

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.

Iowa Degree in Three

University of Iowa majors who are strongly motivated can graduate with a degree in three years under the Iowa Degree in Three. The program is available to students who can complete more semester hours each term than they would on the Four-Year Graduation Plan.

Students sign an agreement during their first semester of enrollment; meet with an advisor at least once a semester to review their plans and progress; take courses during summer sessions, if necessary; meet specific course checkpoints; and maintain the grade-point average required for the major.

Students are allowed to bring Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), or transfer credit upon admission to reduce the number of semester hours required for their degree. They should consult their advisor about the program.

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, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability ^a		
Hours		0
First Year		
Fall		
Major: history elective course ^{b, c, d, e}		3 - 4
ENGL:1200 The Interpretation of Literature		3 - 4
or RHET:1030 or Rhetoric		
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences ^f		3

Elective course ^g		3
CSI:1600 Success at Iowa		2
Hours		14-16

Spring

Major: history elective course ^{c, d, e, h}		3 - 4
ENGL:1200 The Interpretation of Literature		3 - 4
or RHET:1030 or Rhetoric		
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion ^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 ^d		3
Major: American history course ^{d, 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		4 - 5
Proficiency or elective course ^j		
Hours		16-17

Spring

Major: European history course ^d		3
Major: non-Western history course ^d		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level		4 - 5
Proficiency or elective course ^j		
Elective course ^g		3
Elective course ^g		3
Hours		16-17

Third Year

Fall

Major: 3000+ American history course ^{d, i}		3
Major: 3000+ European history course ^d		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab ^f		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level		4 - 5
Proficiency or elective course ^j		
Elective course ^g		3
Hours		16-17

Spring

Major: pre-1700 history course ^d		3
Major: 3000+ non-Western history course ^d		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level		4 - 5
Proficiency or elective course ^j		
Elective course ^g		3
Elective course ^g		3
Hours		16-17

Fourth Year

Fall

Major: history elective course ^{c, d, 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: history elective course ^{c, d, e}		3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture ^f		3

Elective course ^g	3
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Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) ^k	
Hours	15-16
Total Hours	123-133

- 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 and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.
- b Consider choosing a course that also fulfills the GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues requirement.
- c Students complete at least 12 s.h. in history electives.
- d Students must complete 24 s.h. from courses in prefix HIST numbered 2000 or above.
- 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 towards 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 years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.
- k Please see Academic Calendar, 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 Graduation Services.