UN History Department

We are pleased to hear that you are interested in studying History at the University of North Dakota. We’d like to take this opportunity to tell you about our program.

The History program at the University prepares students to understand themselves and their society, as well as people in different cultures in the past and in the present. The study of History requires that students refine their informational literacy, critical thinking and written communication skills as all are vital to the study and understanding of the past. Beyond this, the department prepares students for the teaching of history at all levels, public history work, government service, and graduate studies in history and more broadly the skills that History provides are attractive to a variety of employers. The study of history may also serve as pre-professional preparation for other areas such as law or the ministry.

History Major

The B.A. in History requires a total of 39 major hours, including 9 credits of introductory survey courses, 3 required courses (see box at right), and 21 elective credits that will enable you to explore the history of societies around the world. In addition, you will complete four semesters of foreign language or earn a minor, second major, or teaching certification of your choice.

The department website (http://arts-sciences.und.edu/history/) lists the History major requirements, and has links to an Advising Checklist and Four Year Plan that will help you to plan your coursework.

History Minor

A minor in History requires a total of 21 credits in History courses, including one required course (HIST 240: Historian’s Craft) and at least 9 credits of 300- and/or 400-level courses.

Get Involved

The History department sponsors several ongoing history-related speaker series on campus, including the Wilkins and Cyprus Research Fund lectures. We also host monthly History Workshop, which seeks to promote our students’ academic and professional development. Upcoming events are listed on the department website at http://arts-sciences.und.edu/history/history-news.cfm.

We also have a chapter of Phi Alpha Theta national history honor society. Students who have earned a GPA of 3.1 or better in at least 12 credits of history courses (and a minimum 3.0 GPA overall) will be invited to join the national honor society. All UND students with an interest in History are encouraged to join our local chapter, which hosts events such as history-themed movie nights and sends students to history conferences in the region.

Please contact me with any questions about studying History at UND via email (cynthia.prescott@und.edu) or phone (701-777-3438).

Sincerely,
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