

# **HISTORY**

## **(HSTBA)**

The history program at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, offers students an attractive opportunity to study the oldest liberal arts discipline. History majors build solid foundations in American and European history and then select their own course sequences for intensive study at the junior and senior levels. Classes in African, East Asian, Latin American, and Middle Eastern history are also offered.

The B.A. program (HSTBA) stresses both traditional and innovative methods of research focusing on the analysis of written records. Majors are encouraged to think critically, to explore the fundamental determinants of human behavior, and to develop effective research and writing skills, utilizing current computer technologies.

In addition to basic course offerings, the history program provides a variety of exciting options and opportunities. History majors who elect to pursue independent studies or embark on original research projects work closely with professors. Students have presented the results of their work at annual undergraduate research conferences or submitted papers for publication in scholarly journals. History faculty offer special classes and options for students who qualify for the university's honors and scholars programs. Internships that provide students hands-on experience at historical societies, museums, businesses, and in the college's archives are also available.

For those who are drawn to history but choose to major in another field, an eighteen-credit history minor is provided. Since several of the courses for the minor also fulfill General Education Requirements, it is relatively easy to design a course of study in history that will be a useful and enriching complement to a degree in another discipline. Eighteen credits, including at least six credits at the 400 level, are required for a history minor.

### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

A major in history provides students with excellent preparation for admission to professional schools and the pursuit of careers in any field where research experience, analytical skills, and the ability to write well are important. Penn State Behrend history graduates have found employment in business, education, law, industry, pastoral ministry, state and local government, law enforcement, library and museum management, the military, and computer services. A number of majors have completed the fifth year program with Mercyhurst College for certification in secondary education to begin careers in high school teaching.

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# HISTORY

(B.A., 124 credits)

Students should review their degree audits via eLion at <http://eLion.psu.edu>

## General Education (45 credits)

### WRITING/SPEAKING (9 cr)

ENGL 015 or 030H (GWS) \_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
ENGL 202A, B, C, or D (GWS) \_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
CAS 100A, B, C, or H (GWS) \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

### QUANTIFICATION (6 cr)

any GQ course \_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
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### NATURAL SCIENCES (9 cr)

Students may complete any 9 credits of GN sciences as long as one course contains a lab.

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Lab course \_\_\_\_\_

### HEALTH AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (3 cr)

Students may complete any 3 credits of GHA as long as the total equals 3 or more credits.

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### ARTS (6 cr)

GA courses\*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

### HUMANITIES (6 cr)

GH courses\*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

### SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL (6 cr)

GS courses\*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

\*Courses may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major.

**Note:** A student may request an exception in order to establish a focus in one area. For example, a student may opt to take *one* course in the Social & Behavioral Sciences, *two* in the Arts, and *three* in the Humanities—referred to as the 3-6-9 sequence.

### Additional Graduation Requirements

First-Year Seminar (Included in electives) \_\_\_\_\_ (1)  
Writing Across the Curriculum in the major (W)\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
International Cultures (IL)\*\*+ \_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
United States Cultures (US)\*\*+ \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

\*\*Can also be counted toward General Education or major requirements.

+ Effective for students enrolling in or after summer session 2005.

## Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements (12–24 credits)

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE (0–12 credits):** students must attain 12<sup>th</sup> credit level proficiency.

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This requirement is governed by a placement policy dictated by the number of levels of foreign language completed prior to admission to college.

### B.A. KNOWLEDGE DOMAINS (9 credits)

Formerly, students were required to complete 3 credits in each of three domains (Arts, Humanities, Social & Behavioral Sciences). Effective Summer 2005, students are permitted to complete all 9 credits in any one of six domains or a combination thereof, but *courses may not be taken in the area of the*

*student's primary major*. The six domains are Arts (GA), Humanities (GH), Social & Behavioral Sciences (GS), Natural Sciences (GN), Quantification (GQ), and Foreign Language *if* the coursework is in a second foreign language or beyond the 12<sup>th</sup> credit proficiency of the first foreign language.

\_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

See complete list of courses at: <http://www.psu.edu/bulletins/bluebook/gened/bad.html>

### OTHER CULTURES (3 cr)†

†Cannot be used to satisfy the U.S. & International Cultures requirement. See: <http://www.psu.edu/bulletins/bluebook/gened/bad.html#OCUL>

## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR (36 credits)

### PRESCRIBED COURSES (12 credits)

HIST 001 \_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
HIST 002 \_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
HIST 020 \_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
HIST 021 \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

### ELECTIVES (19 credits)

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\_\_\_\_\_ (1) First-Year Seminar

### ADDITIONAL COURSES (15 credits)

Select 12 credits of 400 level HIST/HSTRY (HSTRY/HIST 495 internships do not count to fulfill this requirement.)  
Select 3 credits of 400 level PL SC/POLSC

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PL SC/POLSC \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

### SUPPORTING COURSES (9 credits)

Select 9 credits in history or related courses (HIST 301 is strongly recommended.)

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### History Minor

Total of 18 credits in History courses including 6 credits at 400 level

HIST/HSTRY \_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
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## REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

### IMPORTANT POLICIES: Minimum Graduation Requirements for Penn State Behrend College Majors

*Baccalaureate history majors graduating from Penn State Behrend must achieve an overall grade-point average of at least 2.0 and a C grade or better in all 300/400-level courses within the Prescribed, Additional, and Supporting categories of the major. Students who receive grades below C in 300/400-level courses must repeat courses or take school-approved alternatives, earning grades of C or better.*

## A SAMPLE SCHEDULE

(This schedule is an example of the courses a history major might take.)

### FIRST-YEAR EUROPEAN CONCENTRATION

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>First Semester</b> | <b>Second Semester</b> |
| HIST 001              | HIST 002               |
| First-Year Seminar    | Quantification         |
| ENGL 015 or 030       | Foreign Language       |
| Quantification        | HIST 010 or HIST 011   |
| Foreign Language      | Natural Science        |
| Arts                  | GHA, GPA, GPE          |

### FIRST-YEAR AMERICAN CONCENTRATION

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>First Semester</b> | <b>Second Semester</b> |
| HIST 020              | HIST 021               |
| First-Year Seminar    | Quantification         |
| ENGL 015 or 030       | Foreign Language       |
| Quantification        | HIST 010 or HIST 011   |
| Foreign Language      | Natural Science        |
| Arts                  | GHA, GPA, GPE          |

### Sophomore\*

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>First Semester</b> | <b>Second Semester</b> |
| HIST 020 or HIST 001  | HIST 021 or HIST 002   |
| ENGL 202B             | HIST 301               |
| Natural Science       | Arts                   |
| CAS 100               | Social Science         |
| Foreign Language      | Humanities             |
|                       | GHA, GPE, GPE          |

### Junior\*#

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>First Semester</b> | <b>Second Semester</b> |
| 400W-level HIST       | 400W-level HIST        |
| HIST                  | 400-level HIST         |
| Natural Science       | Humanities             |
| Humanities            | Other Cultures         |
| Arts                  | HIST                   |
| GHA, GPA, GPE         |                        |

### Senior#

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>First Semester</b> | <b>Second Semester</b> |
| 400-level HIST        | 400-level HIST         |
| 400-level PL SC       | Social Science         |
| Elective              | Elective               |
| Elective              | Elective               |
| Social Science        | HIST                   |

\* Students should consider taking an internship in the summer of their second or third year. If for course credit, sign up for HIST 495 (see Dr. Christofferson for a list of History internships).

# Students concentrating on European history should take more 400 levels in European; students concentrating on American history should take more 400 levels in American.

## FULL-TIME HISTORY FACULTY

Dr. Richard Aquila, (*Ph.D., Ohio State University*) Director, School of Humanities & Social Sciences;  
U.S. Social and Cultural History, American Studies

Dr. Douglas M. Charles (*Ph.D., University of Edinburgh*): American & World History

Dr. Michael Christofferson (*Ph.D., Columbia University*): Modern European and World History

Dr. Ralph L. Eckert (*Ph.D., Louisiana State University*): America to 1877 and Military History

Dr. A. Daniel Frankforter (*Ph.D., Penn State University*): Ancient and Medieval Europe and Gender Studies

Dr. Carolyn Halladay (*Ph.D., University of California at Santa Cruz*): Modern European and World History

Dr. John P. Rossi (*Ph.D., Rutgers University*): America from 1877, Diplomatic and Business History

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