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### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (45–62 total hours)

The History Department requires a minimum of 24 hours of history credit to be taken in residence at BYU’s Provo campus for this degree program. BYU Independent Study courses do not count toward residency. These hours may also go toward BYU’s 30-hour residency requirement for graduation.

Complete one of the following courses in fulfillment of the University Core First-Year Writing requirement:

- Phil 150* Reasoning & Writing
- Wrtg 150* Writing & Rhetoric

Complete one of the following courses in fulfillment of the University Core Languages of Learning requirement:

- An approved culminating foreign language course.
- Honrs 250* Honors Math Modeling
- Phil 305* Predicate Logic
- Stat 121* Principles of Statistics

Complete the following:

- Hist 200* The Historian’s Craft

Note: Majors must complete all four core courses in history at the college level. University Core Civilization courses (201/202) offered by other departments are not equivalent. Advanced Placement U.S. history courses are not equivalent.

Complete 7 electives (21 total hours) from the approved list. Seek faculty advice in choosing electives. Students must not present all their preparation in a single region. Complete three electives (nine hours) by taking at least one course in each of the following regions: Asia, Europe, Latin America, Near East, United States, Africa, or World. (Course regions are identified on the approved list.) We urge majors to focus their remaining 4 electives on a single theme, region, or period.

Complete the following capstone course:

- Hist 490* Capstone Research Seminar

Recommended

- Rel C 261 Intro to Family History (Genealogy)

Majors are strongly encouraged to minor in a field that further enhances their preparation for employment or graduate school. Consult with faculty.
Suggested Sequence of Courses:

FRESHMAN YEAR
1st Semester
1st Year Writing or American Heritage 3.0
Hist 220 (FWSpSu) 3.0
RelA 121 2.0
General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives 7.0
Total Hours 15.0

2nd Semester
1st-Year Writing or American Heritage 3.0
Hist 221 (FWSpSu) 3.0
RelA 122 2.0
General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives 7.0
Total Hours 15.0

SOPHOMORE YEAR
3rd Semester
Hist 200 (FWSpSu) 3.0
Hist 201 (FWSpSu) 3.0
General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives 9.0
Total Hours 15.0

4th Semester
Hist 202 (FWSpSu) 3.0
General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives 12.0
Total Hours 15.0

JUNIOR YEAR
5th Semester
History electives (two) 6.0
General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives 9.0
Total Hours 15.0

6th Semester
History elective 3.0
History elective 3.0
General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives 9.0
Total Hours 15.0

SENIOR YEAR
7th Semester
History elective 3.0
History elective 3.0
General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives 9.0
Total Hours 15.0

8th Semester
History 490 (FWSpSu) 3.0
History elective 3.0
General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives 9.0
Total Hours 15.0

THE DISCIPLINE:
History stands at the heart of a liberal arts bridge between the humanities and social sciences. Historical understanding is thus basic to the life of an educated human being. As such, it is the ideal major for the student who wants the broad educational background for entrance into professions such as law, government service, or business, or who wants a liberal arts education. History can also be valuable training for someone who plans to teach.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES:
Some students find opportunities to work as Research Assistants for various faculty members up to 20 hours per week.

HONORARY SOCIETIES AND CLUBS:
Students may be eligible for membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the History Honor Society. Contact the History Department for information.

FINANCING:
Many students work up to 20 hours per week. Some find employment in campus offices and some junior and senior students obtain teaching or research assistancies. Most of our students obtain summer jobs that make use of their training and interests.

Note: Students are encouraged to complete an average of 15 credit hours each semester or 30 credit hours each year, which could include spring and/or summer terms. Taking fewer credits substantially increases the cost and the number of semesters to graduate.

Your faculty advisor can assist you in choosing electives to meet your total hour requirement.