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What is History?

It is the great story of the past of all mankind. Its roots are in memory itself, for every man and woman on earth lives in time and remembers their past. A historian studies the memories people leave behind in primary sources or eyewitness accounts, and then tells the story of the past in a secondary source.

Career Opportunities in History

A Bachelor of Arts in History opens the door to many career paths. Graduates can pursue a Master of Arts and a Doctor of Philosophy in history or go onto careers in other fields including law, international relations, government services, writing, and research. Jobs are available in public history sites, museums, local and state government agencies, private corporations and universities.

Salary Trends in History

Salaries for historians with graduate degrees depend on the job title and duties. According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook*, in 2007 the average starting salary for history majors was \$35,092.

High School Preparation

History is one of the best “humanities” because it is so “human.” The opportunities to learn more about history are many and varied.

If you are considering majoring in history, your high school studies should include advanced history and science courses, literature, English, and classes that offer many writing assignments along with the opportunity to explore complex ideas, critical thinking and strategizing. Enhance your studies with excursions to museums and historical sites. Participate in the debate team and after-school activities that involve concentration and strategy.

A student interested in history can learn even more through books, lectures and television programs.

How to Major in History at Lourdes University

The Department of History promotes an interest in the field through its many courses. By participating in the history program, students will master a solid foundation in American, European, and World History; learn and practice the historical method; understand the various dimensions of historical consciousness in speech and writing; and prepare for careers and lifelong learning in which they can make use of the knowledge and skills achieved in the program.

Courses offered by the Department of History may be used for general education requirements, an Associate in Arts Degree, a Bachelor of Arts Degree major or minor, or as a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Requirements for History

As a History major, you may choose American History (HST 121/122) or World History (HST 103/104) for your survey classes. Other required courses include three courses in U.S. History, three courses in European History, two courses in World History, Historiography (HST 430) and 44 hours of electives. Of the 33 semester hours in history, 18 must be at the 300 and 400 level and at least 14 hours of electives must also be at the 300 and 400 level.

Internships

The Department of History offers an internship class every summer. Students work for eight weeks at an internship site of their choice (1-3 hour course). Sites have included the Rutherford B. Hayes Museum, the Toledo Museum of Art, the Wood County Historical Society, the Toledo Area Office on Aging, the Sylvania Historical Village, and the Toledo City Council. Interested students should contact the Department of History Chair, who is the Coordinator of the Internship Program in history.

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Highlights of History at Lourdes University

History majors meeting the standards for membership may be invited to join the Lourdes University Alpha Lambda Nu Chapter of Pi Alpha Theta, the national history honorary society. This organization sponsors many history-related events throughout the year including the Distinguished Lecture Series in American History and Culture each spring.

Students also learn how to write a serious piece of history for publication. Students taking the required HST 430 Historiography learn to choose a story, construct an outline, research primary and secondary resources, and develop a history that brings the past to life. Students in this course also learn respect for the great tradition of historical writing by reading the works of major historians from the ancient world to the modern age, and writing and speaking about that tradition. Finally, students are taught how to prepare their work for publication and/or presentation in a public forum. The results of this research are published on the Department of History web page in a journal entitled "Tell Me A Story."

Students who have declared their major must meet with Department of History Chair to determine a plan of study and to discuss their career options.

To plan your future education goals, including Plan of Study at Lourdes University along with your future plans for graduate school, contact Department of History Chair.

Associate of Arts – History

General Education	Semester Hours
ENG 101	3
ENG 102	3
PHL 101, 102 or 103.....	3
Art or Music course.....	3
ENG 200	3
Ethical Foundations course.....	3
Cultural Awareness course.....	3
Natural Science course	3
Theological Studies course	3
Math course	3
Personal Wellness course	3

Core Requirements

Chose ONE survey level set
HST 103/104
 World Civ. I & II
or
HST 121/122
 U.S. History I & II..... 6
U.S. History courses..... 6
European History courses 6
World History course..... 3
Political Science elective 3
Elective..... 3

Bachelor of Arts – History

General Education	Semester Hours
ENG 101	3
ENG 102	3
Critical Thinking course	3
Philosophy course	3
Art course	3
Music course	3
ENG 200	3
Ethical Foundations courses	6
Cultural Awareness course.....	3
Natural Science course	3
Behavioral Science course	3
Theological Studies courses.....	6
Math courses.....	6
Personal Wellness course	3

Core Requirements

Choose ONE survey level set
HST 103/104
 World Civilization I & II
or
HST 121/122
 U.S. History I & II..... 6
U.S. History courses..... 9
European History courses 9
World History courses..... 6
HST 430 Historiography..... 3
Electives..... 44

Note: This sheet is for general information only. For more specific information on this program refer to the Lourdes University catalog at <http://www.lourdes.edu/academics/?s=5&c=119> or contact the University.

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