FACT
Historians research, analyze, and interpret the past to demonstrate change over time. Employment of historians is expected to grow by 3.96 percent from 2012 to 2022, about as fast as the average for all occupations, reflecting the relatively few jobs outside of federal, state, and local government.

Outstanding Preparation
History majors possess broad training in writing, analytical research, and critical, coherent thinking, so their skills can be applied to many different occupations. They use many sources of information in their research, including government and institutional records, newspapers and other periodicals, photographs, interviews, films, and unpublished manuscripts such as personal diaries and letters. Historians usually specialize in a country or region, a particular period, or a particular field, such as social, intellectual, cultural, political, economic, or diplomatic history. Many communicate their research and findings through books, articles, or essays. Such occupations might include (but would not be limited to) government workers, non-profit workers, public policy professionals, and workers in cultural and social service organizations.

Unlimited Opportunity
GSU offers a superior educational opportunity at an affordable tuition rate without sacrificing the professional quality of its programs. GSU’s outstanding faculty and real-world curriculum prepare graduates to meet the demands of the future.

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Bachelor of Arts in History

Degree Requirements

General Education Requirements (37 Hours)

See Bachelor's Degree Requirements for general education requirements.

Core Courses (21 Hours)

- HIST-1110 History of the United States to 1865 (3)*
- HIST-1120 History of the United States since 1865 (3)*
- HIST-2700 World History to 1500 (3)*
- HIST-2710 World History Since 1500 (3)*
- HIST-3099 Jr Sem: Public Hist. & Civic Engagement (3)
- HIST-4910 Senior Capstone I: Methods (3)
- HIST-4920 Senior Capstone II: Thesis (3)

Selectives (12 Hours)

Students will follow either the American History track or the Global History track. These selectives will consist of a minimum of 12 credit-hours.

Track One: American History

Choose courses from the following list, for a minimum of 12 credit-hours:

- HIST-3100 U.S. Economic History (3)
- HIST-3101 Key Issues in State & Fed Const. Govt. (3)
- HIST-4001 Topics in History (3)
- HIST-4002 Topics in American History (3)
- HIST-4100 Beyond the Dream (3)
- HIST-4110 History of Illinois & Its Constitution (3)
- HIST-4150 Modern U.S. History: 1900-1945 (3)
- HIST-4160 Modern U.S. History, 1945-Present (3)
- HIST-4200 American Urban History (3)
- HIST-4400 Black Experience in the U.S. (3)
- HIST-4410 Black Women in American History (3)
- HIST-4440 History of Civil Rights (3)
- HIST-4450 African Slavery in America (3)
- HIST-4500 Women in American History (3)
- HIST-4700 Ind. Study in American History (1-4)
- HIST-4800 Internship in American History (1-4)

Track Two: Global History

Choose courses from the following list, for a minimum of 12 credit-hours:

- HIST-3111 World Environmental History (3)
- HIST-4001 Topics in History (3)
- HIST-4003 Topics in Global History (3)
- HIST-4115 Modern African History (3)
- HIST-4300 Modern Middle Eastern History (3)
- HIST-4330 Ancient Chinese History (3)
- HIST-4340 Modern Chinese History (3)
- HIST-4420 Caribbean History (3)
- HIST-4460 Latin America to Independence (3)
- HIST-4470 Latin America from Independence (3)
- HIST-4480 Pre-Colonial African History (3)
- HIST-4510 Women in World History (3)
- HIST-4650 Modern European History (3)
- HIST-4670 Russia in the 20th Century (3)
- HIST-4701 Independent Study in Global History (1-4)
- HIST-4801 Internship in Global History (1-4)

Electives (50 Hours)

Total Minimum of 120 Hours

* These will be IAI courses.