HISTORICAL STUDIES MAJOR (B.A.)

https://cps.unh.edu/online/program/ba/historical-studies

Description

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Historical Studies hones the skills of critical thinking, analytical reading, effective writing, and information synthesis. The B.A. in Historical Studies provides a sound foundation for a variety of careers and generalizes well to a range of industries. The degree also provides the necessary background for further study to those seeking a graduate degree in history or historic preservation, or in a closely related field such as law or political science.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Minimum Credit Requirement: 120 credits

Minimum Residency Requirement: 30 credits must be taken at UNH

Minimum Cumulative GPA: 2.0 is required for conferral

Core Curriculum Required: General Education Program

Writing Program Requirements

Foreign Language Requirement

Major, Option and Elective Requirements as indicated.

GPA: Major and any state certification GPA requirements may be higher and are indicated in program details.

A minimum grade of C- is required in all Major coursework. Some programs may have higher grade requirements for Major coursework as noted in the Major requirements section below. Students are allowed a maximum of two course overlaps. Overlaps can be used between Major, Minor, and General Education requirements with only 8 credits overlapped between the Major and Minor. Please note that Option requirements are considered part of the Major. Students must complete 16 upper-level credits in majors within the College of Professional Studies, Online.

General Education Program Requirements

A minimum grade of D- is required in all General Education coursework. Students are allowed a maximum of two course overlaps. Overlaps can be used between Major, Minor and General Education requirements with only 8 credits overlapped between the Major and Minor.

All General Education requirements, including CRIT 602 Advanced Critical Analysis and Strategic Thinking and IDIS 601 Interdisciplinary Seminar, must be taken prior to the capstone.

Writing Program Requirements

All bachelor’s degree candidates are required to complete four writing intensive courses as part of the University Writing Program Requirements as follows:

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Writing Intensive courses are identified with the label “Writing Intensive Course” in the “Attributes” section of the course description and/or a W following the course number.

Major Requirements

Prior to capstone enrollment, students are expected to complete the majority of their required major courses along with CRIT 602 Advanced Critical Analysis and Strategic Thinking and IDIS 601 Interdisciplinary Seminar. Students should consult with their advisor regarding specific major courses that may be completed with their capstone. Academic Advisor approval is required for registration to be processed.

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Total Credits 48
Electives

Open electives are courses students will need to take in addition to their general education and major requirements in order to satisfy the remaining credit totals for their programs. Open electives are defined as any credit course offered by the College not already included in the student’s general education, major, option or minor. Students will need 120 credits total to graduate with a bachelor’s degree from the Online Division of the College of Professional Studies.

* The Bachelor of Arts degree requires proficiency in a foreign language. This requirement may be fulfilled by completing the equivalent of a full- year elementary-level course in a language not previously studied, or by completing the equivalent of a semester of a course in a foreign language at the intermediate or higher level, or by earning credit through an approved Advanced Placement or College Board foreign language achievement test (minimum scores vary). The proficiency in a foreign language requirement must be satisfied by the end of the sophomore year. No credit is awarded for elementary year college coursework if the student has had two or more years of that language in high school. It is strongly advised that students check with academic departments to identify department-advised specific foreign language proficiency options.

Note: A student with a documented disability who wishes accommodation on the basis that the disability will prevent them from successfully mastering a foreign language requirement, or whose foreign language requirement was waived in high school because of a documented disability, must contact Student Accessibility Services, Smith Hall, (603) 862-2607 (Voice/TDD).

Degree Plan

This degree plan is a sample and does not reflect the impact of transfer credit or course offerings. UNH CPS Online undergraduate students should develop individual academic plans with their academic advisor during their first year at UNH.

Sample Course Sequence

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Student Learning Outcomes

- Appraise and contextualize information in order to convey both the particularity of past lives and the scale of human experience.
- Evaluate the multiple causes of complex events and phenomena using a multitude of sources and perspectives.
- Analyze U.S. history from the period of native peoples through the present.
- Explore world history, emphasizing major trends that influenced multiple nations and regions.
- Investigate the contributions and experiences of diverse peoples to national and world events.
- Craft well-supported historical narratives, arguments, and reports of research findings in a variety of media using discipline-specific writing and citation conventions.