



Why Should I Study History?

A how-to guide from the Department of
History, Texas Tech University.

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Why Take History Courses?

- Understand **WHY** things happened in the past.
- Think about and analyze big social, political, and economic problems in different places and time periods.
- Better understand human societies and why they work the way they do.
- Knowledge of history, and understanding the complexities of why things happened the way they did, helps our society function.

What can I do with a degree in History?

- **Learn transferable skills** required of many professions: research, reasoning, writing, and critical thinking.
- History isn't just for teachers anymore!
- Law, medicine, business, finance, technology, politics, public policy, education: the sky's the limit.





Something to consider:

- Having the experience of writing papers based on original research can help you **stand out** when applying for jobs and professional schools.

Becoming a **History Major** (36 hours)

- 6 hours US history (2300, 2301, and/or 2310)
- 3 hours 1300 or 2322
- 3 hours 1301 or 2323
- 24 hours upper-division (various combos of 3000 and 4000 levels, including 4398, Senior Seminar)





Becoming a **History Minor** (18 hours)

- 6 hours US history (2300, 2301, and/or 2310)
- 6 hours of 3000 or 4000 electives
- 3 hours of 4000
- 3 hours any level elective
- 18 hours total!
- Another option: Military History Minor (18 hours)



History Courses - Spring 2026

- 1300 Western Civilization, Part I (**Bell** MWF 11:00)
- 1301 Western Civilization, Part II (**Poole** *online*)
- 2322 World History, Part I (**Endalew** MWF 9:00 and 11:00)
- 2323 World History, Part II (**Mosher** TR 9:30)
- 3301 Ancient Civilization I (**Donnelly** TR 11:00)
- 3304 The Vikings (**Bell** MWF 1:00)
- 3322 Women in Early America (**Whealton** MWF 10:00)
- 3327 Earth, Wind, Fire, Nature/History in America (**Stoll** TR 12:30)

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- 3338 History of Sports in the US (**Iber**_TR 11:00)
- 3354 Twentieth Century Europe (**Poole** *online*)
- 3359 The Nazi Era, 1919-1945 (**Lutjens** TR 2:00)
- 3394 Religion, Family, and the State in Asia (Pelley MWF 2:00)
- 3396 Africa: Revolution and Nationalism Since 1800 (**Bjerk** MWF 11:00)
- 3398 The Modern Middle East (**Rafei** TR 12:30)
- 4302 The Era of the American Revolution (**Wegmann** TR 12:30)
- 4307 The United States, 1945 to the Present (**Verrone** TR 11:00)
- 4308 US Urban and Immigration History (**Pehl** TR 12:30, Honors)
- 4310 US Foreign Relations Through Film (**Hart** TR 2:00)
- 4320 Monuments, Memory, and Commemoration (**Nguyen** TR 11:00)

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- 4346 A History of Food in Europe (**Poole** *online*)
- 4348 The Renaissance (**D'Amico** MWF 9:00 *online*)
- 4349 The Reformation (**D'Amico** MWF 10:00 *online*)
- 4351 Origins of the British Empire to 1783 (**Swingen** TR 9:30)
- 4390 The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (**Rafei** 9:30 TR)
- 4394 Modern Japan (**Pelley** MWF 1:00)
- 4398 Senior Seminar: Let's Get Physical: Exercise and the American Health Craze (**Willett** MWF 2:00)
- 4398 Senior Seminar: Freedom, Security, and the Modern State (**Lutjens** TR 11:00)

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