



Major in History, B.A.

(Secondary Teaching Area)

2017-2018

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This is the "go-to" degree for students who love history and are sure they want to teach. It combines the traditional disciplines of history, historical research, and analysis with classes in education that focus on pedagogy, classroom management, and class preparation. Because history is a "social science," it is less constrictive than hard sciences in its classroom delivery, allowing room for a great deal of creativity in teaching. *Note: students choosing this degree must also be accepted into the Education Program and consult with an Education Department advisor as well as a History advisor.*

Job Market

You probably won't get rich with this degree, but you probably won't be unemployed either. History is a mainstay of all high school curricula, whether in public or private schools. Specialize in several "fields" of history to make yourself doubly valuable. Southwestern grads have done very well with this degree in schools, and some have used the degree as the foundation for Master's work that will help them get into school administration.

Job Outlook

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says jobs teaching history are growing at about 13% each year. That's due to both the retirement of veteran teachers and the decline in student/teacher ratios that necessitate more teachers.

Earnings

Earnings will vary by school district and experience. However, first-year teachers can expect to make around \$33,000–\$37,000. Top-end salaries can range up to \$63,000 or higher. Extended summer breaks make it possible for teachers to augment their income with other pursuits.

Educational Qualifications:

A history degree will help many graduates get entry-level teaching jobs. However, pairing the degree with a serious study of a second language can make you more valuable to school districts (and perhaps earn you a boost in pay.) This degree is an excellent foundation for graduate study.

General Education Requirements:

To view general education requirements for this major please visit catalog.swau.edu/Undergraduate/2017-2018.

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HIST 201 Historical Methods
HIST 225 History of World Civilization I
HIST 226 History of World Civilization II
HIST 475 Portfolio Development

HIST 345 Sectionalism and Civil War, 1836–1865
HIST 360 History of the British Isles*
HIST 364 Ancient Cultures*
HIST 365 Global Power: US 1917–Present
HIST 370 East Asian History*
HIST 414 Early Modern Europe*
HIST 424 Modern Europe*
HIST 430 Medieval Europe*

History electives (nine hours must be non-US courses. Non-US courses are marked with *)21

HIST 320 American International Relations
HIST 326 From Colony to Nation, 1607–1783
HIST 331 History of Christianity I*
HIST 332 History of Christianity II

TOTAL: 37

REQUIRED COGNATES

POLS Elective 3
Intermediate Year Foreign Language 6

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR SCHEDULE

	FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER
<i>First Year</i>	UNIV 111—Wellness for Life2 ENGL 121—Freshman Composition3 HIST 111—American History, 1492–18653 MATH 110—College Algebra3 Elem. Foreign Language.....4 TOTAL15	HIST 112—American History, 1866 to Present.....3 CSIS 102—Microcomputer Literacy.....3 Religion Elective3 Physical Science Elective.....4 Elem. Foreign Language.....3 TOTAL16
<i>Second Year</i>	HIST 225—World Civilization I3 POLS 211—National & Texas Constitutions..... 3 ENGL 220—Research Writing.....3 Life Science Elective.....4 Inter. Foreign Language3 TOTAL16	HIST 226—World Civilization II3 HIST 201—Historical Methods3 COMM 111—Speech3 EDUC 254—Intro to the Teaching Profession3 Fine Arts Elective3 KINA activity1 TOTAL16
<i>Third Year</i>	HIST Elective*3 HIST Elective.....3 Literature Elective.....3 Religion Elective3 Education Courses6 TOTAL18	HIST Elective*3 HIST 312—Historical and Political Geography.....3 Religion Elective3 HIST Elective3 Education Course3 KINA Activity Elective.....1 TOTAL16
<i>Fourth Year</i>	HIST 475—Portfolio Development1 HIST Elective.....6 Education Courses9 TOTAL16	HIST Elective*3 Religion Elective (Upper Division).....3 Education Courses9 TOTAL15