



Why Should I Study History?

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

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)

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