

West Chester University

Accelerated B.A. in History to M.A. in History through the Honors College

Advisement Sheet

Effective for students entering Spring
'26 and later.

Indicate all the courses you have taken at WCU or transferred for credit. For completed courses, also list the grades. Mark an asterisk () beside courses you are currently taking.*

Students must maintain a grade of "C" in all HIS courses both required and elective.

I. HISTORY CORE (15 credits)

Five courses (15 credits) comprising 1 approved lower-level course in World History, 1 approved lower-level course in U.S. history, 2 other approved lower-level courses, and HIS 300.

A. World History (3 credits)

Select one course from the following:

- HIS 100 ____ (Contemporary Global History)
- HIS 101 ____ (History of Civilization I)
- HIS 102 ____ (History of Civilization: Power, Identity, and Culture in the Modern World)

B. U.S. History (3 credits)

Select one course from the following:

- HIS 150 ____ (The American Experience)
- HIS 151 ____ (History of the United States I)
- HIS 152 ____ (History of the United States II)

C. Lower-Level Electives (6 credits)

Select two courses from the following:

- HIS 100 ____ (Contemporary Global History)
- HIS 101 ____ (History of Civilization I)

- HIS 102 ____ (History of Civilization: Power, Identity, and Culture in the Modern World)
- HIS 150 ____ (The American Experience)
- HIS 151 ____ (History of the United States I)
- HIS 152 ____ (History of the United States II)
- HIS 200 ____ (Making History: Controversies in History)
- HIS 214 ____ (Do No Harm? The Pursuit of Justice in the History of Medicine)
- HIS 215 ____ (Introduction to the History of Science)
- HIS 221 ____ (The Medieval Middle East)
- HIS 222 ____ (The Modern Middle East)
- HIS 224 ____ (Reform and Revolution in Imperial Russia)

D. Required Course (3 credits)

- HIS 300 ____ (Varieties of History)

E. Historical Focus Area (21 credits)

Students choose one 300/400-level course from each of the geographic regions of U.S., European, and World/Regional history, and 4 thematically related 300/400-level courses independent of geographic region, chosen with approval from advisor.

- U.S. History (1)
- European History (1)
- World/Regional History (1)
- Thematic Focus-Area (4)

NOTE:

See the next page for specific courses.

F. Capstone Requirement (3 credits)

- HIS 400 ____ (Research Seminar in History)

II. FOREIGN LANGUAGE (0-15 credits.)

Demonstrating language proficiency through the intermediate level (202)

III. HONORS COLLEGE CORE SEQUENCE for GEN ED (27 credits)

- HON 100 ____ (Self Awareness)
- HON 211 ____ (Public Discourse)
- HON 212 ____ (Ethics & Technology)
- HON 310 ____ (Community Change)
- HON 311 ____ (Stewardship/Civic Responsibility)
- HON 312 ____ (Educational Systems)
- or
- HON 322 ____ (Leader. With ELLs)
- HON 313 ____ (Public Opinion)
- HON 314 ____ (Environ. Systems)
- HON 315 ____ (Community & Arts)
- SCIENCE ____ x ____
- MAT ____ x ____

IV. ADDITIONAL HONORS COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS (9 credits)

- A) Two HON seminars at the 320 level or above (except 322)

HON ____ ____
HON ____ ____

- B) Capstone Project^

HON 490 ____

^NOTE: Enrollment upon core completion: ideally 6th or 7th semester.

V. DIRECTED ELECTIVES

Take enough directed electives to complete 120 credits. The actual number of electives required will vary depending upon (among other things) the option to complete a minor(s) and the number of courses the student must take to complete the foreign language requirement.

VI. ACCELERATED PROGRAM (12 credits)

Students must apply formally and explain why they think the "Fast Track" program will benefit their goals. They must also have the support of at least two

members of the History faculty. The History Department graduate coordinator will either accept the application or deny it with written explanation. The graduate coordinator will admit students conditionally to the M.A. program if they maintain a 3.0 GPA overall AND in their HIS courses. Students may replace up to 12 elective credits with graduate course options from the list below.

- HIS 500 ____ (Methods & Materials of Research in History)
- HIS 505 ____ (Studies in The History & Culture of East)
- HIS 509 ____ (The Modern Middle East and The West)
- HIS 511 ____ (Africa to Independence)
- HIS 520 ____ (Racism, Bigotry, Prejudice)
- HIS 523 ____ (History of Germany)
- HIS 530 ____ (Problems in Medieval Civilization)
- HIS 532 ____ (The Reformation)
- HIS 534 ____ (French Revolution & Napoleonic Era)
- HIS 535 ____ (Nationalism & Democracy: 1815-1914)
- HIS 536 ____ (Europe Since 1914)
- HIS 543 ____ (Jews in Modern European History)
- HIS 544 ____ (Final Solution)
- HIS 545 ____ (The Holocaust)
- HIS 546 ____ (Genocide in Modern History)
- HIS 547 ____ (Asocials and The Holocaust)
- HIS 548 ____ (Women and The Holocaust)
- HIS 550 ____ (Colonial America: 1607-1763)
- HIS 551 ____ (Revolutionary America: 1763-1789)
- HIS 553 ____ (The Rise of The New Nation: 1789-1850)
- HIS 554 ____ (Civil War & Reconstruction: 1850-1877)
- HIS 555 ____ (Emergence of Modern America: 1876-1923)
- HIS 557 ____ (Problems in American Constitution Development)
- HIS 558 ____ (History of The Cold War)
- HIS 561 ____ (The Indian in America's Past)
- HIS 600 ____ (Internships in History)
- HIS 601 ____ (Directed Readings in American History)

- HIS 602 ____ (Directed Readings in European History)
- HIS 603 ____ (Directed Readings World/Regional History)
- HIS 650 ____ (Seminar in American History)
- HIS 651 ____ (Seminar in European History)
- HIS 652 ____ (Seminar in History of non-Western World)
- HIS 660 ____ (Field Studies in History)
- HIS 690 ____ (Independent Studies in History)

Bring this sheet with you whenever you meet with your advisor about scheduling or course planning!

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Historical Focus Areas

A. United States History Courses

- HIS 313 ____ (Eugenics and the University: The History of Higher Education's "War on the Weak")
- HIS 329 ____ (Gender and Peace)
- HIS 343 ____ (Colonial America)
- HIS 344 ____ (History of Pennsylvania)
- HIS 352 ____ (Modern American Military History)
- HIS 356 ____ (U.S. Environmental History)
- HIS 357 ____ (Diplomatic History of the United States)
- HIS 362 ____ (Violence in America)
- HIS 364 ____ (U.S. Urban History)
- HIS 365 ____ (American Popular Culture in the 20th Century)
- HIS 366 ____ (The Turbulent Sixties)
- HIS 367 ____ (American Material Culture)
- HIS 368 ____ (Gay America)
- HIS 369 ____ (American West)
- HIS 370 ____ (American Indians)
- HIS 373 ____ (African-American History)
- HIS 376 ____ (American History at the Movies)
- HIS 378 ____ (Revolutionary America)
- HIS 380 ____ (History of U.S. Involvement in the Middle East)
- HIS 390 ____ (History on the Web)
- HIS 393 ____ (Reproduction and Reproductive Rights in the United States from 1700 to the Present)
- HIS 399 ____ (Topics in U.S. History)
- HIS 410 ____ (Independent Study in History)
- HIS 413 ____ (Nuclear War: The History of Fighting, Filming, Surviving, or Preventing One)
- HIS 418 ____ (Global History of Slavery)
- HIS 440 ____ (American Jewish History)
- HIS 444 ____ (History of American Education)
- HIS 450 ____ (Internship in History)
- HIS 451 ____ (Women and Gender in American History)

- HIS 458 ____ (History of The Cold War)
- HIS 460 ____ (Field Studies in History)
- HIS 480 ____ (Digital History)

B. European History Courses

- HIS 318 ____ (The Ancient World)
- HIS 319 ____ (Medieval Europe)
- HIS 320 ____ (Renaissance and Reformation)
- HIS 323 ____ (Austrian Civilization)
- HIS 324 ____ (Race & Nation in the Russian Empire)
- HIS 328 ____ (The French Revolution and Napoleon)
- HIS 329 ____ (Gender and Peace)
- HIS 331 ____ (20th Century Europe)
- HIS 332 ____ (The Holocaust)
- HIS 390 ____ (History on the Web)
- HIS 398 ____ (Topics in European History)
- HIS 410 ____ (Independent Study in History)
- HIS 413 ____ (Nuclear War: The History of Fighting, Filming, Surviving, or Preventing One)
- HIS 418 ____ (Global History of Slavery)
- HIS 421 ____ (History of England to 1688)
- HIS 422 ____ (History of England Since 1688)
- HIS 423 ____ (Modern Germany)
- HIS 424 ____ (World of Communism)
- HIS 425 ____ (Twentieth-Century Russia)
- HIS 427 ____ (Modern France: 1789 To Present)
- HIS 434 ____ (19th Century Europe)
- HIS 450 ____ (Internship in History)
- HIS 458 ____ (History of The Cold War)
- HIS 460 ____ (Field Studies in History)
- HIS 480 ____ (Digital History)

C. World/Regional Courses

- HIS 302 ____ (Modern India)
- HIS 305 ____ (Modern China)
- HIS 306 ____ (Chinese Civilization)
- HIS 308 ____ (Introduction to the Islamic World)
- HIS 311 ____ (History of Africa to 1875)
- HIS 312 ____ (History of Africa Since 1875)
- HIS 314 ____ (Latin American Women's History)

- HIS 315 ____ (Colonial Latin America)
- HIS 316 ____ (Modern Latin America)
- HIS 317 ____ (History of Mexico)
- HIS 318 ____ (The Ancient World)
- HIS 349 ____ (The Jew in History)
- HIS 375 ____ (A History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict)
- HIS 380 ____ (History of U.S. Involvement in the Middle East)
- HIS 381 ____ (The Forgotten Queens of Islam)
- HIS 390 ____ (History on the Web)
- HIS 397 ____ (Topics in World History)
- HIS 407 ____ (History of Brazil)
- HIS 410 ____ (Independent Study in History)
- HIS 418 ____ (Global History of Slavery)
- HIS 424 ____ (World of Communism)
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