

HISTORY, B.A.

Informed, engaged, creative: Students of history at Saint Louis University learn the values and skills foundational to a wide range of careers. Open the door to your future by studying the past. History majors become leaders in law, public policy, education, business, medicine and technology. They work in higher education and government, for nonprofits and NGOs, and as entrepreneurs and marketing associates.

SLU's Department of History offers small classes, one-on-one mentoring, and opportunities to engage in internships and individualized research. Our 18 full-time faculty members serve more than 90 undergraduate majors and minors and nearly 1,000 undergraduates in our courses every semester,

The department's award-winning teachers are deeply committed to helping students grow as thinkers and as human beings in the best of the Jesuit educational model (<https://www.slu.edu/about/catholic-jesuit-identity/>).

A major or minor in history will sharpen your mind and open your eyes, giving you the confidence to say, "I know who I am because I know my history."

Additional program highlights include:

- Students in our courses are guided by professors who are outstanding writers, engaging speakers and leading experts in their fields. Our faculty members have written for The New York Times and the Washington Post, and been interviewed on PBS, NPR and St. Louis Public Radio.
- The history undergraduate program hosts vibrant extracurricular events that help students network, hone their skills, and share their passions for history.
- The department's stellar internship program allows students to pursue their particular interests while deepening skills and professional connections. Through internships, SLU's history majors and minors have diversified elementary school curricula, shaped museum exhibitions, created podcasts, and researched historic foodways for an award-winning St. Louis restaurant.

Curriculum Overview

History majors at SLU are educated in basic intellectual and communication skills valued in business, journalism, public service and law, among other fields. In recent years, undergraduates have augmented studies in history with education, political science, foreign language or business administration — combinations that have proven attractive in medicine, business and government service.

Saint Louis University history students learn to interpret a variety of sources, develop the skills to find relevant information and evidence, and articulate an argument. They practice clear and forceful writing.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

SLU's Department of History offers a variety of internships with museums and other historical organizations, most of which are eligible for course credit. Internship opportunities in the St. Louis area include:

- Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum
- Campbell House Museum
- Discovery Expedition of St. Charles

- Eugene Field House and Toy Museum
- Holocaust Museum
- Jefferson Barracks
- Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Achieves
- Landmarks Association of St. Louis
- Lincoln Home and National Historic Site
- Midwest Jesuit Archives
- Missouri History Museum
- National Archives Records Center
- Saint Louis University Art Museum
- Scott Joplin House
- Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site

Careers

- History majors have gone on to fulfilling careers in law, public policy, education, business, medicine, and technology. They work in secondary education and government, for nonprofits and NGOs and as entrepreneurs.
- History majors and minors learn to excel in writing, oral presentation, and research. These skills can be applied in a broad range of fields, including law, education, medicine and business.
- Students interested in the sciences often discover that having a major or minor in history diversifies their academic training and makes their applications to graduate and medical schools even more competitive.
- History majors learn to communicate effectively, reason creatively, and understand the human impact and issues connected to a career. People with these skills become leaders in their fields.

As one recent graduate said, "There are so many potential jobs to do when you are talented at writing, speaking and researching. History majors build all those skills on a daily basis!"

Admission Requirements

Begin Your Application (<https://www.slu.edu/apply.php>)

Saint Louis University also accepts the Common Application.

Freshman

All applications are thoroughly reviewed with the highest degree of individual care and consideration to all credentials that are submitted. Solid academic performance in college preparatory coursework is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant's file.

To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, applicants must be graduating from an accredited high school, have an acceptable HiSET exam score or take the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer

Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED or HiSET.

Students who have attempted fewer than 24 semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit must follow the above freshmen admission requirements. Students who have completed 24 or more semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit must submit transcripts from all previously attended college(s).

In reviewing a transfer applicant's file, the Office of Admission holistically examines the student's academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University. Where applicable, transfer students will be evaluated on any courses outlined in the continuation standards of their preferred major.

International Applicants

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency/>)
- All academic records must include an English translation. An official course-by-course transcript evaluation may be required and accepted.

Tuition

Tuition	Cost Per Year
Undergraduate Tuition	\$54,760

Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below:

Net Price Calculator (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/calculator.php>)

Information on Tuition and Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition/>)

Miscellaneous Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/fees/>)

Information on Summer Tuition (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition-summer/>)

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- **Scholarships:** Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
- **Financial Aid:** Financial aid is provided through grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

Saint Louis University makes every effort to keep our education affordable. In fiscal year 2023, 99% of first-time freshmen and 92% of all students received financial aid (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>) and students received more than \$459 million in aid University-wide.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, apply for admission by December 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For more information on scholarships and financial aid, visit the Office of Student Financial Services (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>).

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to call to mind and explain significant historical facts in appropriate contexts.
2. Graduates will be able to critically evaluate and analyze primary sources to produce reasoned historical interpretations.

3. Graduates will be able to critically evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of historical narratives and interpretations.
4. Graduates will be able to produce correct, cogent and effectively structured statements on historical topics.
5. Graduates will be able to produce research in which they interpret primary sources in order to propose informed, original solutions to historical problems.
6. Graduates will be able to articulate meaningful relationships between contemporary issues and historical facts, interpretations and skills.

Requirements

History students must complete a minimum of **36 credits** for the major.

Code	Title	Credits
University Undergraduate Core (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/academic-policies-procedures/university-core/)		32-35
Required Courses		
HIST 1000	History Matters	3
HIST 2800	Historian's Craft: Methods Proseminar	3
History Electives		27
Select 9 HIST elective courses (4 of which must be at 3xxx-level)		
History Area Attributes		
Select HIST elective courses which fulfill each of the following area attributes (A course may fulfill more than one area attribute)		
<i>European History</i>		
Examples of courses with the European History attribute are:		
HIST 1110	Origins of the Modern World to 1500	
HIST 1120	Origins of the Modern World (1500 to Present)	
HIST 3020	The Roman Empire	
HIST 3030	The Byzantine World: Faith and Power in a Thousand-Year Empire	
HIST 3040	From Barbarians to Crusaders: Europe in the Early Middle Ages	
HIST 3046	Medieval Castles in History and Archaeology	
HIST 3050	From Cathedrals to Printing Presses: Europe in the Late Middle Ages	
HIST 3090	The Age of Renaissance	
HIST 3100	The Reformation Era	
HIST 3120	French Revolution and Napoleon, 1789-1815	
HIST 3140	Twentieth Century Europe: Era of World Wars, 1914-1945	
HIST 3280	Russia to 1905	
HIST 3290	Russia Since 1905	
HIST 3760	Medieval Spain	
<i>U.S. History</i>		
Examples of courses with the U.S. History attribute are:		
HIST 1600	History of the United States of America to 1865	
HIST 1610	History of the United States Since 1865	

HIST 3480	U.S. Civil War and Reconstruction, 1850-1877
HIST 3500	Progressive Era to the Jazz Age, 1890-1920
HIST 3580	American Slavery
HIST 3600	U.S. History in Film
HIST 3640	History of the American West
HIST 3660	History of Nature in America
HIST 3700	U.S. Constitutional History
<i>World History (Asian, African, or Latin American)</i>	
Examples of courses with the World History attribute are:	
HIST 1710	China and Japan Since 1600: Samurai, Revolutionaries, Entrepreneurs
HIST 1740	Peoples and Pandemics in History
HIST 2730	Crossroads of the World: The Middle East and North Africa Through History
HIST 3030	The Byzantine World: Faith and Power in a Thousand-Year Empire
HIST 3170	Colonial Latin America
HIST 3220	Jesuits and Their Worlds
HIST 3250	World in Conflict Since 1945
HIST 3720	Cultural Encounters 1500-1700
<i>Pre-1500 History</i>	
Examples of courses with the Pre-1500 History attribute are:	
HIST 1110	Origins of the Modern World to 1500
HIST 1700	China and Japan To 1600: Histories, Cultures, Identities
HIST 1730	Who Were the Romans?
HIST 3000	Ancient Greece
HIST 3015	Homer Between Myth and History
HIST 3060	The Crusades
<i>Post-1500 History</i>	
Examples of courses with the Post-1500 History attribute are:	
HIST 3100	The Reformation Era
HIST 3140	Twentieth Century Europe: Era of World Wars, 1914-1945
HIST 3220	Jesuits and Their Worlds
HIST 3250	World in Conflict Since 1945
HIST 3720	Cultural Encounters 1500-1700
HIST 3590	American Women
Senior Seminar	3
Select one of the following:	
HIST 4900	Seminar in European History
HIST 4901	Seminar in American History
HIST 4902	Seminar in World History
HIST 4991	History Senior Thesis
<i>General Electives</i>	<i>49-52</i>
Total Credits	120

Senior Thesis

HIST 4991 History Senior Thesis (3 cr) will be conducted as an independent study/research course for writing an honors thesis. It is an opportunity for superior students who want to expand and revise a paper for a previous 3000 or 4000 level history course into an honors thesis. This option will give the student a chance to develop and demonstrate

advanced research and writing skills. It will be excellent preparation for graduate or professional schools, some of which require applicants to submit a writing sample. This course runs for one semester. Students wishing to spend a year on their thesis may sign up one semester earlier for HIST 4990 History Senior Thesis Prep (3 cr).

Internships

The Department of History offers a variety of internships HIST 4910 Internship/History in Practice (1-6 cr); for example, in an archive, a museum, a historical site, or on specific projects.

Continuation Standards

A 2.00 minimum GPA for all history courses. Students who fall below the continuation standard for two consecutive semesters are eligible for program dismissal.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete a minimum of 120 credits (excluding pre-college level courses numbered below 1000).
- Complete the University Undergraduate Core curriculum requirements.
- Complete major requirements: minimum of 30 credits required.
- Complete remaining credits with a second major, minor, certificate or electives to reach the minimum of 120 credits required for graduation.
- Achieve at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average, a 2.00 grade point average in the major(s), and a 2.00 grade point average in the minor/certificate or related elective credits.
- Complete department- and program-specific academic and performance requirements.
- Complete at least 50% of the coursework for the major and 75% for the minor/certificate through Saint Louis University or an approved study-abroad program.
- Complete 30 of the final 36 credits through Saint Louis University or an approved study-abroad program.
- Complete an online degree application by the required University deadline.

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- Complete 30 of the final 36 credits through Saint Louis University or an approved study-abroad program.

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Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
HIST 1110	Origins of the Modern World to 1500 ¹	3
CORE 1000	Ignite First Year Seminar (Must be taken in first 36 credit hours at SLU / Cannot carry attributes. History Options: CORE 1000 A Medieval Murder Mystery: The World of AD 1327; CORE 1000 The Gods of the Others: The Sacred, Identities, and Communities)	2-3
CORE 1500	Cura Personalis 1: Self in Community (Must be taken in first 36 credit hours at SLU / Cannot carry attributes / Must be taken at SLU)	1
CORE 1900	Eloquentia Perfecta 1: Written and Visual Communication (Should be taken in first 36 credit hours at SLU / Cannot carry attributes. Or HIST 1200 Communicating About History)	3
General Electives		6
Credits		15-16
Spring		
HIST 1120	Origins of the Modern World (1500 to Present) (satisfies CORE 3400) ¹	3
CORE 3200	Ways of Thinking: Quantitative Reasoning (Should be taken in first 45 credit hours at SLU)	3
CORE 1600	Ultimate Questions: Theology	3
General Electives		6
Credits		15
Year Two		
Fall		
HIST 2800	Historian's Craft: Methods Proseminar	3
HIST 1600	History of the United States of America to 1865 (satisfies CORE 3400)	3
CORE 1200	Eloquentia Perfecta 2: Oral and Visual Communication (Should be taken in first 60 credit hours at SLU / Cannot carry attributes)	3
CORE 1700	Ultimate Questions: Philosophy	3
General Electives		3
Credits		15

Spring

HIST 1610	History of the United States Since 1865 (satisfies CORE 3400)	3
HIST Elective above 1120: European History ⁴		3
CORE 3800	Ways of Thinking: Natural and Applied Sciences	3
CORE 2500	Cura Personalis 2: Self in Contemplation	0
General Electives		6
Credits		15

Year Three

Fall

HIST Elective above 1120: World History ²		3
HIST Elective	taken any time	3
Upper Level		
CORE 2800	Eloquentia Perfecta 3: Creative Expression	2-3
CORE 3400	Ways of Thinking: Aesthetics, History, and Culture	3
	or HIST 1120 or Origins of the Modern World (1500 to Present)	
	or HIST 3120 or French Revolution and Napoleon, 1789-1815	
	or HIST 3640 or History of the American West	
General Electives		4
Credits		15-16

Spring

HIST Elective	taken any time ⁵	3
above 1120: U.S. History		
HIST Elective	taken any time	3
Upper Level		
CORE 3600	Ways of Thinking: Social and Behavioral Sciences (taken any time)	3
CORE 4000	Collaborative Inquiry	2-3
General Electives		4
Credits		15-16

Year Four

Fall

HIST 4900	Seminar in European History	3
	or HIST 4901 or Seminar in American History	
	or HIST 4902 or Seminar in World History	
HIST Elective	taken any time	3
Upper Level		
CORE 3500	Cura Personalis 3: Self in the World	1
General Electives		8
Credits		15

Spring

HIST 4900	Seminar in European History	3
	or HIST 4901 or Seminar in American History	
	or HIST 4902 or Seminar in World History	
HIST Elective	taken any time	3
Upper Level		
General Electives		9
Credits		15
Total Credits		120-123

- ¹ One, but not both, of these courses may be fulfilled by AP credit.
- ² Fulfills World Distribution Requirement (for a full list of courses that meet this requirement, see the list below).
- ³ Fulfills U.S. pre-1865 Distribution Requirement (for a full list of courses that meet this requirement, see the list below).
- ⁴ Fulfills Europe Distribution Requirement (for a full list of courses that meet this requirement, see the list below).
- ⁵ Fulfills U.S. post-1865 Distribution Requirement (for a full list of courses that meet this requirement, see list below).

Program Notes

The history major requires successful completion of courses above 1120 in the following areas: pre-1865 U.S. history, post-1865 U.S. history, European history and World history. At least one course must be a 4000-level seminar. Please refer to the list of seminars for majors.

Senior thesis (three or six credits, counting toward electives) and internship options available.

European History (3 Credits)

Courses with the European history attribute. All are three-credit courses. Examples of commonly taught courses are:

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 3000	Ancient Greece	
HIST 3020	The Roman Empire	
HIST 3030	The Byzantine World: Faith and Power in a Thousand-Year Empire	
HIST 3040	From Barbarians to Crusaders: Europe in the Early Middle Ages	
HIST 3050	From Cathedrals to Printing Presses: Europe in the Late Middle Ages	
HIST 3090	The Age of Renaissance	
HIST 3100	The Reformation Era	
HIST 3120	French Revolution and Napoleon, 1789-1815	
HIST 3140	Twentieth Century Europe: Era of World Wars, 1914-1945	
HIST 3250	World in Conflict Since 1945	
HIST 3280	Russia to 1905	
HIST 3290	Russia Since 1905	
HIST 3320	Early Modern History of Spain:1469-1818	
HIST 3720	Cultural Encounters 1500-1700	
HIST 3760	Medieval Spain	

Pre-1865 U.S. History (3 credits)

Courses with the Pre-1865 U.S. history attribute. All are three-credit courses. Examples of commonly taught courses are:

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 1600	History of the United States of America to 1865	
HIST 3480	U.S. Civil War and Reconstruction, 1850-1877	
HIST 3580	American Slavery	
HIST 3640	History of the American West	

HIST 3660	History of Nature in America
HIST 3700	U.S. Constitutional History

Post-1865 U.S. History (3 Credits)

Courses with the Post-1865 U.S. history attribute. Examples of commonly taught courses are:

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 1610	History of the United States Since 1865	
HIST 3250	World in Conflict Since 1945	
HIST 3480	U.S. Civil War and Reconstruction, 1850-1877	
HIST 3500	Progressive Era to the Jazz Age, 1890-1920	
HIST 3600	U.S. History in Film	
HIST 3640	History of the American West	
HIST 3660	History of Nature in America	
HIST 3700	U.S. Constitutional History	

World History (3 Credits)

Asian, African, Middle Eastern, or Latin American

Courses with the World history attribute. All are three-credit courses. Examples of commonly taught courses are:

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 1700	China and Japan To 1600: Histories, Cultures, Identities	3
HIST 1710	China and Japan Since 1600: Samurai, Revolutionaries, Entrepreneurs	3
HIST 2730	Crossroads of the World: The Middle East and North Africa Through History	3
HIST 3030	The Byzantine World: Faith and Power in a Thousand-Year Empire	3
HIST 3170	Colonial Latin America	3
HIST 3220	Jesuits and Their Worlds	3
HIST 3240	History of Africa since 1884	3
HIST 3250	World in Conflict Since 1945	3

Senior Research Seminars (3 Credits)

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 4900	Seminar in European History	3
HIST 4901	Seminar in American History	3
HIST 4902	Seminar in World History	3

Internship (3 credits - may be taken twice)

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 4910	Internship/History in Practice	3-6

Senior Thesis (3-6 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 4990	History Senior Thesis Prep (optional)	3
HIST 4991	History Senior Thesis	3

Madrid

Students can complete all or part of the history major at SLU's campus in Madrid.

Learn More (<https://www.slu.edu/madrid/academics/degrees-and-programs/history.php>)

2+SLU

2+SLU programs provide a guided pathway for students transferring from a partner institution.

History, B.A. (STLCC 2+SLU) (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/2plusslu/stlcc/history/>)