HISTORY (B.A.)
Department of History
College of Arts & Sciences
Eastern Kentucky University

History at EKU
History is the story of people with a focus on time and place. The student should know what happened but it is more important to understand why events happened. Historians study political, social, cultural, economic, religious, and psychological conditions to explain changes and continuities through time. History provides perspective on the past but also on the present, giving insight into events as they unfold today.

At EKU, history majors study a variety of world regions, including the U.S., Europe, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America with specialists trained in these fields. Possible time periods range from ancient times to the twentieth century. Students may also pursue topics such as women in history, history of science, and history and film. Classes are small and it is easy to talk to faculty outside of class; our office doors are open.

Careers in History
While the History Department, in cooperation with the College of Education, prepares teachers, graduates have found jobs in business, journalism, government and in professions such as law. History is considered excellent preparation for law school and graduate programs in many fields. Many professions and businesses value the research, analytical, and writing skills developed through the study of History.

Degree Programs
The Department of History offers the Bachelor of Arts degree in History with teaching certification.

The Department also offers the Bachelor of Arts degree in History for students who do not wish to pursue secondary certification. At the graduate level, the department offers the Master of Arts in History and is a component of several Masters degree programs in the College of Education.

Eastern Kentucky University
As you consider where you will pursue your studies, Eastern Kentucky University encourages you to ask yourself, “What do I want to do with my life?” and “Who can help me reach that destination?”

Before we tell you about EKU, let’s focus on your needs. What are you looking for in a college or university?

- Renowned, accessible professors; low student/faculty ratio
- State-of-the-art facilities
- Extensive curriculum
- Wide network of campus organizations
- Affordable cost
- Inviting campus

Achieving your goals depends on the quality of the faculty and curriculum at the school you choose to attend. Every college and university touts facilities, but few can match the accolades of our faculty. At EKU you’ll reach beyond the borders of classroom discussion to hands-on experience and networking opportunities with experts in the field.

EKU graduates are world leaders in areas as diverse as international business and homeland security; local, state and national government; as well as drama and law. Campus facilities, such as the Studio for Academic Creativity, which is designed to enhance research, writing, and presentation skills, and our new state-of-the-art science building, ensure our students of exposure to technologies vital to real world success.

We hope you’ll see that from our view there are no limitations, just possibilities.

- A comprehensive, public university serving more than 16,000 students
- Undergraduate and graduate excellence through 168 associate, baccalaureate, master’s, specialist and cooperative doctoral programs
- Quality and diversity in faculty and staff
- Student/professor ratio of 17:1
- 66-acre main campus in Richmond, regional campuses in Corbin, Danville, Lancaster and Manchester, and higher education centers throughout the Commonwealth

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Upon successful completion of this program, graduates will be able to: 1) demonstrate knowledge of U.S. history, European history, selected aspects of non-Western history at a high level; 2) demonstrate their ability to write effectively (all students in the program will complete term papers as part of their major requirements); and 3) execute a major research project utilizing both primary and secondary sources. All students in the baccalaureate program will submit prior to graduation a formal research project which includes both primary and secondary sources. In addition to pursuing careers in education, graduates of this degree program have found employment in business, journalism, public history, library work, government and law. A history degree is excellent preparation for law school as well as graduate programs in library science, public history and many other fields. Many employers value the research, writing and analytical skills developed through the study of history.

Major Requirements .......................................................... 33 hours
HIS 202, 203, 290, 450W, and 21 upper division hours with a minimum of six hours in each of the following distribution areas (including two of the following three courses: 302A, 302B, 302C):
Area II (Europe): HIS 300B (3 hours), 301, 302B, 310, 336, 337, 339, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 350, 363, or 365.
Area III (Non-Western): HIS 300C (3 hours), 302C, 310, 336, 337, 339, 341, 375, 378, 380, 383, 384, 385, 386, 388, 434, 474, or 475.

The remaining upper division history course may come from any of the above areas or from other upper division history courses except HIS 302A, B, C, HIS 349

General Education Requirements ............................................. 48 hours
Standard General Education program. Refer to Section Four of the EKU catalog for details on the General Education and University requirements.

University Requirement .......................................................... 1 hour
ASO 100

Free Electives ............................................................................. 38 hours
At least three hours of one foreign language is strongly recommended.
Students who plan to pursue a graduate degree are strongly encouraged to take at least six hours of a foreign language.

Total Curriculum Requirements .............................................. 120 hours

SECOND MAJOR IN HISTORY
A student may complete a second major in history by completing the major requirements listed above.

MINOR IN HISTORY

Students majoring in other disciplines may minor in History (teaching or non-teaching) by completing the following courses: HIS 202 and 203; HIS 231, HIS 246, or HON 210; HIS 232, HIS 245 or HON 311; nine hours upper division history with three hours in each of the upper-division areas described in the major (refer to major for specific course listings in each area).

HISTORY COURSES
HIS 202 American Civilization to 1877
HIS 203 American Civilization since 1877
HIS 231 Western Civilization I
HIS 232 Western Civilization II
HIS 246 World Civilizations to 1500
HIS 247 World Civilizations since 1500
HIS 290 Historical Research and Methods
HIS 300A Topics in U.S. History:
HIS 300B Topics in European History:
HIS 300C Topics in Non-Western History:
HIS 301 History as Biography:
HIS 302A Research Topics in History:
HIS 302B Research Topics in History:
HIS 302C Research Topics in History:
HIS 303 Women in American History
HIS 304 Slavery in the Americas
HIS 305 African-American History
HIS 308 Native Americans to 1830
HIS 309 Native Americans Since 1830
HIS 310 History of Science
HIS 312 Independent Study in History
HIS 320 History of the Arab World
HIS 330 Ancient Egypt
HIS 336 Greco-Roman Civilization
HIS 337 Christianity East & West to 1500
HIS 339 Medieval Civilization
HIS 341 Europe, 1689-1815
HIS 342 Europe from 1815 to 1914
HIS 343 Europe in the Renaissance Era
HIS 344 Europe in the Reformation Era
HIS 345 English History to 1603
HIS 346 English History from 1603
HIS 347 Recent and Current World History, 1914 to present
HIS 350 Modern Germany since 1848
HIS 363 History of Russia
HIS 365 History of 20th Century Russia
HIS 374 East Asian History to 1600
HIS 375 East Asian History since 1600
HIS 378 Modern India
HIS 380 Mexico: Colony and Nation
HIS 383 Colonial Latin America
HIS 384 Modern Latin America
HIS 385 Early African History
HIS 386 Modern African History
HIS 388 Islam in West Africa
HIS 401 American Colonial Period
HIS 402 Revolutionary America
HIS 403 Jacksonian America, 1824-1848
HIS 404 Life in Industrializing America
HIS 405 America's Westward Expansion
HIS 406 Nineteenth-Century South
HIS 407 American South in the 20th Century
HIS 411 America, 1877-1920
HIS 412 U.S. in Peace and War, 1920-1945
HIS 413 America Since 1945
HIS 420 Appalachia in America History
HIS 424 Civil War and Reconstruction
HIS 433 American Diplomatic History
HIS 434 History of the Vietnam War
HIS 435 U.S. Civil Rights Movement
HIS 449 Readings in History
HIS 450W Senior Seminar in History
HIS 474 Transformation of China
HIS 475 History of Modern Japan
HIS 516 Kentucky History

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