

NAU HISTORY DEPARTMENT

B.A. / B.S. Degree in History

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An Introduction to the Study of History

History is the study of the human experience in all its facets. The purpose of historical study is to not only acquire an understanding of “what happened” but also to develop an appreciation and understanding of how and why developments unfolded the way they did. Our program is multi-disciplinary and informed by voices from diverse groups. The study of history will inform and guide your reasoning about human behavior both now and in your future. It will provide a strong foundation for diverse careers and graduate education in areas such as law, politics, and public history. The program will challenge you to think analytically and critically, develop research skills, and learn to communicate more effectively.

We encourage students to:

- Declare a major early so that you will become orientated to the discipline while you are still in the formative stages of your program of study.
- Meet with an advisor to discuss the curriculum, select courses and discuss career options.
- Take sets of coherently sequenced history courses of 200-, 300-, and 400-level courses in at least 2 areas of history. (e.g. History of: western civilization, U.S., Asian, Latin American, African, Islam)

The requirements for achieving a B.A. or B.S. degree in History consist of **4 major components**:

1. University Liberal Studies program – 35 hours

You may *not* use HIS courses to fulfill your Liberal Studies requirements.

2. History major – 39 hours

- Western history -- US or Western Civilization*
- Non-Western history - Asian History, Latin American History, African History, or The Islamic World*
- HIS 200 (Historians and the Study of History)
- HIS 300W (Junior level writing requirement)
- HIS 498C (Senior Seminar, research-oriented capstone course)
- Maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average in your major courses
- At least 3 other 400-level courses (5 for an extended major)

3. Minor - 18-24 hours

Program of your choice generally of course work in a discipline, or in a multi-disciplinary program such as International Affairs, outside of your major. If you decide not to have a minor, you may opt instead for an **extended major** in History, which adds 18 hours to your “regular” major.

4. Electives - Courses to make up the total of 120 hours required for graduation.

The difference between a BA degree and a BS degree is a 12 hour (3-semester block) requirement of course work in a foreign language. These language study hours are not part of the 39 hour major requirements but you may take them as part of your liberal studies, as electives, or if you choose a foreign-language minor, as part of your minor.

* World History surveys (HIS100&102) may be taken in lieu of either a set of Western history courses or a set of non-Western history courses.

Advising Check Sheet: B.A. / B.S. History Major Requirements

For the BA/BS degree there are **39 credit hours** of required History course work, normally distributed as follows. **No HIS courses** may be used towards your Liberal Studies requirements. You must maintain a 3.0 GPA in your major courses. **Note:** You may choose to develop a thematic (rather than geographical-cultural) concentration, such as social and economic history, women’s history, American-Indian history or ethnic history.

1. Required Courses – 9 credit hours (should be taken in sequence)

Semester/grade
 _____ HIS 200 (Freshman/sophomore introduction to History)
 _____ HIS 300W (Junior level writing. HIS 200 is a prerequisite)
 _____ HIS 498C (Senior Seminar. HIS 300W is a prerequisite)

2. Required Survey Courses – 12 credit hours

One sequence pair from group one (Western history) and one sequence pair from group two (non-Western history). **HIS 100/102 may be used in only one group, not both.**

Group one – 6 credit hours	Group two – 6 credit hours
Semester/grade _____ HIS 100-World History I _____ HIS 102-World History II OR _____ HIS 240-Western Civilization I _____ HIS 241-Western Civilization II OR _____ HIS 291-US History before 1865 _____ HIS 292-US History after 1865	Semester/grade _____ HIS 100-World History I _____ HIS 102-World History II OR _____ HIS 220-African History _____ HIS 221-African History OR _____ HIS 230-Islamic world _____ HIS 231-Islamic world OR _____ HIS 249 or HIS 250–Asian History _____ HIS 251-Asian History OR _____ HIS 280-Latin America _____ HIS 281-Latin America

3. Other 200, 300 and 400 level Courses – 18 credit hours

200- and 300-level courses – 9 credit hours	400-level courses – 9 credit hours
Course/semester/grade HIS _____ HIS _____ HIS _____	Course/semester/grade HIS _____ HIS _____ HIS _____

4. B.A. foreign language requirement – 12 credit hours, CLEP or placement exam equivalents. You may obtain credit for the language by examinations in accordance with university regulations.

Extended Major - 57 hours or Minor - 18-24 hours

Extended Major

200- and 300-level courses – 12 credit hours	400-level courses – 6 credit hours
Course/semester/grade HIS _____ HIS _____	Course/semester/grade HIS _____ HIS _____

Minor

Minor program:	
1. _____	4. _____
2. _____	5. _____
3. _____	6. _____

Liberal Studies – 35 credit hours

This checklist of liberal studies course work follows the system as of Fall 1999*. Students who entered Arizona colleges and universities prior to Fall 1999 and have been continuously enrolled **with no more than 1 year hiatus** may choose to follow the earlier liberal studies system at NAU.

Foundation Requirements – 7 hours

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English -- ENG 105 (4)**	
Math -- MAT 114/119/125/131/136/137 (3 min)***	

Distribution Requirements – 28 hours

Cultural Understanding	6 hrs	Science /Lab Science	7 hrs
course #	semester/year	course #	semester/year
1. _____		1. _____	
2. _____		2. _____	
Social and Political Worlds	6 hrs	Aesthetic and Humanistic Inquiry	6 hrs
course #	semester/year	course #	semester/year
1. _____		1. _____	
2. _____		2. _____	
Liberal Studies Elective	3 hrs		
course #	semester/year	Have	Need
		Foundation _____hrs	_____hrs
		Distribution _____hrs	_____hrs
		Total _____hrs	_____hrs

Diversity Requirements

NAU Diversity requirement beginning in 2005 may be met in Liberal Studies, major, minor, or as an elective.
Check LOUIE for Diversity course list.

US/Ethnic	Semester/Year	Global	Semester/Year

* Anyone who started their college program before Fall 1999 and is opting for this liberal studies program must substitute any additional liberal studies course from the above distribution requirements blocks in lieu of UC 101.
 ** ENG 101 **and** 102 (6 hours) or their equivalents taken at another institution can be transferred in to substitute for NAU's ENG 105.
 *** MAT 110 taken before Fall 2001 is also eligible for fulfilling this requirement.