

History Education

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Major

This degree is primarily designed for public school teaching positions. Fortunately, it opens up opportunities for various related careers in which content knowledge and pedagogy are useful. The history curriculum encompasses a wide range of areas: European, American, world, non-Western and special topics such as environmental and women's history. The History Education degree is foundational for those who might want to go on to graduate school or advance to other positions in related fields such as government, travel, business, research, media or publishing. The Barnes County Historical Museum gives students the opportunities for practical, hands-on experience, archives for research, and community involvement. We work with each student to create a program of study that prepares him or her for a career as well as meeting personal study interests. Job opportunities in education are currently very strong, and most of our graduates readily find teaching positions.

As a History Education major you are placed into schools for a series of field experiences including Introduction to Education (40 hours); Practicum (80 hours); Culturally Diverse Practicum (25 hours involving 3 consecutive full days in a classroom), and a 12-week student teaching field experience completed in a location that works well for the student and university. Student teaching is the culminating experience of the program and the opportunity for students to apply all they have learned regarding their classroom preparation and field experience opportunities.

Explore History Online

- www.historians.org (<http://www.historians.org>)
- www.museum-employment.com (<http://www.museum-employment.com>)
- www.archivists.org (<http://www.archivists.org>)
- www.history.com (<http://www.history.com>)
- www.biography.com (<http://www.biography.com>)

ACCREDITATIONS

- Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR MAJOR

VCSU has an active Phi Alpha Theta/History Club, allowing students to develop leadership skills and promote history across campus. Students have opportunities to present their research at the Dakota History Conference and the Northern Great Plains History Conference, in regional, professional history settings. The Social Science Department also periodically organizes overseas travel opportunities for VCSU students.

Teacher Education Requirements

Students are typically admitted into Teacher Education during their sophomore year or beginning of their junior year of college. This program requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher and successful

completion of the Praxis I test. Additional criteria for Admission to Teacher Education can be found at the following website: www.vcsu.edu/teacher_edu

"The VCSU Social Science Department truly prepared me to excel in the classroom during my student teaching experience. Because of the department's guidance and command of the subject matter, I entered the school confident in my teaching abilities. The professors not only taught us content, but also strategies to implement to teach the social sciences in an informative and engaging way. I feel very grateful to have learned from the professors I did, and very satisfied about my teaching style that was cultivated due, in part, to this program." —Scott Westby '15, Sheyenne, N.D.

Plan of Study

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 110 (Gen Ed)	3	ENGL 120 (Gen Ed)	3
CIS 170 (Gen Ed)	3	GEOG 151	3
COMM 212 (Gen Ed)	3	HPER 100 (Gen Ed)	2
GEOG 111 (Gen Ed)	2	HIST 267 (Gen Ed)	3
MATH 104 (Gen Ed)	3	Lab Science (Gen Ed)	4
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	15		15

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EDUC 250	3	EDUC 283	3
HIST 103	3	HIST 104	3
Lab Science (Gen Ed)	4	HIST 320	3
Literacies (Gen Ed)	3	HIST 330	3
PSYC 111 (Gen Ed)	3	PSYC 250	3
	16		15

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Art and Music (Gen Ed)	3	EDUC 240	3
EDUC 300	2	GEOG 325	3
EDUC 352	1	GEOG 362	3
HIST 211	3	GEOG 460	3
HIST 454	3	HIST 212	3
HIST 470	3	HIST 220	3
	15		18

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EDUC 351	1	EDUC 400	2
EDUC 375	2	EDUC 480	10
HIST 270	3		
HIST 321	3		
HIST 400	3		

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HIST 490	3	
	15	12

Total Credits 121

Please note: This plan is intended for general information only. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with their academic advisor each semester before registration.



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