Requirements for the History Major

- 9 history courses (with a grade of “C” or better)
- 3 of the nine courses must be in history before 1800 (Courses that fulfill the Arts & Sciences historical breadth requirement do not necessarily fulfill the History pre-1800 requirement.)
- 4 of the nine courses must be courses categorized as outside of U.S. History
- 2 of the nine courses must be seminars, and one of these seminars must be a 4000-level seminar. HIST 4000, 4001, 4002 and service-learning 4000-level courses may not be used to fulfill the 4000-level seminar requirement.

Note: a single course may count to fulfill more than one of the requirements. For example, a course in medieval European history would count as both a course in history before 1800 and as a course outside of American History. A list of courses designated as “pre-1800” and “outside U.S. History” is posted at the History office (450 McGraw Hall) and on our website.

Note: Students are only allowed to petition for a total of THREE courses outside of the Department of History to be counted towards the major’s requirements.

Requirements for the History Minor

Separate application available

- 5 history courses (only courses offered or cross listed in the department of History)
- All five courses must be taken as letter grades, with a grade of C or better, and either 3 or 4 credits each
- 1 of the 5 must be a seminar at the 2000 level or above
- First-year writing seminars/Independent Study courses do not count for the minor
- Transfer or study abroad credits are NOT eligible for consideration

Requirements for Honors in History

See Judy for separate application packet

- 10 history courses (with a grade of “C” or better), which include:
  
  History 4000 (Honors Proseminar), taken in junior year. Majors wishing to continue to HIST 4001 are required to find a thesis supervisor by May 1st of their Junior year.  
  History 4001/History 4002 (counted as one course), History 4001 (Honors Guidance: Thesis Research) taken during the fall semester and History 4002 (Honors Guidance: Thesis Writing) taken during the spring semester of senior year.
  
- At least a 3.5 average within the History department.
- 3 of the ten courses must be in history before 1800.
- 4 of the ten courses must be outside of U.S. History.
- 2 of the ten courses, must be seminars. One of these seminars must be a 4000-level seminar. HIST 4001, 4002 and service-learning 4000-level courses may not be used to fulfill the 4000-level seminar requirement.

Note: History majors who wish both to study abroad (or in Cornell-in-Washington) and to enter the honors program should consult their advisors or the DUS as soon as possible after declaring a major. The department requires honors students to enroll in History 4000 before writing a thesis in their senior year and cannot enroll simultaneously in 4000 and 4001 (the first term of thesis-writing). So planning ahead is essential, especially if you intend to spend a full year abroad.