

History Major

(10 units)

1) Ten units:

- a) Two units of History 150, completed in the first and second year.
- b) One unit of history lab. Lab courses include History 190, 293, 294, 295. History 190 is recommended for students in their first and second year.
- c) A historical breadth requirement involving course work engaging history across chronological and geographical fields. In consultation with their advisors, students must construct a plan to develop historical breadth. The plan must be approved by the department. Students who wish to explore other varieties of breadth may petition the department.
- d) A historical depth requirement involving at least 3 units at the 100- or 200-level within a particular period and geographical field. One unit from outside the department may count toward this requirement with departmental approval. Students are encouraged to continue the development of historical depth through writing a research paper in their depth field in a 300-level seminar.
- e) Two units at the 300-level involving significant historical research-based writing. History 395, 396, and 397 do not satisfy this requirement. History 390 or courses from outside the department may fulfill the requirement if approved in advance by the department. One unit from off-campus programs, such as the ACM Newberry Library Program, may count toward this requirement.

- 2) Writing/communication requirement: Reading and writing are the primary tools of historical inquiry, and while historians may evaluate oral and material sources as they set out to discover the past, the normal means by which they communicate their discoveries to a wider audience is through essay writing and the formal research paper. It is our conviction that mastering the art of the historical essay benefits all of our students because the skills required are at the heart of what it means to think critically. Students fulfill the writing/communication requirement through the incremental development of writing skills through the curriculum. Thus, students must complete 1 W departmental unit at the 100-, 200-, and 300-level.
- 3) Students intending to pursue graduate study in history should achieve competence in at least one additional language beyond English.

History Minor

(6 units)

- 1) Two units at the 100-level. History 190 is strongly recommended.
- 2) Three units at the 200-level.
- 3) One unit at the 300-level, not including 395, 396, 397. History 390 will fulfill this requirement only by prior arrangement with the advisor.