



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)

History Courses Fall 2021

- 1300, 1301, 2300, 2301, 2310, 2322 and 2323 (multiple sections each semester)
- 3300 The Historian's Craft
- 3301 Ancient Civilization I
- 3308 United States Foreign Relations to 1913
- 3326 History of Native Americans in the United States
- 3328 History of Religion in America
- 3331 History of United States Military Affairs to 1900
- 3336 History of Mass Incarceration

History Courses Fall 2021

- 3340 War and Memory
- 3344 History of Christianity
- 3348 The Crusades
- 3383 Modern Mexico and Central America
- 3384 History of Brazil
- 3394 Religion, Family, and the State in Asia
- 3398 The Modern Middle East, 1800 to the Present
- 4305 The Rise of Modern America, 1877-1819

History Courses Fall 2021

- 4307 The United States, 1945 to the Present
- 4323 Nature and Americans
- 4325 Hysterical Women and Other Comics
- 4348 The Renaissance
- 4359 Cultural Brilliance & Political Failure: Germany's Weimar Republic, 1919-33
- 4363 Emergence of New Nations in Latin America
- 4387 The Social History of Currency From Beads to Bitcoin
- 4394 Modern Japan
- 4398 Senior Seminar in History (3 sections)

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