



History



Special Points of Interest

- Options available to create your own plan of study or follow a field of study.
- Competitive Scholarships available to students who qualify.
- Opportunities to join National History Honor Society Phi Alpha Theta.

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Interested in History?

About the Major

Through the examination of past events, actions and decisions, History students gain skills that give them an objective perspective on current events and allow them to predict and respond to future consequences. The Department of History in the College of Arts and Sciences offers students a wide range of courses covering virtually every major epoch in history. Students can choose to specialize within Geographic & Thematic Fields of Concentration or choose the Traditional Major.

Geographic Field

The Department of History offers Geographic themes including Asian, European, Latin American, Middle Eastern and US History Fields.

Thematic Field

The Department of History offers Thematic themes including Pre-modern History, Cultural and Intellectual History,

Race, Ethnicity and Identity, Women's and Gender History, History of War, Revolution and Diplomacy and Legal and Constitutional Heritage.

Traditional Major

The Department of History also offers the Traditional Major track that emphasizes geographic breadth and a variety of coursework. Students must choose six hours in each category from United States, African/Asian/Latin American/Russian/Near East and European.



History Faculty

Many of the faculty in the University of Oklahoma's Department of History specialize in Native American, Western, Latin American and/or Environmental history, and they take pride in their commitment to the close, one-to-one mentoring that is the hallmark of our program. They are all engaged in exciting research and publish books and articles that help define their respective fields.

Scholarships and Awards

The History Department also offers several undergraduate awards, and sponsors an honors society, Phi Alpha Theta, for our majors. The College of Arts and Sciences also has scholarships available for CAS students.

History Curriculum

The History Department allows our majors to tailor their upper-division coursework to reflect their historical interests. The lower-division requirements (surveys) are structured to build a strong foundation for all majors, and show students the full range of possibilities before moving on to upper-division coursework. After fulfilling the survey requirements, every major has the choice of two major coursework "tracks"—the geographic and thematic fields of concentration, which allows students to focus on their preferred countries/continents or historical themes, and the traditional major, which allows students to experience a variety of different geographic or thematic interests. Both "tracks" give students the ability to choose the coursework that they will find interesting and challenging!