



BACHELOR OF ARTS IN History



PROGRAM OVERVIEW »

BACHELOR OF ARTS | MAJOR | MINOR | CONCENTRATION IN PUBLIC HISTORY

As a history student, you will also apply an interdisciplinary lens drawn from the Department's commitment to Africana Studies, American Studies, Asian Studies, Gender Studies, Jewish Studies, Latin American and Latino Studies, and Stetson's Program in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies (SPREES). Indeed, we seek to develop a breadth of understanding regarding world cultures, societies, and peoples, produce in-depth research projects, and enhance their communication and critical thinking skills through writing and discussion-intensive classes.

Given this rigorous, interdisciplinary preparation, it is hardly surprising that many American presidents, Supreme Court justices, business leaders, educators and journalists have been majors in history. Students who major in history continue to perform near the top of all majors nationally on admissions exams to law and business schools.

The Department of History offers a Bachelor of Arts in history (history major), a Bachelor of Arts in history (history major) with a public history concentration, and a history minor. The public history concentration is particularly useful for students who want to work in government, museums, libraries, archives, documentary films or consulting.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH »

In our history program at Stetson University, you will engage in independent research and complete a senior research project with faculty guidance.

Recent research topics include women prisoners in the Soviet Gulag, President Kennedy, the unique story of Elizabeth Stetson Countess of Santa Eulalia, the fact and fiction of the Titanic, Colonialism and Genocide, history of the American Tank, the dual role of the public and private sectors in Deland's "rebirth", how the Irish became "white," Operation Condor and the US war on communism, and much more.

The History Department offers several competitive grants, such as Evans Johnson and Malcolm Wynn grants, for History majors to supplement their scholarship with hands-on experience in archival research or presentation of their research at academic conferences. Members of the History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta, may submit their research to present at the Phi Alpha Theta Undergraduate Research Conference.

History lies at the heart of the liberal arts education. By combining the methods of the social sciences with those of the humanities, our major seeks to reconstruct the past in order to better understand the present. Courses study diverse peoples and societies from global and interdisciplinary perspectives, visiting times and places both distant and familiar. Accompany Mohammed on his journey from Mecca to Medina. Follow Harriet Jacobs as she escapes from slavery. Read the German Kaiser's letters to his cousin, the Russian Czar. Ask why Rome fell? Why did Japan bomb Pearl Harbor? Did King Arthur really exist? Who planned the Holocaust? Why are there so many violent drug cartels in Mexico? With a major in history, you will attempt to answer these questions by analyzing a diverse array of primary and secondary sources drawn from politics, economics and sociology; art, literature and film; religion, philosophy and psychology; and the natural sciences and environmental studies.

FACULTY »

At Stetson, the History faculty are engaged teacher-scholars who will teach you how to discover, evaluate and interpret information about what individuals and societies did in the past and how the past helps us understand the present. We work closely to enhance your skills in research, evaluation of data, critical thinking, and written and oral communication.

Our faculty have won numerous teaching awards, including the William Hugh McEniry Award for Excellence in Teaching (Stetson's highest faculty honor), the John Hague Award for Distinguished Teaching in the Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Stetson University Award for Student Advocacy, the inaugural (2019) First Year Seminar Excellence in Teaching Award, and the First Year Student Advocate Award.

Furthermore, members of the History Department are active in research and publication. All tenured faculty have their PhD degrees, and multiple professors have won external research awards, including two Fulbright awards and a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant since 2015 alone.

- [Martin Blackwell](#), PhD, Indiana University
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BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

History majors excel at original research, critical thinking and analysis of trends through time, and each student completes a challenging senior research project during their final year, all skills which prepare them for a variety of careers. History majors frequently pursue graduate programs in:

- Law
- Public history
- Public administration
- Library and information science
- Education

History majors often build successful careers in:

- Museum and historical agency/society professionals
- Political advisors
- Historical interpreters
- Cultural resource managers
- Private consultants in planning, community projects and conservation
- Restoration experts
- Historical archaeologists
- Archivists

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