School of Arts and Humanities

Historical Studies (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.

Bachelor of Arts in Historical Studies

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: Rosemary Admiral, Kimberly Hill, Whitney Stewart, Benjamin (Ben) Wright

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 hours from Mathematics core courses

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
- PHIL 1301 Introduction to Philosophy or equivalent[^3]
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: 0 semester credit hours beyond Core Curriculum[^4]
- PHIL 1301 Introduction to Philosophy or equivalent[^3]

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

Major Core Courses: 6 semester credit hours
- HIST 3301 Historical Inquiry
- ARHM 3342 Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies in the Arts and Humanities

Major Distribution and Elective Courses: 24 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 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 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: 36 semester credit hours**

**Free Electives: 36 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](#).  

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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.

4. 0 semester credit hours beyond Core Curriculum, if the student has not previously completed other courses to satisfy these core curriculum requirements.