Nebraska Wesleyan University

History (B.A., B.S.)

Catalog

2024-2025

Program Description

Given the strong humanities emphasis within Nebraska Wesleyan's history program, typically a degree in history is taken as a Bachelor of Arts. Students who combine history with a degree in the Social or Natural Sciences, however, usually take their degree as a Bachelor of Science.

Modern foreign language study is expected of all history majors. Transfer students must earn in residence a minimum of 12 hours in history, 6 hours of which must be at the upper level (3000-4990).

Departments

1. History

History Major (B.A. or B.S.**, 36-37 hours)

Core Courses	12 hours
HIST 1010FYW Topics in United States History to 1877 or HIST 1020FYW United States Society and Culture Since 1877	4 hours
HIST 1110 World Civilizations	4 hours
HIST 2170 Body, Mind, Spirit: The Understanding of the Self in Western Culture or HIST 2180 Science and Religion in Western Tradition or HIST 2130 Western Civilization Through Literature	4 hours
Research Methods	**4 hours**
HIST 2800 Historical Methods	4 hours
History Electives	**16 hours**
Students must take 16 credit hours of history electives. Select one course from each section below. Of the electives, at least 8 credit hours must be at the 4000-level.	

History Electives	16 hours

U.S. History Elective

HIST 2370 History of Women in the United States HIST 2410 Racial Justice in Twentieth Century America HIST 2420 Liberalism & Conservatism In Amer Hist HIST 2540 African-American History HIST 2560 Indigenous History HIST 2610 Environmental History HIST 3110/HIST 4110 American Presidency HIST 3120/HIST 4120 Industrial United States, 1877-1932 HIST 3130/HIST 4130 The Cold War and Modern America HIST 3140/HIST 4140 Biography in History HIST 3180/HIST 4180 Topics in Indian History HIST 3450/HIST 4450 Interrogate American History Through Artifacts HIST 3500/HIST 4500 Myth and the U.S. West HIST 3540/HIST 4540 History of Sexualities HIST 3550/HIST 4550 Gender & The Wild West HIST 3650/HIST 4650 Topics in Nebraska History	4 hours

World History Elective

HIST 2110 Introduction to Latin America HIST 2660 Disease in History HIST 2810 Introduction to East Asian History HIST 2820 Introduction to Japanese History HIST 2830 Modern Chinese History HIST 3530/HIST 4530 Queens, Crusaders, and Wonder Women HIST 3700/HIST 4700 Revolutions in Latin America HIST 3840/HIST 4840 Meiji - The Making of Modern Japan HIST 3850/HIST 4850 Twilight of the Samurai: Early Modern Japan HIST 3860/HIST 4860 Japanese Popular Culture, Past and Present	4 hours

European History Elective

HIST 3030/HIST 4030 Founding of the Americas HIST 3100/HIST 4100 Pirates, Corsairs, And Buccaneers HIST 3220/HIST 4220 The Ancient World HIST 3230/HIST 4230 The Middle Ages HIST 3280/HIST 4280 Heresy, Conflict, and Violence HIST 3350/HIST 4350 Nazi Germany	4 hours

General History Elective

4 hours

Choose any history course(s).

Capstone Courses	4-5 hours

HIST 4940 History Capstone and
HIST 4970 History Internship
or
HIST 4940 History Capstone and
HIST 4980 Introduction to Senior Thesis and
HIST 4990 Senior Thesis
or
Students seeking secondary education endorsement must take HIST 4650 Topics in Nebraska History and HIST 4940 History Capstone and complete their student teaching in history.

***A History major customarily earns a B.A. or B.S. degree. However, if a student has a first major that is associated with a different baccalaureate degree, the History major may serve as a second major for the degree associated with the first major (B.F.A., B.M., or B.S.N.).*