

History

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Major

Your experience here will be both enriching and challenging. Our History curriculum offers broad experience in U.S., European, World history, as well as opportunities to study the history of ethnic and social groups and specialized courses such as Environmental history. The study of history sharpens a student's own sense of values, provides a context for present decision making, and cultivates a more compassionate attitude toward peoples whose way of life may be different from yours. Theory and techniques are also important elements to the degree. History is a non-teaching degree designed to place the history student in a variety of careers such as law, government service, archivist, consultant, foreign services officer, intelligence agent, researcher, and more. This major also prepares students for advanced and specialized graduate study. We will work with you to plan a course of study that meets your needs and interests.

As a History major, you will learn many skills employers desire: analyzing data, logic, critical thinking, researching, and precise writing. To assist you, we encourage you to seek an internship to utilize the skills acquired in the classroom. The Barnes County Historical Museum gives students the opportunities for practical, hands-on experience, archives for research, and community involvement. Both behavioral science and business internships are available for students who lack previous employment experience. Our program will offer you a variety of non-traditional learning opportunities.

Explore History

- 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>)

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.

“There are... opportunities for undergraduate research and professional conferences. My research brought me elbow-deep in museum archives and to afternoon coffee with the sons of a Manhattan Project veteran. I was able to present my research at both the Northern Great Plains History Conference and the Dakota History Conference, where my research earned me the Endowed Western Studies Student Award, conference recognition amongst professionals in the field, and a cash prize for my work. My professors were there to assist me with every step, and

challenged me to create my best work.” —Stephanie McCann '18, Veronia, N.D.

“My internship at the Barnes County Museum was a valuable experience. I learned about exhibits, collections, and the daily functions of a museum.” —Timothy Eppen '09, Edgeley, N.D.

Plan of Study

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CIS 170 (Gen Ed)	3	Cultural Block, Related Field/Minor	3
COMM 212 (Gen Ed)	3	ENGL 120 (Gen Ed)	3
ENGL 110 (Gen Ed)	3	HIST 267 (Gen Ed)	3
GEOG 111 (Gen Ed)	2	HPER 100 (Gen Ed)	2
MATH 104 (Gen Ed)	3	Lab Science (Gen Ed)	4
UNIV 150	1		
	15		15

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Cultural Block, Related Field/Minor	3	Cultural Block, Related Field/Minor	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	Cultural Block, Related Field/Minor	3
Cultural Block, Related Field/Minor	3	Cultural Block, Related Field/Minor	3
Cultural Block, Related Field/Minor	3	GEOG 362	3
HIST 211	3	HIST 212	3
HIST 454	3	HIST 220	3
	15		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Cultural Block, Related Field/Minor	3	Cultural Block, Related Field/Minor	3
ECON 314	3	Cultural Block, Related Field/Minor	3
HIST 270	3	Cultural Block, Related Field/Minor	3
HIST 400	3	HIST 491	1
HIST 470	3	HIST 497	3
		SOC 300	3
	15		16

Total Credits 122

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