

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

HISTORY

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Program Goals

Westminster College History students will:

- Learn and practice traditional, digital, and community-based methods of primary historical research.
- Learn and practice constructing valid historical arguments based on original research in primary sources.
- Learn and practice communicating historical knowledge creatively and effectively via written, oral, digital, and other means.
- Learn and practice skills of critical analysis of evidence, arguments, and conflicting historical interpretations.
- Begin to build a broad and deep content knowledge of global human history

Objectives

The History Program is committed to helping students learn to make sense of the past. The Program emphasizes research and communication skills applicable to further History study and teaching, as well as to many other disciplines and careers. Students learn to ask significant questions about the past, often on-site or in the field; find and critically analyze the best primary and secondary sources, and communicate their findings to a variety of audiences through many means. Students may elect an academic major or minor.

Program Requirements

Enrollment in most history courses, except those designed exclusively for majors and minors, is open to all students who are enrolled in, or have completed, the history area WCore requirement, regardless of major field or class standing.

History majors and minors are encouraged to take History 240 (Making History) and History 242 (Fielding History) in their second year of course work. History 240 and 242 are prerequisites for History 390/History 490.

Students need to check with their History advisor regarding offerings for upcoming semesters. Upper division (300-level) history courses listed in the catalog may not be offered on a regular schedule. No student may register for HIST 390/490 more than three times unless there are legitimate circumstances outside of a student's control preventing successful completion of the first or second course.

Students may substitute up to four hours of elective credit with an approved internship.

Note for Honors College students: HON 201 *Welcome to Thinking I* may be substituted for HIST 102 or 124 required for the program while HON 202 may substitute for HIST 111, 204 or 206.

Students must meet the college-wide graduation requirements in addition to the History major:

- 124 total hours
- 30 upper division hours
- WCore or Honors College requirements

History Major

Requirement Description	CH	PREQ
I. World Language Requirement	8	
History majors must complete two semesters of a single world language or its equivalent.		
II. Lower Division History Courses	18	
HIST 120 The Story of America 4		
HIST 240 Making History 3		
HIST 242 Fielding History 3		
Choose one course from each of the following groups:		
HIST 102		
or		
HIST 124		
or		

Requirement Description	CH	PREQ
HIST 111 Alien Encounters in History or Film and Memory or Patterns of Global Immigration 4 HIST 202 or HIST 204 or HIST 206 or HIST 230 America's Best Idea or Truth and Reconciliation or Homelands and Contested Spaces or Global Coffee Cultures 4		
III. Interdisciplinary Elective	4	
One 300-level course in English or Philosophy		
IV. Upper Division History Courses	6	
HIST 390 Research Seminar in History 3 consent of instructor HIST 490 Research Seminar in History 3 HIST 390		
V. Upper Division Distribution	24	
Twelve upper division hours from Americas category 12 One of the following: HIST 102, 111, 120, 124, 202, 204, 206, 230, 240, 242 Twelve upper division hours from World category 12 One of the following: HIST 102, 111, 120, 124, 202, 204, 206, 230, 240, 242		
Total Hours for the History Major	60	

Recommended Plan of Study for History

* Note that HIST 240 is offered only in Fall and HIST 242 only in the Spring semester.

**HIST 390 is offered only in Fall semester and must be taken sequentially with 490, which is only offered in Spring semester.

Academic Minor

Requirement Description	CH	PREQ
I. Required Courses	10	

Requirement Description	CH	PREQ
History 240 Making History 3 History 242 Fielding History 3 Choose one course from the following: HIST 102 Alien Encounters in History 4 HIST 124 Film and Memory 4 HIST 111 Patterns of Global Immigration 4 HIST 120 The Story of America 4		
II. Elective Courses	12	
Four upper division hours from Americas category 4 One of the following: HIST 102, 111, 120, 124, 202, 204, 206, 240, 242 Four upper division hours from World category 4 One of the following: HIST 102, 111, 120, 124, 202, 204, 206, 240, 242		
Total Hours for the History Minor	22	

History Categories

- **Americas**
 - HIST 313 United States History Since 1945
 - HIST 316 The Civil War Through 1890
 - HIST 317 The US as a World Power
 - HIST 319 American Women's History
 - HIST 320 Environmental History of the United States
 - HIST 325 The Native West
 - HIST 340 Latin America I
 - HIST 341 Latin America II
 - HIST 365 Utah and the West
- **World**
 - HIST 307 Comparative Revolutions
 - HIST 308 Supernatural Europe
 - HIST 324 Global Cold War
 - HIST 327 History of the Holocaust
 - HIST 328 Death on Display
 - HIST 329 Culture and Society of East Asia
 - HIST 330 History of the Middle East