School of Arts and Humanities

Historical Studies with Philosophy Concentration (BA)

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.

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Degree Requirements [120 semester credit hours]¹

View an Example of Degree Requirements by Semester

Faculty

Professors: Charles R. Bambach, David F. Channell, Pamela Gossin, Zsuzsanna Ozsváth, David A. Patterson, Nils Roemer
Professors Emeritus: Joan Chandler, R. David Edmunds, Stephen G. Rabe
Associate Professors: Matt Brown, J. Michael Farmer, Peter Park, Monica Rankin, Natalie J. Ring, Eric Schlereth, Daniel B. Wickberg, Michael L. Wilson
Associate Professor Emeritus: Gerald L. Soliday
Clinical Associate Professor: Jeffrey Schulze
Assistant Professors: Kimberly Hill, Whitney Stewart, Benjamin (Ben) Wright, rxa17011
Clinical Assistant Professor: Pia Jakobsson
Research Assistant Professor: Debra Pfister

I. Core Curriculum Requirements: 42 semester credit hours²

Communication: 6 semester credit hours

RHET 1302 Rhetoric

And choose one course from the following:

COMM 1311 Survey of Oral and Technology-based Communication
COMM 1315 Public Speaking

Mathematics: 3 semester credit hours

Select any 3 semester credit hour courses from Mathematics core courses

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Life and Physical Sciences: 6 semester credit hours
Select any 6 semester credit hours from Life and Physical Sciences core courses

Language, Philosophy and Culture: 3 semester credit hours
Choose one course from the following:
- PHIL 1301 Introduction to Philosophy or equivalent
- PHIL 2316 History of Philosophy I
- PHIL 2317 History of Philosophy II
Or select any 3 semester credit hours from Language, Philosophy and Culture core courses

Creative Arts: 3 semester credit hours.
Select any 3 semester credit hours from Creative Arts core courses

American History: 6 semester credit hours
Select any 6 semester credit hours from American History core courses

Government / Political Science: 6 semester credit hours
- GOVT 2305 American National Government
- GOVT 2306 State and Local Government

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 semester credit hours
Select any 3 semester credit hours from Social and Behavioral Sciences core courses

Component Area Option: 6 semester credit hours
Select any 6 semester credit hours from Component Area option courses

II. Major Requirements, Lower-Division: 3 semester credit hours beyond Core Curriculum
- PHIL 1301 Introduction to Philosophy or equivalent
- PHIL 2316 History of Philosophy I
  or PHIL 2317 History of Philosophy II

III. Major Requirements, Upper-Division: 45 semester credit hours
Major Core Courses: 6 semester credit hours
Major Distribution and Elective Courses: 27 semester credit hours

Select any 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

And 3 semester credit hours of Independent Study
And 12 semester credit hours of upper-division Philosophy electives

Major-Related Courses: 12 semester credit hours

Students may select any combination of upper-division courses in Arts and Humanities, Visual and Performing Arts, Art History, Visual Arts, Communications, Creative Writing, Dance, Theatre, Film Studies, Humanities, Literature and Language, and/or Music.

IV. Elective Requirements: 30 semester credit hours

Free Electives: 30 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 courses to qualify for graduation. Incoming freshmen must enroll and complete requirements of ARHM 1100.  

1. Incoming freshmen must enroll and complete requirements of UNIV 1010 and the corresponding school-related freshman seminar course. Students, including transfer students, who complete their core curriculum at UT Dallas must take UNIV 2020.
2. Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses from institutions of higher education. The courses listed are recommended as the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major Requirements at UT Dallas.
3. A required Preparatory course that also fulfills a Core Curriculum requirement. Semester credit hours may be counted in Core Curriculum.