

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

History is the study of human experience in all its diverse aspects. To interpret the present, one must understand the past; there is no better predictor of the future than past behavior. History courses train students to think analytically, conduct research, evaluate source materials, and interpret human behavior. Through writing and independent research, students hone their analytical and communication skills. They also acquire greater cultural and international awareness as they become more familiar with the socio-cultural settings that shapes human consciousness and action. History is by nature interdisciplinary and international in scope.

A degree in history offers excellent preparation for students to pursue careers in public history, museum curatorship, archive management, law, education, international relations, international business, management, library science, communications and media, and tourism and recreation as well as any career working with public documents and government records.

The department offers courses of study leading to the B.A. or B.S. degree. The undergraduate curriculum focuses on the United States (colonial times to the present), Europe (Antiquity to the current EU), Latin America (modern), Asia (modern), race, and visual and material culture. History faculty members also offer coursework for students in environmental science, international studies, interdisciplinary studies, and Latin American studies as well as minors in religious studies, women and gender studies, and American Indian studies.

Graduate study is offered in the history of the United States, Europe (Antiquity to the current EU), Latin America, visual and material culture, and gender. The degree programs include Master of Arts (M.A.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), for which dissertation topics are limited to the fields of the North American West, U.S. since 1877, historical archaeology, and Europe since 1750. Dissertations in historical archaeology are undertaken with the collaboration of anthropology faculty specializing in this field. In addition, we offer a Ph.D. in History with a focus in historical archaeology in coordination with the Department of Culture, Society and Justice (<https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/letters-arts-social-sciences/culture-society-justice/>).

Students applying for admission to graduate study in history must be approved by the majority of the history faculty. Students seeking graduate degrees in history must present an undergraduate transcript with at least a 3.00 average in all history courses and a 2.80 overall average that shows at least 12 credits earned in a foreign language.

Majors

- History (B.A.) (<https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/letters-arts-social-sciences/history/history-ba/>)
- History (B.S.) (<https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/letters-arts-social-sciences/history/history-bs/>)

Minors

- History Minor (<https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/letters-arts-social-sciences/history/history-minor/>)

History Graduate Program

Candidates must fulfill the requirements of the College of Graduate Studies and of the Department of History. See the College of Graduate Studies (<https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/graduate-studies/>) section for the general requirements applicable to each degree. Detailed information about requirements and procedures related to these programs is available in printed form from the head of the department.

- History (M.A.) (<https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/letters-arts-social-sciences/history/history-ma/>)
- History (Ph.D.) (<https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/letters-arts-social-sciences/history/history-phd/>)