Studying History at UW-Madison
The History Major & Certificate

• Develop valuable transferable skills
• Have the flexibility to pursue your own interests
• Committed, award-winning teachers & great classes
• Faculty and alumni mentoring
• Career advising and a career/internship course specific to History
The History Major

• 30 Credits (from History or History of Science)
• History 201
• Breadth & Electives
• History 600 Capstone

The History Certificate

• 15 Credits (from History or History of Science)
• History 201
• 3 Elective Courses
• Capstone (choose 1 of the 4 options):
  History 401, 500, 600 or Hist Sci 555

For more details, see the UW GUIDE:
https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/history/
Great Courses for Exploring History

History 201 – Satisfies Com-B (we offer 8-12 each semester)

Topics for next year include: American Revolutions; The French Revolution; The Arab Spring; Refugees and Europe; Athenian Democracy; and many more!

Ethnic Studies Courses (we offer 4-7 each semester)

History 151 - The North American West to 1850
History 219 - The American Jewish Experience: From Shtetl to Suburb
History 246 - Southeast Asian Refugees of the "Cold" War

History of Science Options

History of Science 150 – The Digital Age
History of Science 132 - Bees, Trees, Germs, and Genes: A History of Biology

Other 100-level Options

History 136 – Sport, Recreation, & Society in the United States
History 145 – America and China, 1776-Today

For more options and information, please see our Courses Page!
Key Skills You Develop by Studying History

Problem-solving skills
- Identify a problem/question
- Develop a strategy to solve/answer it
- Conduct research
- Analyze information
- Propose and support answers

Analytical skills
- Assess varied sources of information
- Extract key insights

Communication skills
- Tell a convincing story
- Write a persuasive argument
- Present findings orally

Teamwork, Initiative, & a Strong Work Ethic

For more information, explore our careers website: https://history.wisc.edu/undergraduate-program/history-careers/
History Advising Information

Interested in History? We’d love to talk with you!

All History advising can be scheduled via Starfish

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There are no prerequisites for declaring the History Major or Certificate
The History Department Advising Webpage