

School of Arts and Humanities

Historical Studies (B.A.)

Students who complete the major in Historical Studies may design distinctive degree programs by selecting among courses in historical and philosophical methods and approaches, traditional historical surveys, and specific historical and philosophical topics. Students are encouraged to focus their work in Historical Studies on a particular time or place, a significant theme, topic, or problem, or an approach to learning such as literature, the arts, ideas, science and technology, or the social sciences. Students may also be certified to teach history and/or social studies and/or English.

Since the following catalog course descriptions are very general, students are urged to consult the detailed course descriptions available on the web site for the School of Arts and Humanities.

Courses in Historical Studies are open to all students in the university.

Bachelor of Arts in Historical Studies

Degree Requirements (120 semester credit hours)

I. Core Curriculum Requirements¹: 42 semester credit hours

Communication (6 semester credit hours)

3 semester credit hours Communication ([RHET 1302](#))

3 semester credit hours Communication Elective ([HUMA 3300](#))

Social and Behavioral Sciences (15 semester credit hours)

6 semester credit hours Government ([GOVT 2301](#) and [GOVT 2302](#))

6 semester credit hours American History

3 semester credit hours Social and Behavioral Science Elective

Humanities and Fine Arts (6 semester credit hours)

3 semester credit hours Fine Arts

3 semester credit hours Humanities

Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning (6 semester credit hours)

Science (9 semester credit hours including at least one course with a substantial laboratory component)

II. Major Requirements, Lower Division: 3 semester credit hours

[PHIL 1301](#) Introduction to Philosophy or equivalent

III. Major Requirements, Upper Division: 42 semester credit hours

Major Core Courses (6 semester credit hours)

[HIST 3301](#) Historical Inquiry

[HUMA 3300](#) Reading and Writing Texts²

Major Distribution and Elective Courses (24 semester credit hours)

3 semester credit hours of upper-division courses from each of the following groups:

European Historical Studies

Asian, African, and Latin American Historical Studies

Studies in Philosophy and Intellectual History

Historical Studies with content before 1800

12 semester credit hours of upper-division Historical Studies electives

Major-Related Courses (12 semester credit hours)

Students may select any combination of upper-division courses in Art and Performance, Art History, Visual Arts, Arts & Technology, Communications, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Emerging Media, Film & Communication, Film Studies, Literature and Language, and/or Music.

IV. Elective Requirements: 33 semester credit hours

Advanced Electives (6 semester credit hours)

Students are required to take six semester credit hours of advanced electives outside their major field of study. These must be upper-division classes.

Upper-Level Elective (3 semester credit hours)

Students are required to take three semester credit hours of upper-division courses which may be within or outside their major field of study.

Free Electives (24 semester credit hours)

Both upper-and lower-division courses may be used as electives, but students must complete at least 51 semester credit hours of upper-division credit to qualify for graduation.

1. Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses from accredited institutions of higher education. The courses listed in parentheses are recommended as the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major Requirements at UT Dallas.
2. A required Major course that also fulfills a Core Curriculum requirement.

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