

HISTORY

bachelor of arts

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Studying history is about more than sorting through the dusty names, dates and dry bones of the past. We study history so we can place our own world in historical perspective as a means of living rich and intelligent lives. In this program, you'll learn how to research, how to analyze written and material evidence, how to recognize that knowledge varies as our viewpoint shifts, and how to communicate so order is created out of disorder. These are abilities that carry over well into the business world, to the study and practice of law or medicine, and into our actions as citizens.

ADVANTAGE UIS

- **Faculty Depth and Breadth.** We have experts in U.S. history, Imperial Russia, Modern European History, and Modern Chinese History. We have authorities on the history of obstetrics, American Diplomatic History, the history of environmental issues, and nineteenth century American material life. We have authors, museum directors, and one of the nation's foremost experts on Abraham Lincoln and leadership. Learn from the pros.
- **Phi Alpha Theta.** It's the National Honor Society in History and brings students, teachers and writers of history together for intellectual and social exchanges.
- **History Club.** It's open to anyone interested in studying and discussing history. The club sponsors films, speakers, career fairs, Trivia Night, an open house, History Honors Night, and off-campus excursions to historical sites.

What can I do with this degree?

Our graduates go on to become high school history teachers or junior college professors, work in the health sciences, journalism, the law, writing, administration, the ministry, and public service, including politics and philanthropic foundations. Many go on to work for state government, and at Illinois' many historic sites.

Recent employers include:

*Illinois Military Museum
Lincoln Memorial Gardens
Lincoln Legal Papers Project
Illinois Historic Sites Commission
Illinois State Museum*

He belongs to the ages. There is no substitute for being in Springfield, home and final resting place of our greatest president and site of the new Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. Students interested in slavery, the Civil War, and Lincoln can intern at area treasures dedicated to his legacy.

Peacemakers and peace breakers.

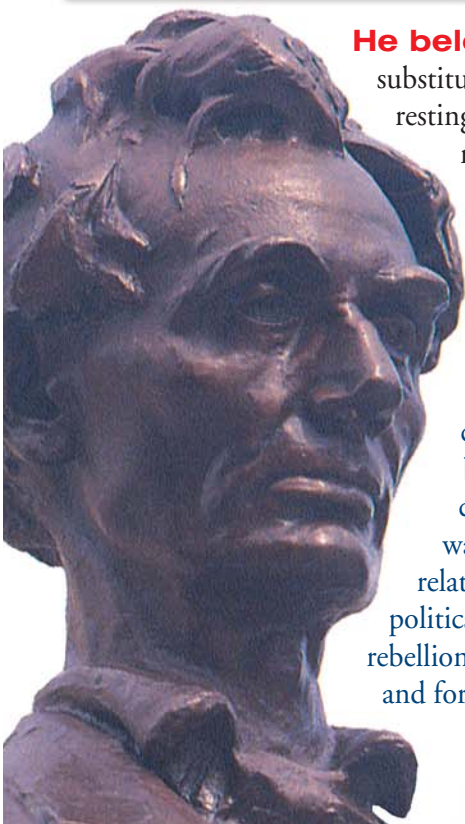
How humankind has battled and also overcome conflict is critical to understanding human behavior in history. Our history courses cover the world's major wars and conflicts, as well as related issues of imperialism, politics, the Cold War, rebellions and revolutions, and foreign relations.

Wise Words

Amanda Winters
Online History Coordinator
University of Illinois Springfield

"The heart of the History program at UIS is its faculty. The professors that I have worked with have enabled me to utilize my passion for history and to find my research niche. I have learned from their example how to become a true scholar. Also, the support of my professors led to a teaching position for me at a local community college. I know that the mentoring relationships that I gained here will be an invaluable resource throughout the rest of my career."

High Tech History. We offer the bachelor's degree *entirely online* for those students who need more flexibility in their schedules. You work at your own pace, on your own time. The technology allows you to actively participate in dynamic, diverse, and interactive online learning communities.



The baccalaureate program is organized for citizen-students who hope to place their world in historical perspective as a means of living rich and intelligent lives. Education in history at the University of Illinois at Springfield is broadbased humanities training, providing students with research capabilities, analytical methods, and communication skills that are useful in many fields. The curriculum prepares students for careers in history, politics, government, law, journalism, writing, and administration. Through the applied study experience students are able to test career possibilities where the research and analytical skills of the historian are appropriate.

Faculty Heather Bailey, Terry Bodenhorn,

Cecilia Stiles Cornell, Deborah Kuhn
 McGregor, Robert K. McGregor, Cindy
 Nimchuk, Phillip Shaw Paludan, Peter
 Shapinsky, William Siles

Emeritus faculty Cullom Davis,
 Durward Long

Associated faculty Lionel Kimble,
 Larry Shiner

Adjunct faculty Thomas Wood

Program Requirements

Prerequisites

To pursue a major in history, students must complete the following courses or transfer equivalent courses from an accredited institution:

HIS 201 World History or HIS 202 European History and HIS 203 U.S. History	3 Hrs. 3 Hrs.
Total prerequisites	6 Hrs.

Students must have achieved a GPA of 3.20 (on a 4.00 scale) in all prerequisite courses.

Core Requirements

HIS 301 Roots of Contemporary History	3 Hrs.
HIS 303 Understanding U.S. History	3 Hrs.
HIS 401 Senior Seminar	3 Hrs.
Two non-U.S. history courses	8 Hrs.
Elective history courses	16 Hrs.
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UIS Requirements	12 Hrs.
Total	61 Hrs.

Courses from other programs may count for history credit when they support the student's degree plan and are approved in advance.

UIS Requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 12 semester hours of UIS requirements in the areas of liberal studies colloquia, public affairs colloquia, and applied study. At least four hours must be earned in each of two areas.

Learning Experiences

Learning experiences available to history majors include regular classroom courses; independent study and tutorials; and applied study internships at libraries, archives, historic sites, and other institutions, particularly in state government. The history curriculum includes period courses covering America from the colonial era to the present, thematic courses in such areas as environmental and women's history, courses in European and Asian history, and courses analyzing historic forces shaping the contemporary world.

History/Teacher Education

History majors can be certified to teach at the elementary or secondary level. Students must apply separately to the teacher education program (TEP). Students seeking certification will be assigned both a history adviser and a TEP adviser, whom they should consult regularly to make sure they satisfy requirements for both the major and certification.

History Minor

Students must complete a minimum of 16 semester hours of upper division course work at UIS. Transfer credit is evaluated on a case-by-case basis through the student petition process. Students should consult with the history department chair in designing and meeting the requirements for a minor.

Grading Policy for Major and Minor

History courses for which the student has attained a grade of full C or higher (= GPA of 2.00 or higher) will be applied toward the B.A. degree (major or minor). History courses taken as credit/no credit will be applied

toward the degree if a grade of CR is attained.

History majors may repeat program courses for grade improvement only once without seeking program approval.

Core Courses

HIS 301 Roots of Contemporary History	3 Hrs.
HIS 303 Understanding U.S. History	3 Hrs.
HIS 401 Senior Seminar	3 Hrs.
At least one course in non-U.S. history	4 Hrs.
One history elective	4 Hrs.
Total	16 Hrs.

Visit our website for more information on

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- Advising
- UIS Graduation Requirements
- Financial Assistance

To view course descriptions

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