

History Major

HISTORY MAJOR

History is among the longest-standing majors at Stillman because it allows insight into the journeys of people and civilizations. History majors will discover a lot of both during their Stillman careers with major courses in, among other topics, World History, African History, Latin American History, and African American History. Majors also have the opportunity to participate in an internship with placements at the Sheppard Library on the Stillman campus and at the Murphy African American Museum and the Children's Hands-on Museum in the Tuscaloosa community. Upon graduating, majors have the content knowledge and analytical skills to pursue law school, graduate school in history, political science, public administration, and museum studies, and professional paths, such as analysts to public and private industries, and national, state, and local officials and administrators. Students who major in History also can seek secondary education certification in Social Studies by taking the identified courses in Education and completing the GPA and testing requirements for certification. Students interested in this option should speak with their academic advisors and with the Dean of the School of Education along with a faculty member in the Department of Education.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the History major, students will be able to perform the following:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of World History (Content).
2. Demonstrate knowledge of American History (Content).
3. Demonstrate knowledge of African and African American History (Content).
4. Demonstrate knowledge of Geography (Content).
5. Demonstrate scholarship by writing a thesis that uses analyses based in research and primary source (Critical Thinking).
6. Orally defend a thesis that uses analyses based in research and primary sources (Communication).

Program Outcomes

As a result of successful completion of the History Program, graduates will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate effective written and oral communication skills.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of past and present civilizations.
3. Have the opportunity to apply to graduate programs, law school, and appropriate careers in the field.
4. Demonstrate the use of technology relevant to the field.

Semester Plan

Included below is a sample semester-by-semester plan for a major in History.

NOTE

Students may elect to combine a history major with a secondary education certification program in the Social Sciences. An advisor will work with the student to develop semester schedules for certification in the Social Sciences.

Degree Type

Bachelor of Arts

Major in History

A program of study in History consists of 45 semester hours. Required courses are:

Item #	Title	Credits
HIS 131	Foundations of World Civilization	3
HIS 132	Foundations of American Civilization	3
HIS 230	Historical Methods	3
HIS 337	African American History I	3
HIS 339	Historical Research and Writing	3
	History Elective	3
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HIS 436	African History	3
	400-level History	3
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GEO 231	World Regional Geography	3
	History Elective ++	3
	History Elective ++	3

Minor in History

Required courses for the minor in History

A minor in history consists of a minimum of 18 credit hours. The following courses are required for a minor in history:

* History electives for the minor cannot include HIS 339 or HIS 439.

Item #	Title	Credits
HIS 131	Foundations of World Civilization	3
HIS 132	Foundations of American Civilization	3
HIS 337	African American History I	3
HIS 436	African History	3
	History Elective	3
	History Elective	3
Total Credits		63

Major in History FRESHMAN YEAR Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 131	English Composition I	3
HIS 131	Foundations of World Civilization	3
REL 131	Introduction to the Old Testament	3
MAT 131	Algebra	3
HUM 130	African American Heritage	3
STI 111	Orientation	1

FRESHMAN YEAR Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 132	English Composition II	3
PHY 131	Physical Science	3
REL 132	Introduction to the New Testament	3
HPR 121	Lifetime Wellness	2
HIS 132	Foundations of American Civilization	3
STI 114	Orientation II	1

SOPHOMORE YEAR Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
HIS 230	Historical Methods	3
BIO 131	Life Science	3
CSC 121	Critical Thinking in Digital Age	2
BUS 210	Financial Literacy	1
BUS 233	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
GEO 231	World Regional Geography	3

SOPHOMORE YEAR Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	History Elective ++	3
HIS 330	American Colonial History, 1492-1776	3
	200-level Religion	3
ENG 333	Writing Argument	3
SPE 232	Public Speaking	3

JUNIOR YEAR Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	History Elective	3
HIS 337	African American History I	3
	300-level Religion	3
HIS 332	The Medieval World, Renaissance, and Reformation	3
HIS 333	The Age of Absolutism to the Modern World	3
EDU 310	Test Taking Strategies	1

JUNIOR YEAR Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	History Elective ++	3
HIS 338	African American History II	3
HIS 339	Historical Research and Writing	3
LOG 330	Logic	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3

SENIOR YEAR Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
HIS 436	African History	3
HIS 433	Modern International History	3
	Foreign Language	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3
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SENIOR YEAR Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
HIS 435	Latin America and the Caribbean	3
HIS 431	Asian History	3
HIS 335	Recent United States History, 1890-Present	3
	General Elective (2 credits)	2
	General Elective (2 credits)	2