History, BA

Honors

Honors in the Major

Honors in the major gives students the opportunity to conduct independent research on a topic of their choosing, and write an original piece of scholarship based on that research. The product is a 30–35 page thesis written under the supervision of a faculty member who specializes in the field. To graduate with honors in history, students must maintain a cumulative University of Iowa grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.33, as required by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and a 3.33 GPA in the major as set by the Department of History. Students register for 3 s.h. in HIST:3995 History Honors Research Seminar, usually during the spring of their junior year, and HIST:3996 Honors Thesis, usually during the fall of their senior year. The 6 s.h. of credit counts toward the semester hours required for the history major.

University of Iowa Honors Program

In addition to honors in the major, students have opportunities for honors study and activities through membership in the University of Iowa Honors Program. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the university's honors program.

Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the history major.