DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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Overview
The department of history at Saint Louis University has been providing a solid foundation of historical understanding to the undergraduate students of SLU for more than a century and a half.

The Bachelor of Arts in History begins with introductions to European, non-Western and American history and a primer in how to master the tools of the historical craft. Students then take courses in more specific historical areas that allow exploration of certain subjects in greater depth. Finally, students take a seminar that requires them to research and write in more narrowly focused areas. Some students may opt to write an honors thesis.

The department offers a Ph.D. with concentrations in medieval, early modern or U.S. history. Master’s students may specialize in one of these three fields or in late antiquity/Byzantine history, modern European history, or world history. Doctoral students must choose a primary and secondary specialty. The secondary specialty may be in any of the areas cited for master’s degree study or in a specialized area constructed in consultation with the departmental advisor and with the approval of the graduate committee. The department participates in the activities of the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies and is ranked in the nation’s top 100 doctoral programs by U.S. News and World Report.

SLU’s department of history participates in the activities of the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, the Center for Intercultural Studies and the Center for International Studies. History majors are also encouraged to explore minors and concentrations available at Saint Louis University, including African American studies, international studies, medical humanities, medieval studies, Russian and Eastern European studies and women’s and gender studies.

Programs

Undergraduate
• History, B.A.
• History, B.A. to Law, J.D. Accelerated Program
• History, Minor

Graduate
• History, M.A.
• History, Ph.D.

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