

HISTORY (BA)

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Major: History

Program Code: 3716

The study of history prepares the student for understanding present society and culture through a study of the past. The history program familiarizes students with the great historical civilizations and issues that have shaped our present world. History teaches students how to critically analyze information and make a compelling argument; skills that everyone needs to be successful in all their endeavors. Internships are available through museums, historical societies and public agencies. CMU history graduates pursue careers in teaching and public history, as well as private employment, and have also been very successful in gaining entrance to graduate study and law school.

For more information on what you can do with this major, visit Career Services' [What to Do with a Major?](#) resource.

All CMU baccalaureate graduates are expected to demonstrate proficiency in specialized knowledge/applied learning, quantitative fluency, communication fluency, critical thinking, personal and social responsibility, and information literacy. In addition to these campus-wide student learning outcomes, graduates of this major will be able to:

1. Formulate the relationships of cause and effect. (Specialized Knowledge/Applied Learning);
2. Assess the importance of historical context.(Specialized Knowledge/Applied Learning);
3. Critically analyze an argument based on secondary sources. (Critical Thinking);
4. Critically analyze primary sources. (Critical Thinking);
5. Formulate a clear and persuasive argument based on evidence. (Communication Fluency);
6. Construct a clear thesis with strong topic sentences. (Communication Fluency).
7. Evaluate how local, national, or global societies have responded to ethical, social, civic, and/or environmental changes in the historical past. (Personal and Social Responsibility)

Requirements

Each section below contains details about the requirements for this program. Select a header to expand the information/requirements for that particular section of the program's requirements.

To print or save an overview of this program's information, including the program description, learning outcomes, requirements, suggested course sequencing (if applicable), and advising and graduation information, scroll to the bottom of the left-hand navigation menu and select "Print Options." This will give you the options to either "Send Page to Printer" or "Download PDF of This Page." The "Download PDF of This Page" option prepares a much more concise presentation of all program information. The PDF is also printable and may be preferable due to its brevity.

Institutional Degree Requirements

The following institutional degree requirements apply to all CMU baccalaureate degrees. Specific programs may have different requirements that must be met in addition to institutional requirements.

- 120 semester hours minimum.
- Students must complete a minimum of 30 of the last 60 hours of credit at CMU, with at least 15 semester hours in major discipline courses numbered 300 or higher.
- 40 upper-division credits (an alternative credit limit applies to the Bachelor of Applied Science degree).
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all CMU coursework.
- A course may only be used to fulfill one requirement for each degree/certificate.
- No more than six semester hours of independent study courses can be used toward the degree.
- Non-traditional credit, such as advanced placement, credit by examination, credit for prior learning, cooperative education and internships, cannot exceed 30 semester credit hours for a baccalaureate degree. A maximum of 15 of the 30 credits may be for cooperative education, internships, and practica.
- Pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- Capstone exit assessment/projects (e.g., Major Field Achievement Test) requirements are identified under Program-Specific Degree Requirements.
- The Catalog Year determines which program sheet and degree requirements a student must fulfill in order to graduate. Visit with your advisor or academic department to determine which catalog year and program requirements you should follow.
- See "Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees and Certificates" in the catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.

Specific to this degree:

- A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all required courses, unless otherwise stated.

Essential Learning Requirements

(31 semester hours)

See the current catalog for a list of courses that fulfill the requirements below. If a course is an Essential Learning option and a requirement for your major, you must use it to fulfill the major requirement and make a different selection for the Essential Learning requirement.

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
English ¹		
ENGL 111	English Composition I-GTCO1	3
ENGL 112	English Composition II-GTCO2	3
Mathematics ¹		
MATH 110	Mathematical Investigations-GTMA1	3
History		
HIST 131	United States History I-GTHI1	3
Humanities		
Select one Humanities course		3
Social and Behavioral Sciences		
Select one Social and Behavioral Sciences course		3
Select one Social and Behavioral Sciences course		3
Fine Arts		
Select one Fine Arts course		3

Natural Sciences²

Select one Natural Sciences course with lab	4
Select one Natural Sciences course	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	31

¹ Must receive a grade of "C" or better and must be completed by the time the student has 60 semester hours.

² One course must include a lab.

Other Lower Division Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Wellness Requirement		
KINE 100	Health and Wellness	1
Select one Activity Course		1
Essential Learning Capstone ¹		
ESSL 290	Maverick Milestone	3
ESSL 200	Essential Speech	1
Total Semester Credit Hours		6

¹ Essential Learning Capstone must be taken after completion of the Essential Learning English and Mathematics requirements, and when a student has earned between 45 and 75 hours.

Foundation Courses

(6 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Select two consecutive courses in the same foreign language		6
Total Semester Credit Hours		6

Program Specific Degree Requirements

(48 semester hours, must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA or higher in coursework in this area. A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all required courses, unless otherwise stated.)

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
History Core		
HIST 101	Western Civilization I-GTHI1	3
HIST 102	Western Civilization II-GTHI1	3
HIST 132	United States History II-GTHI1	3
HIST 202	Introduction to Historical Research	3
HIST 404	Senior Seminar in Historical Research	3
History Electives		
<i>European History</i>		
Select three of the following:		9
HIST 300	History of England to 1660	
HIST 301	History of Modern Britain	
HIST 302	History of Modern France	

HIST 303	History of Modern Germany	
HIST 330	History of 19th Century Europe	
HIST 331	The 20th Century	
HIST 332	History of Modern Warfare	
HIST 350	Renaissance and Reformation	
HIST 355	Ancient and Medieval Cities	
HIST 360	Medieval Europe	
HIST 394	Junior Seminar in Historiography	
HIST 400	The Soviet Union and Eastern Europe	
HIST 430	The Ancient Mediterranean World	
HIST 435	Classical Archaeology	
HIST 440	Early and Medieval Christianity	
HIST 445	The Holocaust	
HIST 450	European History and Film	

World History

Select two of the following:		6
HIST 310	Latin American Civilization	
HIST 311	The World Wars	
HIST 319	History of the United States-Mexico Borderlands	
HIST 333	The International History of the Cold War	
HIST 334	History of the British Empire	
HIST 340	History of the Middle East	
HIST 403	East Asia and the Modern World	
HIST 406	History of the African Continent	

United States History

Select three of the following:		9
HIST 305	The Old South	
HIST 314	African American History	
HIST 315	Indigenous American History	
HIST 316	American Slavery	
HIST 320	The American West	
HIST 342	The Early American Republic	
HIST 344	The Age of Industry in America	
HIST 345	History of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity in America	
HIST 346	The United States in the 1950s and 1960s	
HIST 347	Global America: 1970-2000	
HIST 348	The History of Food in America	
HIST 370	Early United States Women's History	
HIST 371	20th Century United States Women's History	
HIST 415	Colonial America	
HIST 416	The American Revolution	
HIST 420	Civil War	
HIST 425	History of Sexuality	
HIST 375	American Sport History	
HIST 405	Introduction to Public History	
HIST 409	Material Culture Studies	
HIST 410	Environmental History of the United States	

History Specialization

Select three additional Upper Division History courses selected from European, United States, or World History or ANTH 225

Total Semester Credit Hours **48**

General Electives

All college level courses appearing on your final transcript, not listed above that will bring your total semester hours to 120 hours. 29 semester hours, 4-7 hours of upper division will be needed.

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Select electives		29
Total Semester Credit Hours		29

Suggested Course Plan

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
First Year		
Fall Semester		
ENGL 111	English Composition I-GTC01	3
HIST 131	United States History I-GTHI1	3
Essential Learning - Natural Science		3
HIST 101	Western Civilization I-GTHI1	3
KINE 100	Health and Wellness	1
Semester Credit Hours		13
Spring Semester		
ENGL 112	English Composition II-GTC02	3
Essential Learning - Humanities		3
MATH 110	Mathematical Investigations-GTMA1	3
HIST 102	Western Civilization II-GTHI1	3
General Elective		3
KINA Activity		1
Semester Credit Hours		16
Second Year		
Fall Semester		
HIST 202	Introduction to Historical Research	3
Essential Learning - Fine Arts		3
Foundation Course - Foreign Language		3
Essential Learning - Social and Behavioral Science		3
History Elective		3
General Elective		3
Semester Credit Hours		18
Spring Semester		
Essential Learning - Natural Science with Lab		4
Foundation Course - Foreign Language		3
Essential Learning - Social and Behavioral Science		3
HIST 132	United States History II-GTHI1	3
ESSL 290	Maverick Milestone	3
ESSL 200	Essential Speech	1
Semester Credit Hours		17
Third Year		
Fall Semester		
History Elective (2 courses)		6
General Elective (2 courses)		6
Semester Credit Hours		12
Spring Semester		
History Elective (3 courses)		9
General Elective		3
Upper Division General Elective		3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Fourth Year		
Fall Semester		
HIST 404	Senior Seminar in Historical Research	3

History Elective (2 courses)	6	
Upper Division General Elective	3	
General Elective	2	
Semester Credit Hours		14
Spring Semester		
History Elective (4 courses)	12	
General Elective	3	
Semester Credit Hours		15
Total Semester Credit Hours		120

Advising and Graduation Advising Process and DegreeWorks

Documentation on the pages related to this program is intended for informational purposes to help determine what courses and associated requirements are needed to earn a degree. The suggested course sequencing outlines how students could finish degree requirements. Some courses are critical to complete in specific semesters, while others may be moved around. Meeting with an academic advisor is essential in planning courses and altering the suggested course sequencing. It is ultimately the student's responsibility to understand and fulfill the requirements for their intended degree(s).

DegreeWorks is an online degree audit tool available in MAVzone. It is the official record used by the Registrar's Office to evaluate progress towards a degree and determine eligibility for graduation. Students are responsible for reviewing their DegreeWorks audit on a regular basis and should discuss questions or concerns with their advisor or academic department head. Discrepancies in requirements should be reported to the Registrar's Office.

Graduation Process

Students must complete the following in the first two months of the semester prior to completing their degree requirements:

- Review their DegreeWorks audit and create a plan that outlines how unmet requirements will be met in the final semester.
- Meet with their advisor and modify their plan as needed. The advisor must approve the final plan.
- Submit the "Intent to Graduate" form to the Registrar's Office to officially declare the intended graduation date and commencement ceremony plans.
- Register for all needed courses and complete all requirements for each degree sought.

Submission deadlines and commencement details can be found at <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/registrar/graduation.html>.

If a student's petition for graduation is denied, it will be their responsibility to consult the Registrar's Office regarding next steps.