

History

Department of History and Political Science

History is a response to the eternal desire of human beings to know more about themselves. For this reason, history students experience a variety of courses which emphasize the importance of people, their individual choices, their values and their ways of seeing themselves and their world. History majors study man's accumulated heritage from the fossil past to the nuclear present.

Political science explores the world of politics and the principles, techniques, and institutions through which we make collective decisions and resolve group conflicts. An understanding of politics is an especially useful skill for anyone entering a technical career because so much of modern science and technology is embroiled in political controversy.

Teacher Education Program

Missouri S&T students may earn a certificate to teach in the secondary schools of Missouri while pursuing a B.A. degree in History. Many surrounding states have reciprocal agreements with Missouri in respect to certification requirements. In most other states, students may obtain temporary certification that allows them to teach until the requirements of that particular state have been completed.

The Missouri S&T education program promotes a balance between the humanities and professional competence in teaching. The program may be completed in four academic years. Those students pursuing a B.A. degree in History can take the PRAXIS Exam to qualify for other endorsement areas aside from the certification in History. This provides an option that may increase professional teaching opportunities. Students may enter the History teacher education program as early as their first semester. All of the coursework required for this program is available on the Missouri S&T campus; student teaching and clinical experiences are arranged with local public schools within 30 miles of the campus.

To qualify for certification, students must have a minimum ACT composite score of 22 as well as a 265 C-BASE score in each area (including the composite score), a passing PRAXIS score and a 2.5 or greater cumulative GPA. Each student must complete required course work and submit a portfolio, background check, and fingerprints.

Degree Options and Related Minors

Bachelor of Arts, History
Bachelor of Arts, History, Secondary Education
Minor, History
Minor, Political Science
Minor, Science, Technology, and Politics
Minor, Pre-Law
Minor, Foreign Language (Spanish, French, Russian, German)
Minor, Multiculturalism and Diversity
Minor, Global Studies

Student Organizations

Missouri S&T's history majors discover that fun is more than a thing of the past. All students are encouraged to participate in the History Club, which provides academic and social support through frequent gatherings, which are supported and coordinated through the department. Students also have the opportunity to join Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society. This organization, as well as the History Club, provides students with important information regarding internships, conferences, exhibits, and other events that are both educational and fun.

Entry-Level Job Titles

High School Teacher	Archivist
Museum Curator	Lobbyist
Research Assistant	Writer/Editor
Insurance agent/broker	Corporate Historian
Management Consulting	National Park Assistant

Scholarship Information

Please contact the History Department for a complete listing of available scholarships available to freshman, and transfer students.

Departmental Contact Information:

1.573.341.4801	136 HSS Building
history.mst.edu	hist-ps@mst.edu
Department Chair:	Dr. Larry Gragg

Faculty

Distinguished Teaching Professor and Chair:

Larry Gragg, Ph.D., Missouri-Columbia

Associate Professors:

Diana Ahmad, Ph.D., Missouri-Columbia

Jeff Schramm, Ph.D., Lehigh University

John McManus, Ph.D., University of Tennessee

Michael Meagher, Ph.D., Southern Illinois University- Carbondale

Patrick Huber, Ph.D., North Carolina

Shannon Fogg, Ph.D., University of Iowa

Tseggai Isaac, Ph.D., Missouri-Columbia

Assistant Professors:

Kathleen Sheppard, Ph.D., University of Oklahoma

Michael W. Bruening, Ph.D., Arizona

Petra DeWitt, Ph.D., University of Missouri-Columbia

Emeritus Professors:

Donald Oster, Ph.D., University of Missouri- Columbia

Harry J. Eisenman, Ph.D., Case Western Reserve University

Jack Ridley, Ph.D., University of Oklahoma

Lance Williams, Ph.D., University of Georgia

Lawrence Christensen, Ph.D., University of Missouri-Columbia

Russell Buhite, Ph.D., Michigan State University

Wayne Bledsoe, Ph.D., Michigan State University

Pre-Law

Missouri S&T has a variety of programs of study which prepare students for admittance to a professional school of law. Pre-law students may major in any field of study, while planning coursework that will prepare them for eventual success in law school.

Students interested in the pre-law program should contact Dr. Michael Meagher, Pre-Law Advisor, early in their academic career. A minor in pre-law studies is available.

Notes

Detailed information on course equivalencies, acceptable credits for elective coursework, grade requirements and prerequisites is available from Missouri S&T's Registrar's Office at <http://registrar.mst.edu>.

Bachelor of Arts

History 120 credit hours

General B.A. Core Requirements (59-64 credit hours)

Composition: English 1120 & other composition course

Western Civilization: 1100 & 1200

Foreign Language: Spanish, French, German, Russian

Math and Science: biological science, math, physical science + lab

Humanities: literature, philosophy, fine arts + elective

Social Sciences: economics, sociology, political science, psych

History Requirements (31 credit hours)

HIST 1790: Intro to History

HIST 1300: American History to 1877

HIST 1310: American History since 1877

HIST 2790: Historiography

HIST 4097: Senior Thesis

HIST Electives (Upper Level): American History (6) European History

(6) Open Electives (6)

Free Electives (to make 120 hours total)

A: In consultation with his or her adviser, each student will select additional courses to complete a minimum of 120 credit hours.

B: Basic ROTC (military science and aerospace studies) may be taken in the freshman and sophomore years. Up to 12 credit hours of advanced courses in ROTC may be credited toward a degree.

Bachelor of Arts, Emphasis Area in Secondary Education

History 124 credit hours

General B.A. Core Requirements (46 credit hours)

Communication Skills: English 1120, English 1160, Speech 1185

Humanities: Art, Music, or Theater Appreciation, philosophy, literature, foreign language, Etymology 4306

Social Sciences: political science, geography, economics, psych

Natural Sciences: physics, chem, geology, biology + 1 lab

Math: 1120, 1103, 1140 or higher

History Requirements (31 credit hours)

HIST 1790: Intro to History

HIST 1300: American History to 1877

HIST 1310: American History since 1877

HIST 2790: Historiography

HIST 4097: Senior Thesis

HIST Electives (Upper Level): American History (6), European History

(6) Open Electives (6) (at least 9 hours must be at the 3XX level)

Professional Requirements (26 credit hours)

Educ 1040-Perspectives in Education

Educ 1174-School Org and Admin for Elem/Sec Teachers

Educ 2251-Historical Found of Amer Educ

Educ 2216-Teaching Reading in Content Area

Educ 3280-Teaching Methods and Skills in Content Area

Educ 4298-Student Teaching Seminar

Psych 2300-Educational Psychology

Psych 3311-Psychological and Ed Devel of Adolescent

Psych 4310-Psychology of Exceptional Child

Clinical Experience (16 credit hours)

Educ 1104 Teacher Field Experience

Educ 1164 Aiding

Educ 4299 Student Teaching