REQUIREMENTS FOR A HISTORY MAJOR WITH AN OPTION IN THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY/ THE ENVIRONMENT (There are no hidden prerequisites on this checksheet):

1. Minimum of 120 semester hours.
2. Minimum of 45 hours in history (maximum of 50 hours). No more than 9 hours of these 45 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.
5. Students must earn a C- or above for a history course to count toward their major requirements.

Hist 2004: Historical Methods (3 hours) _____________________________  __________
Hist Group I (United States) (6 hours) ______________________________ __________  __________
Hist Group II (Europe) (6 hours) __________________________________ __________  __________
Hist Group III (Asia, Latin America, Middle East, Russia, Africa) (6 hours) __________  __________
Hist Group IV (Science & Technology) (3 hours) _____________________ __________
History electives (12 hours)                                __________  __________  __________  __________

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

7. 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 list of approved courses) __________  __________  __________  __________

8. 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. __________  __________

9. 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: 1) completion of 15 hours of history, including History 2004 by the semester in which you have attempted 72 hours; 2) completion of the Curriculum for Liberal Education by the end of the junior year; 3) GPA of 2.5 or above in all history courses by end of semester in which you have attempted 18 hrs of history; 4) GPA of 3.0 or above in all history courses by the semester in which you have attempted 96 hours. Failure to make satisfactory progress toward a degree can result in a student’s being blocked from continuing in the option.

History is a restricted major. The criteria for entering the major include: a) Completion of first-year writing requirement (ENGL 1105-06, COMM 1015-16, or ENGL 1204H) with an average GPA of 2.5; b) completion of at least 9 semester credits of history at Virginia Tech, with an average GPA of 2.5 or above in all of those classes; c) minimum of 2.0 GPA overall; 4) applicants are considered on a competitive GPA and space available basis. Secondary majors and minors must have a minimum 3.0 GPA overall to enter the major or minor.
APPROVED COURSES FOR THE OPTION IN THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY/ENVIRONMENT:

1224 - Introduction to Latin America 3705, 3706 - History of Science
2054 - Engineering Cultures 3715, 3716 - History of Technology
3124 - History of American Agriculture 3724 - History of Disease, Medicine, and Health
3144 - American Environmental History 3734 History of Modern Biology

CURRICULUM FOR LIBERAL EDUCATION
(See the current Curriculum for Liberal Education Handbook or University Catalog for approved courses)

Foreign Language
Complete one of the following options:
- 3 years or more of a single foreign language in high school
- 2 years of a single foreign language in high school plus 1106 or equivalent in college (these 3 hours count toward the 120 hours required for graduation)
- <2 years of a single foreign language in high school—must complete 1105-1106 or equivalent in college (these 6 hours do not count toward the 120 required for graduation)

(AREA 1) Writing and Discourse (6 hours)__________________________ __________ __________

(NOTE: May complete with ENGL 1105-1106 or 1204H, or COMM 1015-1016)

(AREA 2) Ideas, Cultural Traditions, and Values (6 hours)________________________ __________ __________

(NOTE: May be met with approved History courses)

(AREA 3) Society and Human Behavior (6 hours)________________________ __________ __________

(NOTE: May be met with approved History courses)

(AREA 4) Scientific Reasoning & Discovery (6 hours)________________________ __________ __________

(NOTE: Must complete 2 non-duplicating courses in a single science; labs not required for major)

(AREA 5) Quantitative & Symbolic Reasoning (6 hours)________________________ __________ __________

(AREA 6) Creativity and Aesthetic Experience (3 hours)________________________ __________

(NOTE: One three-credit course required; three one-credit courses will not meet this requirement)

(AREA 7) Critical Issues in a Global Context (3 hours)________________________ __________

(NOTE: May be met with approved History courses)

FREE ELECTIVES
In addition to the Option and Curriculum for Liberal Education requirements, students must complete the necessary number of free electives to reach the 120 hours needed to graduate.