

# 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> |                                     |         |

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| 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</b> <sup>1</sup>   |   |    |
| 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</b> <sup>2</sup>                        |   |    |
| 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</b> <sup>3</sup>                         |   |    |
| 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</b> <sup>4</sup>            |   |    |
| 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</b> <sup>5</sup> |   |    |
| Select one of the following:  |   | 3  |
| HIS 3387  | Christianity in Asia  |    |
| HIS 3406  | Christianity in America<br>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</b> <sup>6</sup>                               |   |    |

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| 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        |
| <b>Capstone</b>   |           |
| HIS 4899 History Capstone   | 3         |
| Section Credits Required  | 3         |
| <b>Total Credits</b>  | <b>60</b> |

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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      |
|--|--|--------------|
| <b>Freshman</b>  |  |              |
| 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         |
| <b>Credits</b>   |  | <b>11-16</b> |
| <b>Sophomore</b>   |  |              |
| HIS 2857   | Historiography: World Historians                             | 3            |
| UCOR 2000  | The Emergence of the Modern Global System                    | 5            |
| HIS 2502<br>or HIS 2503  | The United States to 1876<br>or The United States Since 1876 | 5            |
| Structured Electives   |  | 5-10         |
| <b>Credits</b>   |  | <b>18-23</b> |
| <b>Junior</b>  |  |              |
| 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                          |              |

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

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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