

HISTORY (BACHELOR OF ARTS)

History majors may select from a wide variety of courses designed to broaden their horizons and widen their world view. The History major prepares students for careers in the public and private sector, from teaching to archival work, or to careers in business and commerce.

The 120-hour degree requires 33 hours of history courses. Students will take one survey sequence [HY 101 Western Civilization I (3) and HY 102 Western Civilization II (3); HY 111 World History I (3) and HY 112 World History II (3); HY 201 American History I (3) and HY 202 American History II (3); HY 211 Survey of Latin America to 1810 (3) and HY 212 Survey of Latin America since 1810 (3)] as part of the general studies curriculum. A second sequence will be taken as part of the requirements for the major. HY 201 American History I (3) and HY 202 American History II (3) must be one of the sequences.

Course	Title	Credits
Jax MIX	General Education Requirements	41

Course	Title	Credits
Major Requirements		

Surveys: Take one of the following sequences that was not taken for General Education requirements. HY 201/HY 202 must be taken if not completed for General Education. 6

HY 101	Western Civilization I	
or HY 103	Honors Western Civilization I	
HY 102	Western Civilization II	
or HY 104	Honors Western Civilization II	
HY 111	World History I	
HY 112	World History II	
HY 201	American History I	
or HY 203	Honors American History I	
HY 202	American History II	
or HY 204	Honors American History II	
HY 211	Survey of Latin America to 1810	
HY 212	Survey of Latin America since 1810	

Courses numbered 300 or above:

U.S. History ¹		6
European History ¹		6
Non-U.S./Non-European History ¹		6
History 300+ Electives		6
HY 303	Historian's Craft (WI)	3
HY 499	Capstone Experience (WI)	0

Total Hours 33

U.S. History Courses List ¹

Course	Title	Credits
HY 304	American Military History	3
HY 307	Reefer Madness: Cannabis in Politics, History, and American Culture	3
HY 310	Reacting to the Past	3
HY 315	History of the US Presidency	3

HY 399	Study Tour	3
HY 421	Public History	3
HY 422	Oral History	3
HY 433	American Social and Cultural History to 1865	3
HY 434	American Social and Cultural History Since 1865	3
HY 436	History of American Women	3
HY 437	Black America	3
HY 441	The South Before 1865	3
HY 442	The South Since 1860	3
HY 443	Introduction to Southern Culture	3
HY 444	History of Alabama	3
HY 446	American Indian History to 1840	3
HY 447	American Indian History 1840-Present	3
HY 448	History of the American West	3
HY 451	History of Early America to 1783	3
HY 452	The Age of Jefferson and Jackson, 1783 to 1850	3
HY 453	Sectional Conflict, Civil War, and Reconstruction, 1850-1877	3
HY 454	The Beginning of Modern America, 1877-1914	3
HY 455	The 1920's and the Great Depression	3
HY 456	Contemporary America, 1945-Present	3
HY 457	Race, Community, and Memory	3
HY 459	The American Civil War in Film	3
HY 483	United States-Latin American Relations	3

European History Courses List ¹

Course	Title	Credits
HY 300	Topics in History	3
HY 301	History of England to 1689	3
HY 302	History of Great Britain, 1689 to the Present	3
HY 310	Reacting to the Past	3
HY 332	Russian History through the Revolutions of 1917	3
HY 333	Russian History from 1855 to the Present	3
HY 395	Europe in the Middle Ages 476-1300	3
HY 399	Study Tour	3
HY 400	Europe in the High Middle Ages: Renaissance and Reformation, 1300-1648	3
HY 401	Ancient Greece	3
HY 403	Ancient Rome	3
HY 404	The Age of the Cold War: Europe, 1945-Present	3
HY 407	Warfare in the Ancient World	3
HY 408	Ancient History	3
HY 409	Modern France	3
HY 410	Modern Germany	3
HY 411	War and Peace in Modern Europe	3
HY 412	War and Memory	3
HY 424	Byzantine Empire	3
HY 465	The British Empire and Commonwealth	3
HY 468	Constitutional History of England	3
HY 493	History of Christianity I	3
HY 494	History of Christianity II	3

Non-U.S./Non-European History Courses List ¹

Course	Title	Credits
HY 310	Reacting to the Past	3
HY 330	History of Islam	3
HY 331	The Far East in Modern Times	3
HY 399	Study Tour	3
HY 407	Warfare in the Ancient World	3
HY 408	Ancient History	3
HY 420	Modern China	3
HY 423	Historical Bollywood	3
HY 436	History of American Women	3
HY 437	Black America	3
HY 446	American Indian History to 1840	3
HY 447	American Indian History 1840-Present	3
HY 457	Race, Community, and Memory	3
HY 473	Modern Middle East	3
HY 475	Modern Japan	3
HY 477	Asian American History	3
HY 478	East Asian History	3
HY 479	Revolution and Radical Politics in Latin America	3
HY 483	United States-Latin American Relations	3
HY 485	History of Mexico	3
HY 487	History of Brazil	3
HY 488	Revolution and Resistance in Modern Mexico	3
HY 490	History of Religions	3

¹ Students must maintain a balance of early and modern classes in these sections.

Other Requirements:

Twelve (12) hours of foreign language courses are required. Majors should consult with advisors in selecting these courses. Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts in history must have a minor as well as a major. A minor usually consists of 18 to 24 semester hours in a single field of study (for example, English, political science, geography).

Senior Capstone: All History majors are required to complete a senior project [HY 499 Capstone Experience (WI) (0)]. This is an independent research project that seniors will undertake with a professor of their choosing, while enrolled in a class with the professor who supervises the project. The format of the project is flexible (to be determined in consultation with the supervising professor) in order to meet a variety of interests, from public history and museum curation to a more traditional historical research project. Whatever the form, the project will require the student to show their ability to use the “historian’s toolkit” to synthesize information, to express their findings in written format, and to present their project to members of the department in open forum.

Education Majors:

Students who plan careers in education should contact the Office of Accreditation, Certification, and Partnership Initiatives in the College of Education and Professional Studies, room 405 in Pod 4 of the CEPS Complex, for information on certification and assessment into education.

In addition to courses noted below, candidates for graduation must successfully complete all JSU Academic Regulations. More information about Jax MIX requirements ([https://catalog.jsu.edu/undergraduate/](https://catalog.jsu.edu/undergraduate/jax-mix-requirements/)

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Freshman		Hours
Fall		
Jax MIX Communication: EH Composition sequence		3
Jax MIX Inquiry: Natural Science		4
MS 110	Finite Mathematics (or higher - Jax MIX Communication)	3
Jax MIX Experience: History sequence ¹		3
PSC 100	Introduction to American Government (Jax MIX Experience)	3
SSC 101	First Year Experience	0
Hours		16
Spring		
Jax MIX Communication: EH Composition sequence		3
Jax MIX Inquiry: Natural Science		4
Jax MIX Experience: History sequence ¹		3
Jax MIX Experience: Social/Behavioral Science		3
Electives		3
Hours		16
Sophomore		
Fall		
Jax MIX Expression: Fine Arts		3
EH 141	Speech (Jax MIX Communication)	3
Jax MIX Expression: Humanities		3
Foreign Language sequence ²		3
HY 201	American History I	3
Hours		15
Spring		
Jax MIX Expression: Literature		3
CS 201	Introduction to Information Technology	3
Foreign Language sequence ²		3
HY 202	American History II	3
Electives		3
Hours		15
Junior		
Fall		
Foreign Language sequence ²		3
HY 303	Historian’s Craft (WI)	3
History 300+ (by advisement)		3
Minor/Electives 300+		6
Hours		15
Spring		
Foreign Language sequence ²		3
History 300+ (by advisement)		6
Minor/Electives 300+		6
Hours		15
Senior		
Fall		
History 300+ (by advisement)		9
Minor/Electives 300+		5
Hours		14
Spring		
HY 499	Capstone Experience (WI)	0
History 300+ (by advisement)		6
Minor/Electives 300+		8
Hours		14
Total Hours		120

- ¹ Select from: HY 101 Western Civilization I (3) and HY 102 Western Civilization II (3), HY 103 Honors Western Civilization I (3) and HY 104 Honors Western Civilization II (3), HY 111 World History I (3) and HY 112 World History II (3), or HY 211 Survey of Latin America to 1810 (3) and HY 212 Survey of Latin America since 1810 (3).
- ² Foreign Language sequence must be taken in the same foreign language.