HISTORY MAJOR: LAW 3+3 OPTION (B.A.)

https://cola.unh.edu/history/program/history-major-bachelor-arts-historylaw-33-option

Description

The Law 3+3 option offers highly motivated UNH undergraduates the opportunity to complete their bachelor’s degree (B.A.) with a history major and their law degree (J.D.) at UNH in six years, rather than the usual seven years. It promises significant savings in both time and money. Students apply to the UNH Law School in their junior year (by Jan. 1), following the approved process below, and after taking the LSAT exam. If admitted, undergraduates begin their first year of law school in their senior year. The credits earned upon successful completion of the law school courses will be applied to both the J.D. degree and as elective courses for the B.A. degree. After four years, students receive a B.A. with a history major. After six years, students, having completed all law school requirements successfully, will receive their J.D.

Eligibility and Admission Process

1) Phase I: applying to the Law 3+3 option. Students apply to the program either when they submit their applications to UNH by selecting the History/Law 3+3 Committee. In both cases, undergraduate applicants must fulfill the general requirements for admission to the History major.

(a) Students applying at time of admission to UNH will typically present the following high school (HS) credentials:

- a 3.5 GPA in HS
- a rigorous HS curriculum defined as the following:
  - 4 years of college prep (CP) or higher English
  - 4 years of CP or higher mathematics
  - 4 years of CP or higher social studies/history
  - Completed at least level 3 of a foreign language
  - 3 or more years of CP or higher laboratory sciences
  - a score of 1200 or better (combined Math and Verbal) on the SAT or a 29 on the ACT

(b) Currently enrolled UNH students applying to the program must:

- have a 3.5 GPA in college courses at time of application.
- The History/Law 3+3 Committee governing admission to the program will also consider past SAT scores, maturity, and ability to complete a highly demanding program of study based on performance thus far.

For both groups, it is important to note that satisfying these requirements does not guarantee admission to this program. The review process is holistic (meaning all parts of the application carry weight and influence the final decision) and other components of the application will influence any admission decisions. Available space will also influence who is admitted to the program and how many students can be accepted.

2) Phase 2: applying to UNH Law School. To be eligible, students must:

- Complete all Discovery and major requirements, and accrue at least 98 credits before beginning law school in their senior year
- Maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average (including transfer credits) at time of application to law school, and at end of junior year
- Take the LSAT no later than December of the final undergraduate year (i.e. the junior year) and have a score of 157 or above
- Submit the law school application through the Law School Admissions Council by Jan. 1 of the calendar year in which the student wishes to enroll in law school
- If, for some reason, students are not admitted to UNH Law, they will complete their final, fourth year at UNH, following the typical undergraduate program.

Requirements

Students in the History/Law 3+3 Option complete the requirements of the History Major. See the Degree Plan for the recommended path through the major.

To complete a major in history, students must take ten (10) 4-credit history courses or their equivalent. Students who enter the University as history majors, or who declare a major in history, should take the first required course, HIST 500 Introduction to Historical Thinking, as soon as possible. To declare a major in history, students must have completed or be enrolled in two history courses. HIST 500 Introduction to Historical Thinking is a prerequisite for the second required course, HIST 797 Colloquium, which fulfills the Discovery Program capstone requirement for history majors and is taken during the senior year. Students should consult the list of topics for HIST 797 Colloquium advertised each semester.

History Major Requirements

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At least eight (8) additional courses, following the guidelines below. No more than two (2) may be at the 400-level and a minimum of three (3) must be at the 600-level or above.

Total Credits: 40

A student’s program of study must include two parts:

1. An area of specialization. A student must select at least four courses to serve as an area of specialization within the major. Up to two courses (each four credits or their equivalent) in the area of specialization may be taken in other departments; such courses must be 500-level or above and have the approval of the student’s advisor. The area of specialization may be in a nation, region, a time period, global history, or one of the following:
   - ancient and pre-modern worlds
   - cultural and intellectual history
   - empires and colonialism
   - international and diplomatic history
   - politics, law, and government
   - race, gender, and sexuality
   - religion
   - revolution and social change
   - science, technology, medicine, and the environment
   - war and society
   - world economy
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2. Complementary courses. A student must select, in consultation with his or her advisor, at least three history courses in fields outside the area of specialization, chosen to broaden his or her understanding of the range of history. Each major should take at least one course from each of Groups I, II, and III. Group I contains all American history courses, Group II contains all European history courses, and Group III contains all other history courses.

The program must be planned in consultation with an advisor. A copy of the program, signed by the advisor, must be placed in a student’s file no later than the second semester of the student’s junior year. Courses at the 700-level will be judged by the advisor as to their applicability for area of specialization. The program may be modified with the advisor’s approval.

Only one HIST 695 Independent Study may be used to fulfill the 600-level requirement, and no more than two Independent Study courses may count toward the ten-course requirement. No more than two 400-level courses may be counted toward the major requirements. Students must receive at least a C in HIST 500 Introduction to Historical Thinking and at least a C- in the other nine courses. Majors must maintain a 2.0 or better in all history courses.

Candidates for a degree must satisfy all of the University Discovery Program requirements in addition to satisfying the requirements of each individual major program. Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) candidates must also satisfy the foreign language proficiency requirement.

History majors may use history courses to fulfill Discovery category requirements but may not double-count history courses for major and Discovery category requirements.

History majors must satisfy the language requirement for the B.A. degree in an international language that they could use for historical research. That list includes Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish. Students may petition the department curriculum committee for exceptions.

For transfer students, a minimum of five (5) of the semester courses used to fulfill the major requirements must be taken at the University. One upper-level course may be transferred to satisfy the requirement that a major must take at least three courses numbered 600 or above. Transfer students must complete both HIST 500 Introduction to Historical Thinking (or its equivalent) and HIST 797 Colloquium.

Degree Plan

Undergraduate Courses

Below is a suggested course outline. There might be other possible plans.

NOTE: Students should plan early and work closely with their advisors if they want to pursue the fast track program. It may be possible to include study abroad and other programs, if desired, but only with careful planning. They are also strongly encouraged to consult with the pre-law advisor on campus (Paula DiNardo, paula.dinardo@unh.edu, 603-862-2064.)
Law School Course Outline

Fourth Year/First Year Law (31 credits)

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**LAW SCHOOL COURSES**

After completing the first year courses (above), the schedule and track of the second and third years of law school are directed by each student with careful advising from the law faculty. The following summarizes the required curriculum and bar-recommended curriculum. 85 credits are required for graduation.

**Required courses include:**
- Administrative Process
- Criminal Procedure
- Professional Responsibility
- Upper Level Writing Course
- Upper Level Skills Course

**Bar-recommended courses include:**
- Personal Taxation
- Business Associations
- Wills, Trusts, and Estates
- Evidence