

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND HUMAN SCIENCES**  
**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY**  
**OPTION IN THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY/ENVIRONMENT**  
**CHECKSHEET FOR CLASS OF 2009**

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**REQUIREMENTS FOR A HISTORY MAJOR WITH AN OPTION IN THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE/ TECHNOLOGY/ THE ENVIRONMENT:**

1. Minimum of 120 semester hours.
2. Minimum of 39 hours in history (maximum of 50 hours). No more than 9 hours of these 39 may be at the 1000-level; and no 1000-level courses may count toward the major if taken after completion of 90 hours.
3. Overall GPA of 2.0 or above.
4. Completion of at least 8 courses at the 2000 or 3000 level. Of these 8 courses, 1 must be Hist 2004, **which must be passed with a B or better**; 2 courses each must be from Groups I, II, and III; and 1 course from Group IV. See the Information Sheet for History Majors for a list of the courses in Groups I,II,III, and IV.

Hist 2004 (WI) \_\_\_\_\_

Hist Group I (United States) \_\_\_\_\_

Hist Group II (Europe) \_\_\_\_\_

Hist Group III (Asia, Latin America, Middle East, Russia, Africa) \_\_\_\_\_

Hist Group IV (Science & Technology) \_\_\_\_\_

History electives (12 hours) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Complete 1 course at the 4000-level other than 4964, 4974, 4984, or 4994 (Prerequisite:2004 and 3 other hours of history; junior standing or above). \_\_\_\_\_

6. Completion of at least 12 hours of courses approved for the option; courses taken to meet this requirement may also count toward meeting requirement four. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (see other side for a list of approved courses)

7. Completion of 6 hours of Undergraduate Research (4994) leading to the completion of a 25 -50 page thesis on a topic appropriate to this option. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Grade of B or better in HIST 2004 and in-major GPA of 3.0 or better. The in-major GPA is calculated using all Hist courses.

**PROGRESS TOWARD DEGREE:**

The University requires every department to establish benchmarks by which their majors can demonstrate that they are making satisfactory progress toward a degree. In the case of this option these benchmarks are:

- Completion of 15 hours of history, including History 2004 by the semester in which you have attempted 72 hours.
- A GPA of 3.0 or above in all history courses by the semester in which you have attempted 96 hours.
- Completion of the Curriculum for Liberal Education by the end of the junior year.

Failure to make satisfactory progress toward a degree can result in a student's being blocked from continuing in the option.

**APPROVED COURSES FOR THE OPTION IN THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY/  
THE ENVIRONMENT:**

1224 - Introduction to Latin America  
2054 - Engineering Cultures  
3124 - History of American Agriculture  
3144 - American Environmental History

3705, 3706 - History of Science  
3715, 3716 - History of Technology  
3724 - History of Disease, Medicine,  
and Health  
3734 History of Modern Biology

**CURRICULUM FOR LIBERAL EDUCATION**

(See the current Curriculum for Liberal Education Handbook for approved courses)

Foreign Language \_\_\_\_\_

(NOTE: Three years of single language satisfies this requirement. Students who have NOT completed at least two years of a single foreign language in high school must take six hours of foreign language at Virginia Tech, and these six hours must be in addition to the 120 hours required for graduation.)

(AREA 1) Writing and Discourse - ENGL 1105-1106 or 1204H, or COMM 1015-1016 (3)\_\_\_ (3)\_\_\_  
Writing Intensive (HIST 2004 and a 4000-level topics course) (3)\_\_\_ (3)\_\_\_

(AREA 2) Human Ideas, Cultural Tradition, Values \_\_\_\_\_ (3)\_\_\_ (3)\_\_\_  
(NOTE: May be met with approved History courses)

(AREA 3) Society and Human Behavior \_\_\_\_\_ (3)\_\_\_ (3)\_\_\_  
(NOTE: May be met with approved History courses)

(AREA 4) Scientific Reasoning & Discovery \_\_\_\_\_ (3)\_\_\_ (3)\_\_\_  
(NOTE: Must complete 2 non-duplicating courses in single science; labs not required for major)

(AREA 5) Quantitative & Symbolic Reasoning \_\_\_\_\_ (3)\_\_\_ (3)\_\_\_

(AREA 6) Creativity and Aesthetic Experience \_\_\_\_\_ (3)\_\_\_  
(NOTE: One three-credit course required; three one-credit courses will not meet this requirement)

(AREA 7) Critical Issues in a Global Context \_\_\_\_\_ (3)\_\_\_  
(NOTE: May be met with an approved History course)

**FREE ELECTIVES**

In addition to the Option and Curriculum for Liberal Education requirements, students must complete between 45 and 63 hours of free electives to reach the 120 hours needed to graduate.