PREPARE FOR YOUR FUTURE BY STUDYING THE PAST!

The Department of History at Minnesota State University, Mankato features a global curriculum that provides students with an understanding of the unique histories of the peoples and cultures throughout the world.

History is one of the best majors for developing the writing and analytical skills and multicultural competencies that employers want and expect as they look to hire college graduates. Historians produce knowledge about past individuals and societies by analyzing evidence (such as written documents, artifacts, and electronic recordings) to explain how change occurred over time. Historians need to examine complex factors, consider contradictory evidence, and gather additional data before they can make informed conclusions on the issue or event they are studying. They then relate their findings in interesting and compelling stories that span the entire globe over a wide expanse of time.

The Department of History offers Bachelor of Arts (43 credits) and Bachelor of Science degree (36 credits). Both the BA and BS require a minor. The B.S. requires four credits of practicum. The BA degree requires eight credits in a modern foreign language and three credits in readings for Honors.

The History minor is an excellent complement to any major that requires critical thinking and writing skills. The range of subjects and time periods in our courses allow students to complete the 20 credit minor requirement and take courses that interest and excite you.

LEARN ESSENTIAL SKILLS THAT ALL EMPLOYERS WANT

History majors develop research, writing, and analytical skills that open doors to a wide variety of job opportunities in fields such as business, politics, government, education, and healthcare. A degree in history is also an outstanding foundation for students who plan to attend law school or graduate school. The skills you will learn as a History major are useful in many different career tracks, which is important since college graduates are increasingly more likely to switch their entire career path, rather than stay in one job or field over the course of their lives.

EXAMINING THE QUALITY OF OUR PROGRAM

Faculty

The department’s ten full-time professors teach and conduct research in North and South American, European, Asian, African, and Middle Eastern History. All of the department’s faculty members teach introductory and upper-level courses, and they are committed to advising and mentoring students. Our course offerings allow students to explore a wide range of historical eras in different areas of the world, and these classes help students understand how economic, religious, political, and cultural factors can sometimes promote cooperation, and in different circumstances lead to conflict and war. Students also have opportunities to pursue internships and to engage in, present, and publish undergraduate research projects.

Alumni Success

Our alumni are active and successful leaders in businesses, law firms, schools, government agencies, and historical societies and museums. Many have attended top-rate graduate schools and law schools such as Cornell, Stanford, the University of Minnesota, and the University of Toronto. Several of our graduates have credited the knowledge and skills they learned as history majors as important to their current work as lawyers, technical information specialists, academic advisors, and graduate students in Ph.D. programs. As one alumni noted, the small size of our upper-division courses “enable students to develop great relationships with their professors.”

STUDENT EXPERIENCE/PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Scholarships and Grants

The History department offers several scholarships and grants each year to recognize outstanding students and to fund tuition and research:

- The Department of History Scholarship is awarded to a sophomore or junior majoring in History or Social Studies (with a History emphasis).
- The David Taylor Scholarship is awarded to a first-year student who has declared a major in History or an outstanding History major.
- The David Montgomery History Scholarship is awarded based on a student application and essay.
- The M. Bruce Gordon Scholarship is awarded based on the financial need of History students.

Students may also apply for research funding through the William E. Lass Student Research Grants award.
Student/faculty collaboration
The History Department faculty work with students to help them understand the major historical issues and controversies in their areas of expertise. They also show students the analytical skills that professional historians use in studying the past. Students analyze and interpret original historical documents, read and criticize the work of professional historians, and develop their writing, organizational, and presentation skills. Our students also have several opportunities to pursue historical research, and many have presented original research papers at the Undergraduate Research Symposium. The department offers funding to support outstanding undergraduate and research projects.

PREPARING FOR THE HISTORY PROGRAM
High school academic preparation should include courses in history, geography and English, especially composition. Extracurricular activities in debate and speech are also very helpful in organizing information and presenting it clearly.

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SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM (HISTORY, BS)

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For additional information about course requirements, please visit https://mankato.mnsu.edu/academics/academic-catalog/