HISTORY, B.A.

Informed, engaged, creative: Students of history at Saint Louis University learn the values and skills foundational to a wide range of careers. Open the door to your future by studying the past. History majors become leaders in law, public policy, education, business, medicine and technology. They work in higher education and government, for nonprofits and NGOs, and as entrepreneurs and marketing associates.

SLU’s Department of History offers small classes, one-on-one mentoring, and opportunities to engage in internships and individualized research. Our 18 full-time faculty members serve more than 90 undergraduate majors and minors and nearly 1,000 undergraduates in our courses every semester.

The department’s award-winning teachers are deeply committed to helping students grow as thinkers and as human beings in the best of the Jesuit educational model (https://www.slu.edu/about/catholic-jesuit-identity/).

A major or minor in history will sharpen your mind and open your eyes, giving you the confidence to say, “I know who I am because I know my history.”

Additional program highlights include:

• Students in our courses are guided by professors who are outstanding writers, engaging speakers and leading experts in their fields. Our faculty members have written for The New York Times and the Washington Post, and been interviewed on PBS, NPR and St. Louis Public Radio.
• The history undergraduate program hosts vibrant extracurricular events which help students network, hone their skills, and share their passions for history.
• The department’s stellar internship program allows students to pursue their particular interests while deepening skills and professional connections. Through internships, SLU’s history majors and minors have diversified elementary school curricula, shaped museum exhibitions, created podcasts, and researched historic foodways for an award-winning St. Louis restaurant.
• Eugene Field House and Toy Museum
• Holocaus Museum
• Jefferson Barracks
• Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Achieves
• Landmarks Association of St. Louis
• Lincoln Home and National Historic Site
• Midwest Jesuit Archives
• Missouri History Museum
• National Archives Records Center
• Saint Louis University Art Museum
• Scott Joplin House
• Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site

Careers

• History majors have gone on to fulfilling careers in law, public policy, education, business, medicine, and technology. They work in secondary education and government, for nonprofits and NGOs and as entrepreneurs.
• History majors and minors learn to excel in writing, oral presentation, and research. These skills can be applied in a broad range of fields, from law, to education, to medicine and business.
• Students interested in the sciences often discover that having a major or minor in history diversifies their academic training and makes their applications to graduate and medical schools even more competitive.
• History majors learn to communicate effectively, reason creatively, and understand the human impact and issues connected to a career. People with these skills become leaders in their fields.

As one recent graduate said, “There are so many potential jobs to do when you are talented at writing, speaking and researching. History majors build all those skills on a daily basis!”

Admission Requirements

Begin Your Application (http://www.slu.edu/apply.php)

Saint Louis University also accepts the Common Application.

Freshman

All applications are thoroughly reviewed with the highest degree of individual care and consideration to all credentials that are submitted. Solid academic performance in college preparatory coursework is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant’s file.

To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, applicants must be graduating from an accredited high school, have an acceptable HiSET exam score or take the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer

Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED.

Students who have attempted fewer than 24 semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit must follow the above freshmen admission requirements. Students who have completed 24 or more semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit must submit transcripts from all previously attended college(s).
In reviewing a transfer applicant’s file, the Office of Admission holistically examines the student’s academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University. Where applicable, transfer students will be evaluated on any courses outlined in the continuation standards of their preferred major.

International Applicants

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency ([link](https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency/))
- Proof of financial support must include:
  - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the time at Saint Louis University
  - A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Tuition

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Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below:

Net Price Calculator ([link](https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/calculator.php))

Information on Tuition and Fees ([link](https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition/))

Miscellaneous Fees ([link](https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/fees/))

Information on Summer Tuition ([link](https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition-summer/))

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- **Scholarships**: Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
- **Financial Aid**: Financial aid is provided through grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

Saint Louis University makes every effort to keep our education affordable. In fiscal year 2022, 99% of first-time freshmen and 90% of all students received financial aid ([link](https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/)) and students received more than $445 million in aid University-wide.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, apply for admission by December 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit www.slu.edu/financial-aid ([link](https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/)).

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to call to mind and explain significant historical facts in appropriate contexts.
2. Graduates will be able to critically evaluate and analyze primary sources to produce reasoned historical interpretations.
3. Graduates will be able to critically evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of historical narratives and interpretations.
4. Graduates will be able to produce correct, cogent and effectively structured statements on historical topics.
5. Graduates will be able to produce research in which they interpret primary sources in order to propose informed, original solutions to historical problems.
6. Graduates will be able to articulate meaningful relationships between contemporary issues and historical facts, interpretations and skills.

Requirements

History students must complete a minimum of **36 credits** for the major.

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<td>Historian's Craft: Methods Proseminar</td>
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**European History**

Select one course with the **European History** attribute. Examples of such courses, which are commonly taught, are:

- HIST 3020 The Roman Empire
- HIST 3030 The Byzantine World: Faith and Power in a Thousand-Year Empire
- HIST 3040 From Barbarians to Crusaders: Europe in the Early Middle Ages
- HIST 3046 Medieval Castles in History and Archaeology
- HIST 3050 From Cathedrals to Printing Presses: Europe in the Late Middle Ages
- HIST 3090 The Age of Renaissance
- HIST 3100 The Reformation Era
- HIST 3120 French Revolution and Napoleon, 1789-1815
- HIST 3140 Twentieth Century Europe: Era of World Wars, 1914-1945
- HIST 3280 Russia to 1905
- HIST 3290 Russia Since 1905
- HIST 3760 Medieval Spain

**Pre-1865 U.S. History**

Select one course with the **Pre-1865 U.S. History** attribute. Examples of such courses, which are commonly taught, are:

- HIST 1600 History of the United States of America to 1865
- HIST 3480 U.S. Civil War and Reconstruction, 1850-1877
- HIST 3580 American Slavery
- HIST 3640 History of the American West
- HIST 3660 History of Nature in America
The Department of History offers a variety of internships HIST 4910 Internship/History in Practice (1-6 cr); for example, in an archive, a museum, a historical site, or on specific projects.

Internships

Select one course with the Post-1865 U.S. History attribute. Examples of such courses, which are commonly taught, are:

- HIST 1101 Origins of the Modern World to 1500 (3 cr)
- HIST 1120 Origins of the Modern World (1500 to Present) (3 cr)

2. A 2.00 minimum GPA for all history courses.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete a minimum of 120 credits (excluding pre-college level courses numbered below 1000).
- Complete the University Undergraduate Core curriculum requirements.
- Complete major requirements: minimum of 30 credits required.
- Complete remaining credits with a second major, minor, certificate and/or electives to reach the minimum of 120 credits required for graduation.
- Achieve at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average, a 2.00 grade point average in the major(s), and a 2.00 grade point average in the minor/certificate, or related elective credits.
- Complete department/program-specific academic and performance requirements.
- Complete at least 50% of the coursework for the major and 75% for the minor/certificate through Saint Louis University or an approved study abroad program.
- Complete 30 of the final 36 credits through Saint Louis University or an approved study abroad program.
- Complete an online degree application by the required University deadline.

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

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<td>CORE 1500 Cura Personalis 1: Self in Community</td>
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Senior Thesis

HIST 4991 History Senior Thesis (3 cr) will be conducted as an independent study/research course for writing an honors thesis. It is an opportunity for superior students who want to expand and revise a paper for a previous 3000 or 4000 level history course into an honors thesis. This option will give the student a chance to develop and demonstrate advanced research and writing skills. It will be excellent preparation for graduate or professional schools, some of which require applicants to submit a writing sample. This course runs for one semester. Students wishing to spend a year on their thesis may sign up one semester earlier for HIST 4990 History Senior Thesis Prep (3 cr).

Continuation Standards

1. Grade of a B- or better in:
   - HIST 1110 Origins of the Modern World to 1500 (3 cr)
   - HIST 1120 Origins of the Modern World (1500 to Present) (3 cr)

   2. A 2.00 minimum GPA for all history courses.
### Program Notes

The history major requires successful completion of courses above 1120 in the following areas: pre-1865 U.S. history, post-1865 U.S. history, European history and World history. At least one course must be a 4000-level seminar. Please refer to the list of seminars for majors.

Senior thesis (3 or 6 credits, counting toward electives) and internship options available.

### European History (3 Credits)

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HIST 3140  Twentieth Century Europe: Era of World Wars, 1914-1945  
HIST 3250  World in Conflict Since 1945  
HIST 3280  Russia to 1905  
HIST 3290  Russia Since 1905  
HIST 3320  Early Modern History of Spain: 1469-1818  
HIST 3720  Cultural Encounters 1500-1700  
HIST 3760  Medieval Spain  

Pre-1865 U.S. History (3 credits)  
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<td>Progressive Era to the Jazz Age, 1890-1920</td>
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World History (3 Credits)  
Asian, African, Middle Eastern, or Latin American  
Courses with the World history attribute. All are three-credit courses. Examples of commonly taught courses are:

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<td>China and Japan Since 1600: Samurai, Revolutionaries, Entrepreneurs</td>
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<td>Crossroads of the World: The Middle East and North Africa Through History</td>
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Senior Research Seminars (3 Credits)  

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Internship (3 credits - may be taken twice)  

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Senior Thesis (3-6 credits)  

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<td>History Senior Thesis</td>
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Madrid  
Students can complete all or part of the history major at SLU's campus in Madrid.  
Learn More (http://www.slu.edu/madrid/academics/degrees-and-programs/history.php)