

HISTORY

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

The major in History requires completion of 39 semester hours including both the American and World History surveys (12 semester hours) and HIST 295 (The Historian's Craft) and HIST 495 (History Seminar). An additional 21 semester hours chosen from among three designated world areas as defined below. Majors are strongly encouraged to complement their study of History with an appropriate minor or second major. Students may use up to 9 semester hours of history to meet various General Education requirements. History majors upon graduation will have substantial awareness of historical methodology, content, and research. The major enhances the graduate's reading, writing, and oral skills and the ability to process diverse information into a coherent whole. In particular the History major will develop an understanding and appreciation of the relationship of History to the other social science disciplines. Graduates will also have been exposed to a wide diversity of cultures and develop a keen appreciation for the aesthetic and intellectual life.

The Department of History offers a wide variety of courses with emphasis upon regional, topical, chronological, social, military and gender studies.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The study of History is good preparation for individuals wanting to follow careers in law or paralegal studies, archival or museum work, politics and government, retail, administration and management, and the civil service. Depending upon career choice, close consultation with your department adviser for course selection and more generally with the Career Services Center is strongly recommended.

Students intending to teach History at the middle school or secondary level should declare a Social Science major (Teaching option). The largest core of that major (18-24 semester hours) is in History, but also requires the student to complete coursework in Political Science (12-18 semester hours), Geography (3-12 semester hours) and Economics (3-12 semester hours).

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Required Courses:		39 semester hours
HIST 101, 102	World History	6
HIST 111, 112	US History	6
HIST 295*	Historian's Craft	3
HIST 495**	History Seminar	3
Electives in Area I	US History	9
Electives in Area II	European History	6
Electives in Area III	Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East	6

* Student must pass this course with grade of C or better

**Student must pass this course with grade of C or better and must have successfully passed HIST 295 previously

B.S./B.A. DEGREE

Majors will pursue either a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. The B.S. option requires selection of 6-8 additional hours of coursework from the department approved list. Coursework must be

within the same discipline and selected in consultation with one's adviser. The Bachelor of Arts option requires a 12 hours in a foreign language; credit for up to 6 hours, based upon proficiency level, can be gained from secondary school foreign language courses.

The Department of History strongly encourages its majors to consider the Bachelor of Arts option.

ADVISING

Each major will be assigned an adviser from among the History faculty. Every student is expected to meet with their adviser periodically (at least once each semester) to discuss their overall program of study and to assess their progress toward a degree. These meetings also provide excellent opportunity for discussion of career goals and objectives.

ADDITIONAL MAJORS/MINORS

The Department strongly encourages its majors to consider a second major in a complementary field, and if not a double major, then at least a minor. With a single major students will generally have miscellaneous coursework to finish for the degree; it makes sense to focus those hours on a second major or a minor. Discuss these options with your adviser.

EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

The History Department has a chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the national Honor Society in History. To apply for membership, the student must have completed 12 credit hours in history with a minimum 3.1 GPA in those courses and a 3.0 GPA in all other courses attempted. The History Club provides a variety of activities ranging from social gatherings to formal sponsorship of speakers.

Membership in the Radford University chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, the international Honor Society in the Social Sciences, is open to students who have completed 20 semester hours in any combination of social science courses (including History, Political Science, Geography, Economics, Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology, Criminal Justice, Social Work, and Social Philosophy) with a minimum 3.0 GPA in those courses.

FACULTY

Roger Hepburn, Sharon A.
Chair/Professor
B.A., State University of New York-Geneseo; M.A., Ph.D., State University of New York-Buffalo
Specialties: African-American, Civil War, American Slavery

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B.A., University of California-Santa Cruz; M.A., Georgetown University; Ph.D., Indiana University.
Specialties: Russia, Eastern Europe.

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Emeritus Professor B.S.E., Emporia State University;
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Specialties: Africa, Middle East, 20th Century World.

Montgomery, Garth
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Specialties: European, German, Intellectual.

Moore, Johnny S.
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B.A., M.A., Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State
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Specialties: US Social & Religious History.

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Assistant Professor
B.A., Wichita State University; M.A., Catholic University
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Specialties: Medieval Europe; Eastern Europe

Oyos, Matthew M.
Associate Professor
B.A., Augustana College; M.A., University of Nebraska-
Lincoln; Ph.D., The Ohio State University.
Specialties: Military History, 20th Century US.

Straw, Richard A.
Professor
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Specialties: US South, Appalachian.

Scholarship and loan funds are available through the
Radford University Financial Aid Office. For further
Information about work-study, work fellowships and
Other aid, contact

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information about Radford University can be
found at the university's website www.radford.edu

PRE-LAW ADVISING

For students intending to enter law school upon
graduation from RU, frequent consultation with the pre-
law adviser is encouraged. Contact Dr. Robert Gill,
Department of Political Science, P. O. Box 6945, Radford
University, Radford VA 24142 or via email at
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INTERNSHIPS

Students can earn academic credit for a one-semester
internship through a local museum, historical society,
public/private/governmental agency. The History
department can provide general advice in this area and
arrangements can be made through the Center for
Experiential Learning & Career Development. Students
should work in close consultation with the department
since it will approve and supervise the internship.

STUDY ABROAD

The department of History sponsors a study abroad
experience in the summer to Scotland/Ireland. To learn
more about this program and other Study Abroad and
Student Exchange Programs sponsored through Radford
University or other academic institutions, contact:

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