

MAJOR IN HISTORY, GENERAL HISTORY CONCENTRATION



The General History concentration is an excellent choice for students planning for careers in history, government service, or other professional occupations requiring broad intellectual and practical skills, and it offers students maximum flexibility with History electives so students can pursue their own intellectual passions across our curriculum.

Our faculty supports and encourages students to apply the skills they earn in the classroom to independent studies and internships, including those offered through CSU Extension, CSU Libraries, Archives, and Special Collections, and the Public and Environmental History Center.

Common Careers:

- Government Advisor
- Public Policy Writer
- Political Advising
- Military Consulting
- Editor
- Archivist

- Genealogist
- Research Associate
- Librarian
- Consultant
- Lawyer
- Law Enforcement

History majors who select the General History concentration must complete another major or minor offered at CSU (except the minor in History).

Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion, students will be able to:

1. Analyze and interpret historical materials, such as documents, artifacts, and images.
2. Engage in chronological reasoning, to understand causation and change over time.
3. Examine critically how people in the past understood their own history, in scholarly works and in popular forms such as myths or commemorations.
4. Interpret, write, and speak about the past using evidence and according to the standards and expectations of the historical discipline, including honest use of evidence, openness to multiple perspectives, and historical empathy.
5. Analyze how processes - such as revolution, migration, war, ecological disturbance, and globalization - shaped societies over time and how people grappled with issues like class, ethnicity, gender, race, religion, and ideology.

Requirements Effective Spring 2025

A minimum grade of C (2.00) must be earned in HIST 492 and all 100-level courses required in the history major.

Freshman

		AUCC	Credits
CO 150	College Composition (GT-CO2)	1A	3
HIST 192	Introduction to the History Major		3
Select one course from two of the following three categories:			6
Pre-Modern Non-U.S. History			
HIST 100	Western Civilization, Pre-Modern (GT-HI1)	3D	
HIST 115	The Islamic World: Late Antiquity to 1500	3D	
HIST 120	Asian Civilizations I (GT-HI1)	3D	
HIST 170	World History, Ancient-1500 (GT-HI1)	3D	
Modern Non-U.S. History			
HIST 101	Western Civilization, Modern (GT-HI1)	3D	
HIST 116	The Islamic World Since 1500	3D	
HIST 121	Asian Civilizations II (GT-HI1)	3D	

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HIST 171	World History, 1500-Present (GT-HI1)	3D	
U.S. History			
HIST 150	U.S. History to 1876 (GT-HI1)	3D	
HIST 151	U.S. History Since 1876 (GT-HI1)	3D	
Minor or Second Major ¹			3
1B (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)		1B	3
1C (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)		1C	3
Arts and Humanities (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)		3B	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#social-behavioral-sciences)		3C	3
Elective			3
Total Credits			30
Sophomore			
HIST 392	Seminar in Historical Methods		3
Minor or Second Major ¹			6
Advanced Writing (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#advanced-writing)		2	3
Arts and Humanities (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)		3B	3
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)		3A	7
Electives			9
Total Credits			31
Junior			
HIST *** History, AUCC Category 4A (See list below)		4A	3
HIST *** History, Upper-Division non U.S. ³			6
HIST *** History, Upper-Division U.S. ⁴			3
Minor or Second Major ¹			6
Electives			12
Total Credits			30
Senior			
HIST 492	Capstone Seminar	4A,4B,4C	3
History Electives, Upper-Division ²			6
Minor or Second Major ¹			6-12
Electives ⁵			8-14
Total Credits			29
Program Total Credits:			120

History, AUCC Category 4A Courses

Code	Title	AUCC	Credits
HIST 300	Ancient Greece to 323 B.C.E.	4A	3
HIST 301	Roman Republic	4A	3
HIST 303	Hellenistic World: Alexander to Cleopatra	4A	3
HIST 304	Women in Ancient Greece and Rome	4A	3
HIST 308	Ancient Christianity to 500 A.D.	4A	3
HIST 309	Medieval Christianity, 500-1500	4A	3
HIST 311	Medieval England	4A	3

HIST 315	Tudor Stuart England, 1485-1689	4A	3
HIST 317	Renaissance and Reformation Europe	4A	3
HIST 318	The Age of the Enlightenment	4A	3
HIST 319	Early Modern France, 1500-1789	4A	3
HIST 320	Women and Gender in Europe, 1450-1789	4A	3
HIST 321	Industrial Society in Europe, 1600-1871	4A	3
HIST 322	Industrial Society in Europe, 1871-1989	4A	3
HIST 323	Russia Before 1700	4A	3
HIST 324	Imperial Russia	4A	3
HIST 328	Modern Europe, 1815-1914	4A	3
HIST 329	Europe in Crisis, 1914-1941	4A	3
HIST 330	Eastern Europe Since 1918	4A	3
HIST 331	The Soviet Union	4A	3
HIST 332	Germany Since World War I	4A	3
HIST 333	Contemporary Europe	4A	3
HIST 334	European Culture in the 20th Century	4A	3
HIST 335	Britain in the 20th Century	4A	3
HIST 340	Colonial American Borderlands--1492-1800	4A	3
HIST 341	Empire, Race, Revolution--America 1700-1815	4A	3
HIST 344	Antebellum America	4A	3
HIST 345	Civil War Era	4A	3
HIST 347	United States, 1876-1917	4A	3
HIST 348	United States, 1917-1945	4A	3
HIST 349	United States Since 1945	4A	3
HIST 350	United States Foreign Relations Since 1914	4A	3
HIST 351	American West to 1900	4A	3
HIST 352	American West Since 1900	4A	3
HIST 353	U.S.-Mexico Borderlands	4A	3
HIST 354	American Architectural History	4A	3
HIST 355	American Environmental History	4A	3
HIST 356	American Cultural and Intellectual History	4A	3
HIST 357/MLSC 357	The American Military Experience	4A	3
HIST 359	American Women's History Since 1800	4A	3
HIST 360	United States Immigration History	4A	3
HIST 410	Colonial Latin America	4A	3
HIST 412	Mexico	4A	3
HIST 414	Revolutions in Latin America	4A	3
HIST 421	Africa: Colonialism to Independence	4A	3
HIST 422	Modern Africa	4A	3
HIST 423	South African History	4A	3
HIST 431	Ancient Israel	4A	3
HIST 432	Sacred History-Hebrew Bible & New Testament	4A	3
HIST 433	Muhammad and the Origins of Islam	4A	3
HIST 438	The Modern Middle East	4A	3

HIST 440	Modern South Asia: Colonialism and Nationalism	4A	3
HIST 441	South Asia Since Independence	4A	3
HIST 450	Ancient China	4A	3
HIST 451	Medieval China and Central Asia	4A	3
HIST 452	China in the Modern World, 1600-Present	4A	3
HIST 455	Tokugawa and Modern Japan, 1600-Present	4A	3
HIST 461	Rise and Fall of British Empire 1600-1947	4A	3
HIST 463	Science and Technology in Modern History	4A	3
HIST 464	Pacific Wars: Philippines-WWII	4A	3
HIST 465	Pacific Wars: Korea and Vietnam	4A	3
HIST 466	U.S.-China Relations Since 1800	4A	3
HIST 469	The Crusades	4A	3
HIST 479	Practice of Public History	4A	3

History, Upper-Division Course Categories

Course Number Range	Title
HIST 300 - HIST 339	Europe
HIST 340 - HIST 379	North America/US
HIST 410 - HIST 419	Latin America
HIST 420 - HIST 429	Africa
HIST 431 - HIST 439	Middle East
HIST 440 - HIST 449	South Asia
HIST 450 - HIST 459	East Asia
HIST 460 - HIST 479	World/Trans-regional

¹ Students must complete a minor or second major to fulfill the requirements for the major in History, General History concentration. Select any minor offered at CSU except the History minor for a minimum of 21 credits; or select any second major offered at CSU for a minimum of 27 credits.

Freshman

Semester 1

	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
CO 150 College Composition (GT-CO2)	X		1A	3
HIST 192 Introduction to the History Major	X			3
1B (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)		X	1B	3
1C (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)		X	1C	3
Arts and Humanities (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)		X	3B	3

Total Credits

15

Semester 2

	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
Select one course from two of the following three categories:	X			6
Pre-Modern Non-U.S. History				
HIST 100 Western Civilization, Pre-Modern (GT-HI1)			3D	
HIST 115 The Islamic World: Late Antiquity to 1500			3D	
HIST 120 Asian Civilizations I (GT-HI1)			3D	
HIST 170 World History, Ancient-1500 (GT-HI1)			3D	

² Students may not count more than 3 credits of HIST 484 and HIST 487 toward their history Upper-Division elective requirement.

³ Select one Upper-Division course from two of the following categories: Africa, East Asia, Europe, Latin America/Caribbean, Middle East, South Asia, World/Trans-regional. See Upper-Division Course Categories table.

⁴ Select one Upper-Division course from the North America/US category.

⁵ Select enough elective credits to bring the program total to a minimum of 120 credits, of which at least 42 must be Upper-Division (300- to 400-level).

Major Completion Map

Distinctive Requirements for Degree Program:

Students must earn a C (2.000) or better in all 100-level History classes and HIST 492 capstone.

Modern Non-U.S. History

HIST 101	Western Civilization, Modern (GT-HI1)			3D
HIST 116	The Islamic World Since 1500			3D
HIST 121	Asian Civilizations II (GT-HI1)			3D
HIST 171	World History, 1500-Present (GT-HI1)			3D

U.S. History

HIST 150	U.S. History to 1876 (GT-HI1)			3D
HIST 151	U.S. History Since 1876 (GT-HI1)			3D

Minor or Second Major Course (Lower-Division)

Social and Behavioral Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#social-behavioral-sciences)			X	3C	3
Elective			X		3
AUCC 1B and CO 150 must be completed by the end of Semester 2.	X				

Total Credits **15**

*Sophomore***Semester 3**

	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
Minor or Second Major Course (Lower-Division)	X			3
Arts and Humanities (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)		X	3B	3
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)		X	3A	3
Electives		X		6

Total Credits **15**

Semester 4

	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
HIST 392 Seminar in Historical Methods	X			3
Minor or Second Major Course (Lower-Division)	X			3
Advanced Writing (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#advanced-writing)		X	2	3
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)		X	3A	4
Elective		X		3
HIST 1*** History, 100-level must be completed by the end of Semester 4.	X			

Total Credits **16**

*Junior***Semester 5**

	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
HIST*** History, Upper-Division non U.S.	X			3
HIST*** History, Upper-Division U.S.	X			3
Minor or Second Major Course (Upper-Division)	X			3
Electives		X		6

Total Credits **15**

Semester 6

	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
HIST*** History, AUCC Category 4A (See Department List on Concentration Requirements tab)	X		4A	3
HIST*** History, Upper-Division non U.S.	X			3
Minor or Second Major Course (Upper-Division)	X			3
Electives		X		6

Total Credits **15**

*Senior***Semester 7**

	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
History Electives, Upper-Division	X			6
Minor or Second Major Course (Upper-Division)	X			3-6
Electives		X		4-7

Total Credits **16**

Semester 8	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
HIST 492 Capstone Seminar	X		4A,4B,4C	3
Minor or Second Major Course (Upper-Division)	X			3-6
Electives		X		4-7
The benchmark courses for the 8th semester are the remaining courses in the entire program of study.	X			
Total Credits				13
Program Total Credits:				120