

B.A. History

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A degree in History is very pliable. It affords graduates an opportunity to get into a variety of careers, ranging from education and business to writing and public service. The most obvious choice for many History majors is teaching, either in SDA or public schools. While History paired with education courses and certification prepares students to teach, many will choose to also add graduate courses later. If you don't want to teach, a degree in History produces exactly the type of graduate the American and international business communities are looking for—people who can think about trends, explore options, and put initiatives into effect.

Job Market

Teaching is the obvious job people associate with a History degree, but the opportunities are much broader than that. History serves as a great background for jobs in journalism, libraries, public service, public policy, politics, or private business. You may want to pair a History degree with another discipline to open even more doors.

Job Outlook

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics expects employment for people with history degrees to increase 3% through 2026. The job is particularly good for people who have the research and writing skills of a history degree with graduate education in other fields, such as library science, political science, law, or social science.

Earnings

Earnings will vary by job and region. However, here are some yearly earnings averages for a variety of careers include: high school history teacher, \$59,170; lawyer, \$119,000; political scientist (with MA), \$115,110; college professor, \$76,000.

A history degree will help many graduates get entry-level jobs. However, pairing the degree with a graduate degree will usually bring higher rewards. Some careers, such as being a lawyer or teaching in college, mandate graduate degrees.



Required Courses

Item #	Title	Credits
HIST 111	United States History to 1865	3
HIST 112	United States History from 1865	3
HIST 201	Historical Methods: Research and Historiography	3
HIST 225	World Civilizations I	3
HIST 226	World Civilizations II	3
HIST 475	Portfolio Development	1
	HIST Electives	21
	Sub-Total Credits	37

Required cognates:

Item #	Title	Credits
	Political Science Elective For History Major	3
	Sub-Total Credits	3

Sample 4 Year Curriculum

General Education Requirements

To view general education requirements for this major please visit: <https://catalog.swau.edu/core-curriculum-for-a-bachelors-degree>

First Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Beginning Language Requirement	4
ENGL 121	Freshman Composition	3
HIST 111	United States History to 1865	3
	Mathematics GE Curriculum Guide	3
UNIV 111	Wellness for Life	2
	Sub-Total Credits	15

First Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Beginning Language Requirement	4
COMM 111	Speech	3
HIST 112	United States History from 1865	3
	Religion GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Sub-Total Credits	13

Second Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 220	Research Writing	3
HIST 225	World Civilizations I	3
	Intermediate Language Requirement	3
	Life and Physical Science GE Curriculum Guide	4
POLS 211	National and Texas Constitutions	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Second Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Fine Arts GE Curriculum Guide	3
HIST 201	Historical Methods: Research and Historiography	3
HIST 226	World Civilizations II	3
	Kinesiology GE Curriculum Guide	1
	Intermediate Language Requirement	3
	Life and Physical Science GE Curriculum Guide	4
	Sub-Total Credits	17

Third Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Minor Elective	3
	HIST Electives for Curriculum Guides	3
	HIST Electives for Curriculum Guides	3
	Kinesiology GE Curriculum Guide	1
	Literature GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Religion GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Third Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Minor Elective	3
HIST 242	Historical and Political Geography	3
	HIST Electives for Curriculum Guides	3
	HIST Electives for Curriculum Guides	3
	Religion GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

Fourth Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
HIST 475	Portfolio Development	1
	HIST Electives for Curriculum Guides	3
	Minor Elective	3
	Minor Elective	3
	Minor Elective	3
	Sub-Total Credits	13

Fourth Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Electives for 120	3
	HIST Electives for Curriculum Guides	3
	HIST Electives for Curriculum Guides	3
	Minor Elective	3
	Religion GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

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