

B.A. History - Secondary Teaching Area

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This is a great degree for students who love history and the related fields of political science and government, geography, and economics, and who are also sure they want to teach. It combines classes in all of those disciplines with courses in education that focus on pedagogy, classroom management, and class preparation. These various fields allow room for a great deal of creativity in teaching. Note: students choosing this major must also be accepted into the Education program. They will consult with both an advisor from the Education Department and one from the History/Social Science Department.

Job Market

You probably won't get rich with this degree, but you probably won't be unemployed either. History and its related fields will always anchor the social studies curricula of both public and private schools. When your principal realizes that you can easily teach geography, government, and economics as well as history, you will become nearly indispensable. Southwestern grads have done very well with this degree, and some have used it as a foundation for graduate work to help them get into school administration.

Job Outlook

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates job growth in this field at 5% through 2031. That is as fast as average.

Earnings

Median pay in this field is \$61,280. Additional education may bring teachers extra pay opportunities.



Teacher Certification Program

The following History major is for teaching certification only. Requirements for certification are listed in the Education section of this *Bulletin*.
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Content Area + Teaching Certification

Required Courses

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Students will also complete a senior portfolio which includes a thesis paper.

Item #	Title	Credits
HIST 111	United States History to 1865	3
HIST 112	United States History from 1865	3
HIST 225	World Civilizations I	3
HIST 226	World Civilizations II	3
HIST 315	Political Thought	3
	HIST Electives	18
	Sub-Total Credits	33

POLS Elective

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

Research Methods Students will choose one of these options.

Item #	Title	Credits
HIST 201	Historical Methods: Research and Historiography	3
HIST 303	Geographic Information Systems for Social Science and Criminal Justice	3
	Sub-Total Credits	3