

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)-HY 102 Western Civilization II (3) or HY 201 American History I (3)-HY 202 American History II (3)] as part of the general studies curriculum. The remaining sequence will be taken as part of the requirements for the major.

Course	Title	Credits
Survey Courses (sequence not taken in general studies curriculum)		
Select one of the following:		6
HY 101 & HY 102	Western Civilization I and Western Civilization II	
HY 201 & HY 202	American History I and American History II	
Courses numbered 300 or above:		
U.S. History ¹		6
European History ¹		6
Non -U.S./Non-European History		6
History Electives		6
HY 303	Historian's Craft (WI)	3
HY 499	Capstone Experience (WI)	0
Total Hours		33

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 Thesis: All History majors are required to complete a senior thesis 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 Teacher Education Services in the College of Education and Professional Studies,

Ramona Wood Hall, Room 207, 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 general education requirements can be found in the Summary of Degrees/Requirements (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/undergraduate/summary-degrees-requirements/>) section of the catalog.

Freshman		
Fall		
EH Composition sequence		3
Natural Science		4
MS 110	Finite Mathematics (or higher)	3
HY 101	Western Civilization I	3
PSC 100	Introduction to American Government	3
SSC 101	First Year Experience	0
Hours		16
Spring		
EH Composition sequence		3
Natural Science		4
HY 102	Western Civilization II	3
Social/Behavioral Science		3
Electives		3
Hours		16
Sophomore		
Fall		
Fine Arts Elective		3
EH 141	Speech	3
Humanities		3
Foreign Language sequence ¹		3
HY 201	American History I	3
Hours		15
Spring		
Literature		3
Foreign Language sequence		3
HY 202	American History II	3
CS 201	Introduction to Information Technology	3
Electives		3
Hours		15
Junior		
Fall		
Foreign Language sequence		3
HY 303	Historian's Craft (WI)	3
History 300+ (by advisement)		3
Minor/Electives 300+		6
Hours		15
Spring		
Foreign Language sequence		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

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Minor/Electives 300+	8
Hours	14
Total Hours	120

¹ Foreign Language sequence must be taken in the same foreign language.