History, BA

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the university's Four-Year Graduation Plan.

Before the fifth semester begins: three courses in the major, including HIST:2151 Introduction to the History Major

Before the seventh semester begins: four more courses in the major and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: three more courses in the major.

During the eighth semester: submission of the portfolio of written work (three history papers/projects, preferably graded) to the director of undergraduate studies through the HIST:3193 Undergraduate History Portfolio ICON website (a student must be enrolled in HIST:3193 in order to submit the portfolio), enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major (two courses), all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, visit MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability [a]		
	Hours	**0**
First Year		
Fall		
Major Elective: history elective course [b, c, d, e]		3 - 4
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	Interpreting Literature or Rhetoric: Writing and Communication	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences [f]		3
Elective course [g]		3
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	1
	Hours	**13-15**
Spring		
Major Elective: history elective course [b, c, e, h]		3 - 4
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric: Writing and Communication or Interpreting Literature	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Understanding Cultural Perspectives [f]		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab [f]		4
Elective course [g]		2
	Hours	**15-17**
Second Year		
Fall		
HIST:2151	Introduction to the History Major [b]	3
Major Elective: American history course [b, i]		3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues [f]		3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning [f]		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course [j]		4 - 5
	Hours	**16-17**
Spring		
Major Elective: European history course [b]		3
Major Elective: non-Western history course [b]		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course [j]		4 - 5
Elective course [g]		3
Elective course [g]		3
	Hours	**16-17**
Third Year		
Fall		
Major Elective: 3000+ American history course [b, i]		3
Major Elective: 3000+ European history course [b]		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab [f]		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course [j]		4 - 5
Elective course [g]		3
	Hours	**16-17**
Spring		
Major Elective: pre-1700 history course [b]		3
Major Elective: 3000+ non-Western history course [b]		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course [j]		4 - 5
Elective course [g]		3
Elective course [g]		3
	Hours	**16-17**
Fourth Year		
Fall		
Major Elective: history elective course [b, c, e]		3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts [f]		3
Elective course [g]		3
Elective course [g]		3
Elective course [g]		3
	Hours	**15-16**
Spring		
HIST:3193	Undergraduate History Portfolio	0
Major Elective: history elective course [b, c, e]		3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Values and Society [f]		3
Elective course [g]		3
Elective course [g]		3
Elective course [g]		3
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) [k]		
	Hours	**15-16**
	Total Hours	**122-132**

a Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative or Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Society.

b Students must complete 24 s.h. from courses in prefix HIST numbered 2000 or above.
c Students complete at least 12 s.h. in history electives.
d Consider choosing a course that also fulfills the GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues requirement.
e Students may count a maximum of 3 s.h. numbered HIST:1002-1099 toward the major.
f GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.
g Students may use elective courses to earn credit toward the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.
h Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
i Students may count a maximum of 18 s.h. earned in American history courses toward the major.
j Students who have completed four levels of a single language or two levels of two different languages in high school or college have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Students who have completed three levels of a single language may complete a fourth-level course in the same language or may choose an approved World Language and Cultural Exploration course. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course. Contact your academic advisor or CLAS Undergraduate Programs Office with questions concerning the World Languages requirement.
k Please see Academic Calendar, on Office of the Registrar website, for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Degree Services.