

# HISTORY: GENERAL TRACK (BA)

## Program Description

The History major and minor programs at SPU invite students to discover the complex worlds of the past across the globe, exploring cultural, political, and economic connections within and among societies. Our program emphasizes the usefulness of History in understanding social and economic inequalities and challenges, and the role that History can play in crafting solutions. As we study the past, we cultivate the practice of empathy and foster Christian hope for the future.

## Entering and Completing the Major

In order to earn a degree, you must complete at least one academic major. SPU encourages students to explore various academic paths, so if you change your mind about a major, or want to include an additional program, you are able to do so, as outlined below.

Note that the University encourages you to enter your chosen major(s) as soon as you have determined it and are eligible to join it, especially by the start of your junior year. Students who transfer as juniors and seniors should enter a major within their first two quarters at SPU.

- If this is your first quarter at SPU and you identified a major in this department as your first choice on your application for admission to the University, you have gained entry to the major. To change or add a major, follow these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/l/cp/a3th1keb/>).
- If you are an SPU student with an SPU cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better, follow these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/l/cp/a3th1keb/>) to enter a major in this department.
- The University requires a grade of C- or better in all classes that apply to a major; however, programs may require higher minimum grades in specific courses. You may repeat an SPU course only once for a higher grade.
- To advance in this program, meet with your faculty advisor regularly to discuss your grades, course progression, and other indicators of satisfactory academic progress. If your grades or other factors indicate that you may not be able to successfully complete the major or minor, your faculty advisor can work with you to explore options, which may include choosing a different major.
- You must complete the major requirements that are in effect in the SPU Undergraduate Catalog for the year you enter the major.

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60 Credits Minimum, Including 30 Upper Division (UD)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Thinking Historically</b>		
HIS 2857	Historiography: World Historians	3
Select one of the following:		5
HIS 1357	The Game of Life: World War II	
HIS 1490	Life and Death in World Cities	
HIS 1734	War on Terror: History of Our Lives	
Section Credits Required		8
<b>Understanding Systems in History</b>		

UCOR 2000	The Emergence of the Modern Global System	5
Select one of the following:		5
HIS 2502	The United States to 1876	
HIS 2503	The United States Since 1876	
Section Credits Required		10
<b>Doing History <sup>1</sup></b>		
HIS 2881	Careers in History: What to Tell My Parents	1
Select one of the following:		3
HIS 3358	Race, Sexuality, and Religion in Postwar Europe	
HIS 3725	Women and Gender in the Middle East	
HIS 3767	Religion, Revolution and Social Changes in China	
HIS 3813	History Online	
Section Credits Required		4
<b>Structured Electives Before 1800 <sup>2</sup></b>		
Select one of the following:		5
HIS 2417	Religious Traditions of Asia	
HIS/CLA 3100	Ancient Civilization	
HIS/CLA 3170	Classical Civilization	
HIS 3200	Ancient and Medieval Worlds	
Section Credits Required		5
<b>Structured Electives After 1800 <sup>3</sup></b>		
Select one of the following:		3
HIS 2418	Modern Expressions of Asian Religions	
HIS 3366	The Holocaust in Prague: Jewish Experiences	
HIS/POL 3440	War, Peace World Order	
HIS 3600	History of the Pacific Northwest	
HIS/POL 3670	History of United States Foreign Relations	
Section Credits Required		3
<b>Structured Electives: World Regional Surveys <sup>4</sup></b>		
Select two from the following:		10
HIS 3720	Rise of Islamic Civilization	
HIS 3730	History of the Modern Middle East	
HIS/SOC 3750	Latin America	
HIS 3765	Family, State and Patriarchy in East Asia	
HIS 3785	Trade, War, and The Making of East Asian Modernities	
HIS 3786	Nation, City and Identity in China: From Opium Wars to Megacities	
HIS 3790	History of Africa	
Section Credits Required		10
<b>Structured Electives: Christian Perspectives in History <sup>5</sup></b>		
Select one of the following:		3
HIS 3387	Christianity in Asia	
HIS 3406	Christianity in America	
or THEO 330 Christianity in America		
HIS 3444	Humanitarianism: Promises and Problems	
HIS 3445	Genocide: A Comparative Study	
HIS 3448	Refugees and Human Trafficking: History of Forced Migration and the Law	
HIS 3788	Pandemics, Empire and Survival of Asia and the World	
Section Credits Required		3
<b>General History Electives <sup>6</sup></b>		

Select credits 10-14 credits to reach 60 total and at least 30 UD		14
HIS 2870	Introduction to Museum Studies and Public History	
HIS 3861	Presenting History	
HIS 4905	Museum Appreciation and Critical Encounter	
HIS 4940	History Internship	
HIS 4970	Independent Research	
Section Credits Required		14
Capstone		
HIS 4899	History Capstone	3
Section Credits Required		3
Total Credits		60

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Counts for Doing History if not used elsewhere: HIS 3861, HIS 4940, HIS 4970

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Counts for Before 1800 if not used elsewhere: HIS 3403, HIS 3405, HIS 3720, HIS 3765, HIS 3382, THEO 3405

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Counts for After 1800 if not used elsewhere: HIS 3406, HIS 3444, HIS 3445, HIS 3448, HIS 3496, HIS 3730, HIS 3750, HIS 3785, HIS 3786, HIS 3790, THEO 3303

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Counts for World Regional if not used elsewhere: HIS 2417, HIS 2418, HIS 3387

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Counts for Christian Perspectives if not used elsewhere: HIS 3366, THEO 3301, THEO 3302

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Any HIS course not already used can count here

## Suggested Course Sequence

Note: There is flexibility in this program. We also provide completion checklists for all History students.

Course	Title	Credits
Freshman		
Select one of the following WKSS course:		5
HIS 1357	The Game of Life: World War II	
HIS 1490	Life and Death in World Cities	
HIS 1734	War on Terror: History of Our Lives	
HIS 2881	Careers in History: What to Tell My Parents	1
Lower Division Elective		5-10
Credits		11-16
Sophomore		
HIS 2857	Historiography: World Historians	3
UCOR 2000	The Emergence of the Modern Global System	5
HIS 2502 or HIS 2503	The United States to 1876 or The United States Since 1876	5
Structured Electives		5-10
Credits		18-23
Junior		
Select one of the following Junior-Level Research Seminar Courses <sup>1</sup>		3
HIS 3358	Race, Sexuality, and Religion in Postwar Europe	
HIS 3387	Christianity in Asia	
HIS 3725	Women and Gender in the Middle East	

HIS 3767	Religion, Revolution and Social Changes in China	
Structured Electives		10-15
Credits		13-18
Senior		
HIS 4899	History Capstone <sup>2</sup>	3
Structured Electives		10-15
Credits		13-18
Total Credits		55-75

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All but HIS 3358 Race, Sexuality, and Religion in Postwar Europe are 3credits

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Note: Offered in Autumn Quarter