

# 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. Students are allowed a maximum of two course overlaps. Overlaps can be used between Major, Minor, and General Education requirements with only one overlap being utilized 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 one overlap being utilized 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.

Code	Title	Credits
ENG 420	The Writing Process	4
COM 460	Interpersonal Communication and Group Dynamics	4
COM 480	Visual Communication	4
CRIT 501	Introduction to Critical Inquiry	4
Select one of the following:		
MTH 402	Math for Our World	4
MTH 504	Statistics	4

MTH 510	Pre-Calculus	
Knowledge of Human Behavior & Social Systems		4
Knowledge of the Physical & Natural World		4
Knowledge of Human Thought & Expression		4
CRIT 602	Advanced Critical Analysis and Strategic Thinking	4
IDIS 601	Interdisciplinary Seminar	4
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>40</b>

## 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:

Code	Title	Credits
ENG 420	The Writing Process	
One Writing Intensive course in the Major		
One Writing Intensive course at the 600-level or above		
One Additional Writing Intensive Course		

*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.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Major in Historical Studies</b>		
<i>Foundational Courses</i>		
HIS 402	Great Civilizations	4
HIS 410	United States History to 1865	4
HIS 411	United States History: 1865 to the Present	4
HIS 512	European History: Renaissance through the Industrial Revolution	4
Select one of the following:		
ART 550 or HUMN 502 or POL 450 or POL 554	Art History: Western World American Popular Culture American Government and Politics Law and Society	
<i>Intermediate Courses</i>		
HIS 590	Historical Methods	4
Select one of the following:		
COM 590 or COM 665 or ENG 590	Professional Communication Media and Strategic Communication Expository Writing	
<i>Advanced Courses</i>		
HIS 611	Themes in World History	4
Select three of the following:		
CRIM 707 or HIS 602 or HIS 718 or HIS 727 or POL 690	Constitutional Law History of New England History of World War II Vietnam War: An Historical Perspective The US in World Affairs	
<i>Integrative Capstone</i>		
HIS 795 or HIS 797	Integrative Capstone: Internship in History Integrative: Project in History	4
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>48</b>

## 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 current 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

### First Year

Fall		Credits
ENG 420	The Writing Process	4
HIS 410	United States History to 1865	4
HIS 411	United States History: 1865 to the Present	4
General Education or Foreign Language		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>

### Spring

COM 460	Interpersonal Communication and Group Dynamics	4
CRIT 501	Introduction to Critical Inquiry	4
HIS 402	Great Civilizations	4
MTH 402	Math for Our World	4
or MTH 504	or Statistics	
or MTH 510	or Pre-Calculus	
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>

### Second Year

Fall		Credits
COM 480	Visual Communication	4
ART 550	Art History: Western World	4
or HUMN 502	or American Popular Culture	
or POL 450	or American Government and Politics	
or POL 554	or Law and Society	

General Education or Foreign Language		4
Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>

### Spring

HIS 512	European History: Renaissance through the Industrial Revolution	4
HIS 590	Historical Methods	4
General Education or Foreign Language		4
Elective		4

**Credits** **16**

### Third Year

Fall		Credits
CRIT 602	Advanced Critical Analysis and Strategic Thinking	4
HIS 611	Themes in World History	4
CRIM 707	Constitutional Law	4
or HIS 602	or History of New England	
or HIS 718	or History of World War II	
or HIS 727	or Vietnam War: An Historical Perspective	
or POL 690	or The US in World Affairs	
General Education or Language Requirement		4

**Credits** **16**

### Spring

COM 665	Media and Strategic Communication	4
or COM 590	or Professional Communication	
or ENG 590	or Expository Writing	
HIS 602	History of New England	4
or HIS 718	or History of World War II	
or HIS 727	or Vietnam War: An Historical Perspective	
or CRIM 707	or Constitutional Law	
or POL 690	or The US in World Affairs	

General Education or Foreign Language		4
Elective		4

**Credits** **16**

### Fourth Year

Fall		Credits
HIS 718	History of World War II	4
or HIS 602	or History of New England	
or HIS 727	or Vietnam War: An Historical Perspective	
or CRIM 707	or Constitutional Law	
or POL 690	or The US in World Affairs	
IDIS 601	Interdisciplinary Seminar	4

Elective		4
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**Credits** **12**

### Spring

HIS 797	Integrative: Project in History	4
or HIS 795	or Integrative Capstone: Internship in History	

Elective		4
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Elective	4
<b>Credits</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>120</b>

## 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.