REQUIREMENTS FOR A HISTORY MAJOR WITH AN OPTION IN GLOBAL/COMPARATIVE HISTORY

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. Completion of at least 8 courses at the 2000 or 3000 level. Of these 8 courses, 1 must be Hist 2004; 2 courses must be from Group III; 2 courses from 2 other groups (I, II, or IV); and 1 course from the remaining group. 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) ____________________________________

4. 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).

5. Completion of at least 12 hours of courses approved for the option; courses taken to meet this requirement may also count toward meeting requirement three.

   (see other side for a list of approved courses)

6. 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.

7. Grade of B or better in HIST 2004 and in-major GPA of 3.0 or better.

8. Completion of 2106 in a foreign language or comparable level of proficiency

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 with a grade of B or better, by the semester in which you have attempted 72 hours; and
   • A GPA of 3.0 or above in all history courses by the semester in which you have attempted 96 hours.
   • Completion of University and College Core Curricula 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 GLOBAL/COMPARATIVE HISTORY

2184 - History of the Balkans
2304 - Africa in the Modern World
2345, 2346 - History of the Middle East
2355, 2356 - History of China
2364 - History of Japan
2375, 2376 - History of the Indian Subcontinent
3084 - Recent America
3184 - History of United States Foreign Relations
3254 - The Vietnam War
3264 - The United States in Latin America
3284 - The Medieval World
3364 - Age of Revolution and Napoleon
3394 - Europe Since World War II

3506 - European Diplomatic History II
3514 - The Age of Exploration and Conquest
3544 - World War II
3584 - Colonial Latin America
3594 - The Rise of Modern Latin America
3604 - Russia to Peter the Great
3614 - Imperial Russia
3634 - The Mexican Revolution
3644 - Twentieth-Century Russia
3654 - The Arab-Israeli Dispute
3684 - Cultural History of the Soviet Union and the Successor States
3715 - History of Technology I

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE CORE CURRICULUM
(See the current College Core Curriculum Handbook for approved courses)

Foreign Language
(NOTE: 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.)

Proficiency in American History
(NOTE: Applies to all students entering Virginia Tech in summer 2001 or after)

(AREA 1) Writing and Discourse - ENGL 1105-1106 or 1204H, or COMM 1015-1016 (3) __ (3) __
Writing Intensive (HIST 2004 and one other WI 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 core approved History courses)

(AREA 4) Scientific Reasoning & Discovery (3) __ (3) __
Labs (1) __ (1) __

(AREA 5) Quantitative & Symbolic Reasoning (3) __ (3) __

(AREA 6) Creativity and Aesthetic Experience (3) __

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