The study of history enables students to learn about the people and events of the past. It aims not only at providing factual knowledge, but also at developing the ability to connect past events with present experience and to appreciate various ways in which the past can be understood.

As a major or minor, the History curriculum prepares students for graduate or professional schools, positions in teaching, business, or government, and a variety of other careers. Faculty advisors are available to consult with students regarding career choices, education certification, and the co-op program, as well as to provide assistance in planning a suitable program of study. Students should confer regularly with their faculty advisors.

Courses at the 1000-level are introductory surveys open to freshmen and non-majors. Students intending to continue in History should take these courses in their freshman and sophomore years. Courses at the 2000-level include national history surveys and topical courses for a general undergraduate audience. The 3000-level, primarily for sophomores and upperclassmen, includes more intensive courses on American, European, and non-Western history and on important historical themes. Courses at the 4000-level emphasize research and writing in specialized fields for upperclassmen.

Beyond the regular History major, students may pursue one of four options that require a focused series of courses and completion of a senior thesis. See the individual option checksheets for additional information on this alternative. An honors program is also offered for outstanding History majors.

Departmental Requirements for Majors:
1. Minimum of 120 semester hours for the degree.
2. Minimum of 39 hours in history (maximum of 50 hours). Students pursuing one of the four options must have minimum of 45 hours in history.
   (a) 1000-level--None required, though recommended; no more than 9 hours of these 39 may count toward the major. Also, these courses will not count toward the major if taken after completion of 90 hours. NOTE: Hist 1004 duplicates 1115, 1116.
   (b) 2000 or 3000-level--8 courses (24 hours) required: 1 course must be Hist 2004; 2 courses each must be from Groups I, II, and III; and 1 course must be from Group IV.
   (c) 4000-level--1 course (3 hours) is required (pre: Hist 2004; junior standing or above).
3. Completion of Hist 2004 with a grade of B- or above (or it must be retaken). Students pursuing one of the four options in history must earn a B or above in this course.
4. Students must earn a C- or above for a history course to count toward their major requirements.
5. Overall GPA and an in-major GPA of 2.0 or above. The in-major GPA is calculated using all Hist courses. Students pursuing one of the four options must have an in-major GPA of 3.0 or above. Secondary history majors must have a minimum 3.0 overall GPA to enter the major.

Satisfactory Progress for Major:
1. Completion of Curriculum for Liberal Education by end of junior year (95 hrs.).
2. Completion of 15 hours of history, including History 2004, by semester in which you have attempted 72 hours
3. GPA of 2.5 or above in all history courses by the end of the semester in which you have attempted 18 hours of history.
4. A GPA of 2.0 or above in history by the semester in which you have attempted 96 hours. Students pursuing one of the four options in history must have an in-major GPA of 3.0 or above by the time they attempt 96 hours.
5. 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.

Departmental Requirements for Minors:
To earn a minor in history, a student must complete (with at least a 2.0 minor GPA) a minimum of 18 hours of history courses. Students must have a minimum 3.0 overall GPA to enter the minor. The 18 hours for the minor must include at least 3 hours of credit from 3 of the 4 groups of History courses. History 1004, 1115, and 1116 may be considered as Group I credit; History 1024, 1025, and 1026 may be considered as Group II credit; History 1214 and 1224 may be considered as Group III credit. At least 6 of the 18 hours must be on the 2000 level or above, and at least 6 more of these 18 hours must be at the 3000 level or above.

HISTORY COURSE GROUPS
GROUP I (UNITED STATES)

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3055, 3056  Civil War and Reconstruction
3064  The Emergence of Modern America, 1877-1917
3084  Recent America
3104  U.S. Social History
3105, 3106  Women in U.S. History
3114  U.S. Business History
3124  History of American Agriculture
3134  Sports in American History
3155, 3156  History of American Cities
3164  Sexuality in American History
3174  African-American Men in U.S. History
3175, 3176  African-American History
3184  History of U.S. Foreign Relations
3205, 3206  U. S. South
3214  History of Appalachia
3224  History of Virginia
3234  The North American West
3254  The Vietnam War

GROUP II (EUROPEAN)

2114H  Critical Issues in European History
2155, 2156  History of England
2165, 2166  History of France
2184  History of the Balkans
3274  The Greek City
3284  The Roman Revolution
3304  The World of Alexander the Great
3314  The Later Roman Empire
3324  The Medieval World
3334  The Renaissance
3344  The Age of the Protestant Reformation
3364  The Age of Revolution
3384  Europe and World War I
3394  Europe Since World War II
3424  Tudor and Early Stuart England, 1509-1660
3434  Late Stuart and Eighteenth Century England
3484  Twentieth Century Germany
3494  Holocaust
3505, 3506  European Diplomatic History
3514  The Age of Exploration and Conquest
3524  European Military History to 1789
3565, 3566  History of the Church
3574  Women in European History

GROUP III (ASIA, LATIN AMERICA, MIDDLE EAST, RUSSIA, AFRICA)

2124  Critical Issues in World History
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
3264  The United States in Latin America
3554  Age of Globalization
3584  Colonial Latin America
3594  The Rise of Modern Latin America
3604  Russia to Peter the Great
3614  Imperial Russia
3644  Twentieth-Century Russia
3654  The Arab-Israeli Dispute
3664  Revolutionary China
3684  Cultural History of the Soviet Union and the Successor States

GROUP IV (SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY)

2054  Engineering Cultures
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

NOTE: 3534: Modern Military History, 3544: World War II, 3694: History through Film, and 3744: Social History of Film are History Free Electives.