

THE HISTORY MAJOR (BA)

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The study of history is a crucial aspect of a liberal education. History provides a sense of perspective on the processes of social, political, and economic change that have literally shaped the world. The study of history deepens and broadens one’s understanding of the ways institutions and attitudes bring about change over time.

Lyon history students experience the varied work of the modern historian, especially the historian as a detective and as an interpreter. Working with both evidence and ideas in the classroom and in the field, history majors have the opportunity to refine their skills in critical reading, reasoning, research, and writing.

NOTE: To graduate with a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree from Lyon College, students must successfully complete a minimum of 120 semester credit hours comprised of our required Core curriculum (44-48 hours), the requirements of at least one major (credit hours vary per major), and a selection of our Liberal Arts electives. They must also earn at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average for all work taken at Lyon College and a 2.00 cumulative grade point average in their major, minor, and concentration.

Program: History

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS FOR A MAJOR IN HISTORY

Item #	Title	Credits
HIS 101	The United States I	3
HIS 102	The United States II	3
HIS 110	World Civilization I	3
HIS 112	World Civilization II	3
HIS 280	Historiography and the Historical Method	3
	Additional 200- level History Courses (2 courses):	6
	Upper level (300+) History Courses (6 courses):	18
HIS 475	Seminar in History	3
HIS 480	Senior Seminar	3
	Sub-Total Credits	45

CORE CURRICULUM

Item #	Title	Credits
	Core Curriculum Requirements	44 - 48
	Sub-Total Credits	44-48
	Total credits:	89-93

CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

Additional 200- level History Courses (2 courses):

* Any 200-level History Course except for HIS 280.

* Courses must be taken with Lyon College History Faculty.

Upper level (300+) History Courses (6 courses):

2 300-level courses in European History*

2 300-level courses in World History*

2 300-level courses in American History*

*Courses must be taken with Lyon College History Faculty

Core Curriculum Requirements

Developmental requirements (up to 6 credits):

Taken in the first semester, if placed into it:

- ENG 001 College English

Taken in the first year, if placed into it:

- MTH 001 Intermediate Algebra

Proficiency requirements (15 credits):

Taken in the first two years, if not placed out of it:

- MTH 101 College Algebra or
- MTH 103 College Algebra w/Lab or
- MTH 105 Mathematics for Liberal Arts

Taken in the first year (depending on placement):

- ENG 101 English Composition I (taken immediately if placed into it or immediately following completion of ENG 001 with a grade of 'C' or better)
- ENG 102 English Composition II (taken immediately following successful completion of ENG 101 with a grade of 'C' or better)

Recommended but not required in the first year:

- First-year of a foreign language

Common Core requirements (13-14 credits):

Taken in the first year (or within one year of completing any pre-requisite coursework):

- COR 100 Year One
- COR 101 Year One OH ONE

Taken anytime in the first TWO years:

- ENG 105 World Literature
- POL 105 The American Experience

Taken anytime prior to graduation:

- HIS 110 World Civilization
- HIS 112 World Civilization II

Distribution requirements:

One fine arts course (3 credits)

Select from the following:

- ART 101 Introduction to Visual Arts
- ART 201, 202 World Art I and II
- MUS 105 Language of Music
- MUS 110 Music Theory
- THE 101 Introduction to Theatre

One social science course (3 credits)

Select from the following:

- ANT 101 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- ECO 101 Principles of Economics I
- PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology

One mathematics course (3-4 credits)

Select from the following:

- MTH 105 Mathematics for Liberal Arts
- MTH 110 Elementary Functions
- MTH 115 Discrete Mathematics or MTH 290 Foundations of Modern Mathematics
- ECO 208 Quantitative Methods in Business, Economics, and Decision Science
- MTH 210 Calculus I
- BUS 323 Statistical Applications to Business Decision Making
- PSY 235 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences

One lab science course (4 credits)

Select from the following:

- BIO 100, 100L Biology in Context
- BIO 110, 110L Principles of Biology I
- CHM 105, 105L Introduction to Chemistry
- CHM 110, 110L General Chemistry I
- PHY 210, 211 General Physics
- PHY 240, 241 Fundamentals of Physics
- SCI 100, 100L Physical Science for Liberal Arts

One religion/philosophy course (3 credits)

Select from the following:

- RPH 110 Old Testament
- RPH 120 New Testament
- RPH 130 Introduction to Christian Theology
- RPH 140 Introduction to World Philosophies
- RPH 150 World Religions
- RPH 205 Introduction to Ethics

Two physical education courses (0-2 credits)

Select from the following:

- PED courses with designations from 101 to 130
- OLP courses with designations from 120 to 130

NOTE: Only one activity (specified PED/OLP) course can be taken per semester. Additionally, only seven activity credits can be counted toward the graduation requirement.