capstone must be successfully completed if the Department of History is to endorse the student in continuing graduate studies or teaching the subject at the secondary school level.

IV. The Public History Portfolio (0) This portfolio is an additional, specific requirement in this track and will consist of reports written during workshops and/or an internship during the course of the major and filed with the History Department chair. The student will submit a minimum of three such reports.

MINOR/HISTORY

Minor Credit Hours: 24

I. Core Courses (9)

09-101 Culture and Civilization I (3)

09-102 Culture and Civilization II (3)

Choose one of the following History of the United States: (3)

09-320 United States Colonial and National History (3)

09-322 U.S. Civil War and Reconstruction (3)

09-323 The Emergence of Modern America,
1877-1941 (3)

09-325 United States Since 1941 (3)

II. Select one course in each of the following areas: (6):

*European History (3) Outside the European and United States
Experience (3)*

III. Three courses of history electives (9)

IV. At least 12 credits should be at the upper division level.

MINOR/CONTEMPORARY GLOBAL STUDIES

Minor Credit Hours: 24-27

This minor is available to all students and is particularly relevant for those majoring in History, Psychology, Sociology, Political Science, Human Resource Management and Communication and in the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as for all majors in the College of Business.

I. Core Courses (21/24)

09-102 Culture and Civilization II (3)

History area (2 required; no more than 3)

09-211 Latin American and Caribbean History: Ancient
Times to the Present (3)

09-261 History of India: Ancient Times to the Present (3)

09-323 The Emergence of Modern America,
1877-1941 (3)

09-325 United States Since 1941 (3)

09-351 Modern China (3)

09-352 Modern Japan (3)

09-372 Modern Europe (1815-Present) (3)

09-385 Russia: Ancient Times to the Present (3)

09-386 Eastern Europe: From the Baltic to
the Black Sea (3)

Political Science (2 required; no more than 3)

18-321 Comparative Government (3)

18-331 International Relations (3)

18-336 American Foreign Policy (3)

18-337 International Topics (3)

Psychology

26-285 Cross-Cultural Psychology (3)

Sociology

20-290 Cultural Diversity and Intergroup Relations (3)

II. Choose one of the following electives:

06-334 Non-Western Literature (3)

10-350 Intercultural Communication (3)

20-315 Sociology of US Latin Americans (3)

20-360 Sociology of Conflict and Cooperation (3)

26-365 Industrial and Organizational Psychology (3)

Other courses may be suitable for this minor and may be substituted for an elective after consultation with and permission from the chair of the Department of History. In addition, the Lewis Study Abroad Program may be incorporated into this minor after consultation with and permission from the academic advisor, the chair of the Department of History and the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. See Study Abroad Opportunities.