

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN HISTORY

Program Learning Outcomes for the BA Degree with a Major in History

Upon completing the BA degree with a major in History, students will be able to:

1. Identify and connect the ways that people, ideas, commodities, and technologies have circulated across the range of geographic regions and historical periods.
2. Apply historical questions to concrete cases and demonstrate analytical skills through the use of historical evidence, rigorous logic, and persuasive argument.
3. Exhibit a solid understanding of historical methodologies and research skills, including the careful and creative use of primary and secondary sources that are read critically and weighed carefully as historical evidence.
4. Demonstrate an awareness of the scholarly literature on a given research topic and identify the position of their research within that literature.
5. Exhibit mastery in writing persuasive and analytical prose following the conventions of the discipline.

Requirements for the BA Degree with a Major in History

For general university requirements, see [Graduation Requirements \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/). Students pursuing the BA degree with a major in History must complete:

- A minimum of 10 courses (30 credit hours) to satisfy major requirements.
- A minimum of 120 credit hours to satisfy degree requirements.
- A minimum of 6 courses (18 credit hours) taken at the 300-level or above.
- A maximum of 4 courses (12 credit hours) from study abroad or transfer credit. For additional departmental guidelines regarding transfer credit, see the *Policies* tab.
- A minimum of 2 courses (6 credit hours) from departmental course offerings of 400-level seminars.

Some foreign language proficiency is desirable and the department highly recommends that students contemplating graduate work in history study at least one foreign language in some depth.

The courses listed below satisfy the requirements for this major. In certain instances, courses not on this official list may be substituted upon approval of the major's academic advisor, or where applicable, the department's Director of Undergraduate Studies. (Course substitutions must be formally applied and entered into Degree Works by the major's [Official Certifier \(https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier/\)](https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier/).) Students and their academic advisors should identify and clearly document the courses to be taken.

Summary

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours Required for the Major in History		30
Total Credit Hours Required for the BA Degree with a Major in History		120

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Requirements		
<i>Select at least 1 course from at least 4 of the 5 following fields (see course lists below):¹</i>		12
Premodern		
Europe		
United States		
Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East		
Transnational, Comparative, World, Thematic		
Seminar		
<i>Select 2 seminar courses from departmental (HIST) course offerings at the 400-level.²</i>		6
Elective Requirements		
<i>Select 4 elective courses from departmental (HIST) course offerings.³</i>		12
Total Credit Hours Required for the Major in History		30
Additional Credit Hours to Complete Degree Requirements *		59
University Graduation Requirements (https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/) *		31
Total Credit Hours		120

Footnotes and Additional Information

* **Note:** [University Graduation Requirements](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/) include 31 credit hours, comprised of Distribution Requirements (Groups I, II, and III), FWIS, and LPAP coursework. In some instances, courses satisfying FWIS or distribution requirements may additionally meet other requirements, such as the Analyzing Diversity (AD) requirement, or some of the student's declared major, minor, or certificate requirements. [Additional Credit Hours to Complete Degree Requirements](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/) include general electives, coursework completed as upper-level, residency (hours taken at Rice), and/or any other additional academic program requirements.

¹ Of the 10 courses (30 credit hours) required for the major, a minimum of 6 courses (18 credit hours) must be selected from departmental (HIST) course offerings.

² Any departmental (HIST) course offerings between HIST 400 and HIST 499, with the exception of HIST 403 and HIST 404, will fulfill the Seminar Requirement.

³ Transfer credit received via the articulation of approved exam credit such as advanced placement (AP) credit, international baccalaureate (IB) credit, or A-level credit (for HIST 103, HIST 105, HIST 107) will not be considered towards major requirements. HIST 403 and HIST 404 do not fulfill History major requirements as Electives or as Seminar. Additionally, students may take HIST 390 only once to fulfill History major requirements.

Core Requirements

Select at least 1 course (3 credit hours) from at least 4 of the 5 following fields. Of the 10 required courses to satisfy the History major requirements, a minimum of 6 courses total (18 credit hours) must be completed at the 300-level or above.

Premodern Courses

Code	Title	Credit Hours
HIST 109	THE HERO AND HIS COMPANION FROM GILGAMESH TO SHERLOCK HOLMES (AND BEYOND)	3
HIST 120 / MDEM 120	MEDIEVAL CIVILIZATIONS	3
HIST 176	MEXICO: AN INTRODUCTION	3
HIST 200	ANCIENT EMPIRES: ORIGINS OF WESTERN CIVILIZATIONS	3
HIST 201 / RELI 203	JUDAISM OF JESUS AND HILLEL	3
HIST 205 / MDEM 205	MEDIEVAL MEDITERRANEAN WORLD	3
HIST 211 / MDEM 210	MEDIEVAL VIOLENCE	3
HIST 213	THE MIDDLE EAST FROM THE AGE OF MUHAMMAD TO THE ARAB SPRING	3
HIST 222	HISTORY OF EARLY AFRICA	3
HIST 271	HISTORY OF SOUTH ASIA	3
HIST 281 / MDEM 281	GOLDEN AGE OF ISLAM	3
HIST 307	IMPERIAL ROME FROM CAESAR TO DIOCLETIAN	3
HIST 308 / MDEM 308	THE WORLD OF LATE ANTIQUITY	3
HIST 310	THE BODY IN GLOBAL HISTORIES OF MEDICINE	3
HIST 316	JEWS AND CHRISTIANS IN THE MEDIEVAL ISLAMIC WORLD	3
HIST 320	IMPERIAL PLEASURE GARDENS, A WORLD HISTORY	3
HIST 323	HISTORY OF ATLANTIC AFRICA	3
HIST 324 / MDEM 324	CONFLICT AND COEXISTENCE IN MEDIEVAL SPAIN	3
HIST 327 / MDEM 327	MEDIEVAL BORDERLANDS	3
HIST 357 / MDEM 357	JEWS AND CHRISTIANS IN MEDIEVAL EUROPE	3
HIST 361	HISTORY OF PREMODERN BRITAIN: TUDORS AND STUARTS, 1485 - 1707	3
HIST 365 / ECON 365	WORLD ECONOMIC HISTORY	3
HIST 381 / RELI 385	GOD, TIME AND HISTORY	3
HIST 392	PRE-MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT FROM CICERO TO LOCKE	3
HIST 401	THE AGE OF ATTILA THE HUN	3
HIST 434	MUSLIMS, AMERICA, AND ISLAMOPHOBIA	3

HIST 494	RULING HINDUSTAN: THE TIMURID-MUGHAL KINGS OF INDIA	3
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Europe Courses

Code	Title	Credit Hours
HIST 101	MODERN EUROPE, 1500-1789	3
HIST 102	DEMOCRACY, POWER, AND INDUSTRY IN MODERN EUROPE SINCE THE FRENCH REVOLUTION	3
HIST 120 / MDEM 120	MEDIEVAL CIVILIZATIONS	3
HIST 205 / MDEM 205	MEDIEVAL MEDITERRANEAN WORLD	3
HIST 225	EUROPE SINCE 1945	3
HIST 256	EUROPEAN POLITICS AND SOCIETY, 1890-1945	3
HIST 305	READING HISTORIES OF WORK	3
HIST 311	SEX, GENDER, AND FAMILY IN EUROPE, 1300-1700	3
HIST 324 / MDEM 324	CONFLICT AND COEXISTENCE IN MEDIEVAL SPAIN	3
HIST 327 / MDEM 327	MEDIEVAL BORDERLANDS	3
HIST 355 / GERM 345	FROM DEMOCRACY TO DICTATORSHIP. GERMAN HISTORY, 1890-1945	3
HIST 356	AFTER NAZISM: GERMAN HISTORY, 1945 - PRESENT	3
HIST 357 / MDEM 357	JEWS AND CHRISTIANS IN MEDIEVAL EUROPE	3
HIST 358	HUMANITARIANISM FROM THE 19TH CENTURY TO THE PRESENT	3
HIST 361	HISTORY OF PREMODERN BRITAIN: TUDORS AND STUARTS, 1485 - 1707	3
HIST 370	EUROPEAN INTELLECTUAL HISTORY: BACON TO HEGEL	3
HIST 372	IMMIGRATION AND THE STATE: 19TH & 20TH CENTURY	3
HIST 373	SOCIAL AND POLITICAL THOUGHT IN 19TH CENTURY EUROPE	3
HIST 374	JEWISH HISTORY, 1500-1948	3
HIST 375	EUROPEAN ROMANTICISM, 1750-1850	3
HIST 405	DEMOCRACY AND CAPITALISM: THE HISTORICAL DEBATE FROM MARX TO TRUMP	3
HIST 409	MUSLIMS, JEWS, CHRISTIANS, HERETICS, AND PAGANS IN THE AGE OF THE CRUSADES	3
HIST 412	EMPIRE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW	3
HIST 413	A HISTORY OF TRAVEL: FROM MEDIEVAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE HIPPIE TRAIL	3
HIST 428	MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING: GLOBAL AND LOCAL	3
HIST 443 / HART 435 / MDEM 435	MULTICULTURAL EUROPE, 1400-1700	3
HIST 445	WRITING HISTORIES OF WORK	3

HIST 457	FOUR MODERN REVOLUTIONS: 1776, 1789, 1917, 1989	3
HIST 459	NAZISM AND THE HOLOCAUST	3
HIST 461	THE SECOND WORLD WAR: A POLITICAL HISTORY	3

United States Courses

Code	Title	Credit Hours
HIST 111	RACE IN EARLY AMERICA: CREATING RACIAL IDENTITIES IN THE ERA OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION	3
HIST 117	EARLY AMERICA TO THE CIVIL WAR	3
HIST 118	THE UNITED STATES SINCE THE CIVIL WAR	3
HIST 202	IMMIGRATION IN 20TH AND 21ST CENTURY UNITED STATES SOCIETY	3
HIST 208	RACE AND MEDICINE IN AMERICAN HISTORY	3
HIST 210	REMEMBERING PAINFUL PASTS: THE PRACTICE OF MEMORY AND PUBLIC HISTORY	3
HIST 214	THE HISTORY WARS: ARGUING OVER AMERICA'S ORIGINS	3
HIST 215	BLACKS IN THE AMERICAS	3
HIST 216	BLACK LIFE IN THE NINETEENTH-CENTURY UNITED STATES	3
HIST 217	HISTORY: THE WORKSHOP	3
HIST 221	UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS	3
HIST 239	NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY: FROM EUROPEAN CONTACT TO THE ERA OF REMOVAL	3
HIST 246	AMERICAN CIVIL WAR ERA	3
HIST 259	US IN THE 1960s AND 70s	3
HIST 266	SLAVERY AND THE FOUNDING FATHERS	3
HIST 268		3
HIST 291	20TH CENTURY AMERICAN PRESIDENTS	3
HIST 295	THE AMERICAN SOUTH	3
HIST 301	FIGHTING THE ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE	3
HIST 315	BLACKS IN THE AMERICAS	3
HIST 319	ATOMIC AMERICA	3
HIST 321	US ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY	3
HIST 330	ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE AND THE ORIGINS OF AFRO AMERICA	3
HIST 332	AMERICAN LEGAL HISTORY, 1863 TO THE PRESENT	3
HIST 338 / SWGS 338	19TH CENTURY WOMEN'S NARRATIVES	3
HIST 339	HISTORY OF THE SLAVE EXPERIENCE	3
HIST 347	BLACK AMERICA: FROM NADIR THROUGH THE GREAT DEPRESSION	3
HIST 350	AMERICA, 1900-1940	3
HIST 351	AMERICA SINCE 1945	3
HIST 359	THE UNITED STATES IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY WORLD	3

HIST 380 / ASIA 380	ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY	3
HIST 387	THE UNITED STATES IN THE WORLD: AGE OF EMPIRE AND REVOLUTION	3
HIST 395	THE AMERICAN SOUTH	3
HIST 405	DEMOCRACY AND CAPITALISM: THE HISTORICAL DEBATE FROM MARX TO TRUMP	3
HIST 407	THE RISE AND FALL OF SLAVERY IN THE ATLANTIC WORLD, 1791-1888	3
HIST 412	EMPIRE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW	3
HIST 413	A HISTORY OF TRAVEL: FROM MEDIEVAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE HIPPIE TRAIL	3
HIST 416	SEMINAR IN CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY	3
HIST 421	RACE, EDUCATION AND SOCIETY IN THE URBAN SOUTH	3
HIST 423	AMERICAN RADICALS AND REFORMERS	3
HIST 426	DISABILITY AND U.S. LAW	3
HIST 428	MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING: GLOBAL AND LOCAL	3
HIST 429	BORDERLANDS HISTORY	3
HIST 434	MUSLIMS, AMERICA, AND ISLAMOPHOBIA	3
HIST 435	SLAVE REBELLIONS IN THE ATLANTIC WORLD	3
HIST 449	LAW IN THE DIGITAL WORLD	3
HIST 457	FOUR MODERN REVOLUTIONS: 1776, 1789, 1917, 1989	3
HIST 464	U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN THE ERA OF THE COLD WAR	3
HIST 484	THE BLACK CITY: AFRICAN AMERICAN URBAN LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES	3

Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East Courses

Code	Title	Credit Hours
HIST 112	MODERN PALESTINIAN HISTORY	3
HIST 176	MEXICO: AN INTRODUCTION	3
HIST 205 / MDEM 205	MEDIEVAL MEDITERRANEAN WORLD	3
HIST 212	CONTEMPORARY CHINA	3
HIST 213	THE MIDDLE EAST FROM THE AGE OF MUHAMMAD TO THE ARAB SPRING	3
HIST 215	BLACKS IN THE AMERICAS	3
HIST 218 / ASIA 218 / FILM 218	HISTORY THROUGH FILM IN EAST AND NORTHEAST ASIA	3
HIST 219	GENGHIS KHAN AND THE EMPIRE OF THE MONGOLS	3
HIST 220	MEXICO: 1910 TO PRESENT	3
HIST 221	UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS	3
HIST 222	HISTORY OF EARLY AFRICA	3
HIST 223	HISTORY OF MODERN AFRICA	3
HIST 227	LATIN AMERICAN CULTURAL TRADITIONS	3
HIST 228	MODERN LATIN AMERICA	3

HIST 236	STATE, SOCIETY, AND THE ECONOMY IN THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST	3
HIST 237	RADICAL MOVEMENTS IN THE AMERICAS	3
HIST 251 / LALX 251	CONTINUITIES AND CHANGES IN BRAZILIAN HISTORY	3
HIST 266	SLAVERY AND THE FOUNDING FATHERS	3
HIST 268		3
HIST 271	HISTORY OF SOUTH ASIA	3
HIST 275	MODERN MIDDLE EAST	3
HIST 278	MODERN ARAB HISTORY	3
HIST 281 / MDEM 281	GOLDEN AGE OF ISLAM	3
HIST 301	FIGHTING THE ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE	3
HIST 309	CHINESE INTELLECTUAL HISTORY	3
HIST 310	THE BODY IN GLOBAL HISTORIES OF MEDICINE	3
HIST 312	ENVIRONMENT, MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH IN LATIN AMERICA	3
HIST 315	BLACKS IN THE AMERICAS	3
HIST 323	HISTORY OF ATLANTIC AFRICA	3
HIST 328	POVERTY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IN LATIN AMERICA	3
HIST 330	ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE AND THE ORIGINS OF AFRO AMERICA	3
HIST 331	THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION	3
HIST 342	MODERN CHINA	3
HIST 343	HISTORY OF AFRICA IN THE MUSEUM	3
HIST 366 / ARCH 366	RIO DE JANEIRO: A SOCIAL AND ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY	3
HIST 378	MODERN ARAB HISTORY	3
HIST 384 / ASIA 328 / SWGS 384	MODERN GIRL AND ASIA IN THE WORLD	3
HIST 407	THE RISE AND FALL OF SLAVERY IN THE ATLANTIC WORLD, 1791-1888	3
HIST 408	THE JAPANESE EMPIRE	3
HIST 409	MUSLIMS, JEWS, CHRISTIANS, HERETICS, AND PAGANS IN THE AGE OF THE CRUSADES	3
HIST 420	MEXICAN HISTORY	3
HIST 428	MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING: GLOBAL AND LOCAL	3
HIST 429	BORDERLANDS HISTORY	3
HIST 434	MUSLIMS, AMERICA, AND ISLAMOPHOBIA	3
HIST 436	AMERICA IN THE MIDDLE EAST	3
HIST 457	FOUR MODERN REVOLUTIONS: 1776, 1789, 1917, 1989	3
HIST 478	TOPICS IN LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY	3
HIST 491	COEXISTENCE AND SECTARIANISM IN THE MIDDLE EAST	3
HIST 494	RULING HINDUSTAN: THE TIMURID-MUGHAL KINGS OF INDIA	3

Transnational, Comparative, World, Thematic Courses

Code	Title	Credit Hours
HIST 108	WORLD HISTORY SINCE 1492	3
HIST 112	MODERN PALESTINIAN HISTORY	3
HIST 120 / MDEM 120	MEDIEVAL CIVILIZATIONS	3
HIST 188	THE ATLANTIC WORLD: ORIGINS TO THE AGE OF REVOLUTION	3
HIST 200	ANCIENT EMPIRES: ORIGINS OF WESTERN CIVILIZATIONS	3
HIST 202	IMMIGRATION IN 20TH AND 21ST CENTURY UNITED STATES SOCIETY	3
HIST 204		3
HIST 205 / MDEM 205	MEDIEVAL MEDITERRANEAN WORLD	3
HIST 207	SPATIAL HISTORY AND HISTORICAL GIS	3
HIST 211 / MDEM 210	MEDIEVAL VIOLENCE	3
HIST 218 / ASIA 218 / FILM 218	HISTORY THROUGH FILM IN EAST AND NORTHEAST ASIA	3
HIST 219	GENGHIS KHAN AND THE EMPIRE OF THE MONGOLS	3
HIST 220	MEXICO: 1910 TO PRESENT	3
HIST 227	LATIN AMERICAN CULTURAL TRADITIONS	3
HIST 230	SPORTS, EMPIRE AND NATION: THE HISTORY OF THE MODERN WORLD THROUGH SPORTS	3
HIST 236	STATE, SOCIETY, AND THE ECONOMY IN THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST	3
HIST 237	RADICAL MOVEMENTS IN THE AMERICAS	3
HIST 244	MUSEUMS IN WORLD HISTORY	3
HIST 268		3
HIST 271	HISTORY OF SOUTH ASIA	3
HIST 278	MODERN ARAB HISTORY	3
HIST 301	FIGHTING THE ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE	3
HIST 307	IMPERIAL ROME FROM CAESAR TO DIOCLETIAN	3
HIST 308 / MDEM 308	THE WORLD OF LATE ANTIQUITY	3
HIST 310	THE BODY IN GLOBAL HISTORIES OF MEDICINE	3
HIST 312	ENVIRONMENT, MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH IN LATIN AMERICA	3
HIST 319	ATOMIC AMERICA	3
HIST 320	IMPERIAL PLEASURE GARDENS, A WORLD HISTORY	3
HIST 323	HISTORY OF ATLANTIC AFRICA	3
HIST 327 / MDEM 327	MEDIEVAL BORDERLANDS	3
HIST 332	AMERICAN LEGAL HISTORY, 1863 TO THE PRESENT	3
HIST 340 / SWGS 345	HISTORY OF FEMINISM	3
HIST 346	COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY	3

HIST 350	AMERICA, 1900-1940	3
HIST 351	AMERICA SINCE 1945	3
HIST 353	HISTORY OF SENSATION	3
HIST 357 / MDEM 357	JEWS AND CHRISTIANS IN MEDIEVAL EUROPE	3
HIST 358	HUMANITARIANISM FROM THE 19TH CENTURY TO THE PRESENT	3
HIST 359	THE UNITED STATES IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY WORLD	3
HIST 365 / ECON 365	WORLD ECONOMIC HISTORY	3
HIST 372	IMMIGRATION AND THE STATE: 19TH & 20TH CENTURY	3
HIST 378	MODERN ARAB HISTORY	3
HIST 381 / RELI 385	GOD, TIME AND HISTORY	3
HIST 384 / ASIA 328 / SWGS 384	MODERN GIRL AND ASIA IN THE WORLD	3
HIST 387	THE UNITED STATES IN THE WORLD: AGE OF EMPIRE AND REVOLUTION	3
HIST 405	DEMOCRACY AND CAPITALISM: THE HISTORICAL DEBATE FROM MARX TO TRUMP	3
HIST 406	WORKERS' REVOLUTIONS, SUBALTERN SOLIDARITIES, AND THE MAKING OF EMANCIPATORY POLITICS	3
HIST 407	THE RISE AND FALL OF SLAVERY IN THE ATLANTIC WORLD, 1791-1888	3
HIST 413	A HISTORY OF TRAVEL: FROM MEDIEVAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE HIPPIE TRAIL	3
HIST 414	WORLD WAR ONE IN EUROPE: ORIGINS, SOCIAL EFFECTS, POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES	3
HIST 418	HOW HISTORIANS THINK	3
HIST 428	MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING: GLOBAL AND LOCAL	3
HIST 429	BORDERLANDS HISTORY	3
HIST 434	MUSLIMS, AMERICA, AND ISLAMOPHOBIA	3
HIST 435	SLAVE REBELLIONS IN THE ATLANTIC WORLD	3
HIST 436	AMERICA IN THE MIDDLE EAST	3
HIST 445	WRITING HISTORIES OF WORK	3
HIST 455	THE HISTORY OF HUMAN RIGHTS	3
HIST 457	FOUR MODERN REVOLUTIONS: 1776, 1789, 1917, 1989	3
HIST 464	U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN THE ERA OF THE COLD WAR	3
HIST 470	ENCOUNTERING THE ENVIRONMENT: CASE STUDIES FROM THE GARDEN OF EDEN TO THE SPACE AGE	3
HIST 494	RULING HINDUSTAN: THE TIMURID- MUGHAL KINGS OF INDIA	3

Policies for the BA Degree with a Major in History

Program Restrictions and Exclusions

Students pursuing the major in History should be aware of the following program restriction:

- As noted in [Majors, Minors, and Certificates \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-opportunities/majors-minors-certificates/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-opportunities/majors-minors-certificates/), students may not major and minor in the same subject.

Transfer Credit

For Rice University's policy regarding transfer credit, see [Transfer Credit \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit/). Some departments and programs have additional restrictions on transfer credit. The Office of Academic Advising maintains the university's official list of [transfer credit advisors \(https://oaa.rice.edu/advising-network/transfer-credit-advisors/\)](https://oaa.rice.edu/advising-network/transfer-credit-advisors/) on their website: <https://oaa.rice.edu>. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic program's transfer credit advisor when considering transfer credit possibilities.

Departmental Transfer Credit Guidelines

Students pursuing the major in History should be aware of the following departmental transfer credit guidelines:

- No more than 4 courses (12 credit hours) of transfer credit from U.S. or international universities of similar standing as Rice may apply towards the major.
- Requests for transfer credit will be considered by the departmental Director of Undergraduate Studies (and/or the program's official transfer credit advisor) on an individual case-by-case basis.
- Courses taken at another university, including online courses, must be equivalent in required reading, writing, research and testing, as well as classroom hours, of a Rice history course. Regarding subject matter, however, there does not have to be an equivalent course in the Rice history course offerings, unless the student requires distribution credit.
- Rice students planning to study at a foreign university must also obtain pre-approval from the Rice Study Abroad Office.
- Transfer credit received via the articulation of approved exam credit, such as advanced placement (AP) credit, international baccalaureate (IB) credit, or A-level credit (for HIST 103, HIST 105, HIST 107) will not be considered towards major requirements.

Distribution Credit Information

The determination of distribution credit eligibility is done initially as part of the [new course creation process \(https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/courseprocess/\)](https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/courseprocess/). Additionally, as part of an [annual roll call \(https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/distribution_credit/\)](https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/distribution_credit/) coordinated each Spring by the Office of the Registrar, course distribution credit eligibility is routinely reviewed and reaffirmed by the Dean's Offices of each of the academic schools.

Faculty and leadership in the academic schools are responsible for ensuring that the courses identified as distribution-credit-eligible meet the criteria as set in the [General Announcements \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/#text\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/#text). Students are responsible for ensuring that they meet [graduation requirements \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/#text\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/#text).

by completing coursework designated as distribution-credit-eligible at the time of course registration.

Distribution courses from History (HIST) are generally 100- and 200-level introductory courses that do not presuppose work in History or the Humanities.

Additional Information

For additional information, please see the History website: <https://history.rice.edu/>.

Opportunities for the BA Degree with a Major in History

Academic Honors

The university recognizes academic excellence achieved over an undergraduate's academic history at Rice. For information on university honors, please see [Latin Honors \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/) (*summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, and *cum laude*) and [Distinction in Research and Creative Work \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/). Some departments have department-specific Honors awards or designations.

Departmental Honors Program in History

Qualified undergraduates may enroll for 6 semester credit hours of directed honors research and writing, completing an honors thesis in their senior year (these 6 credit hours are in addition to the 30 hours required for the major). Accepted students enroll in HIST 403 for 3 credit hours in the Fall of their senior year and in HIST 404 for 3 credit hours in the Spring of their senior year. Application to the program is required. For current procedures, see the [department website \(http://history.rice.edu/\)](http://history.rice.edu/). Financial assistance is available to conduct related research during the summer between the junior and senior year for all students accepted into the Departmental Honors Program.

Research Assistantships

The Department of History offers several paid Research Assistantships to give undergraduate students the opportunity to work closely with a faculty member and exercise their historical research skills.

Ira and Patricia Gruber Fund for Undergraduate Research

This fund supports, among other things, independent research projects carried out by history majors under the supervision of department faculty. Typical forms of support include reimbursements or advances for travel to an archive to do research or to a conference to present a paper.

Charles Garside, Jr. Prize in History

Awarded to a "distinguished student of history to honor the memory of Charles Garside, Jr.," a member of the Rice faculty from 1966-1987. The prize offers the winners time to broaden and deepen their education through travel and reflection.

Elizabeth A. Pyke Prize

Awarded to distinguished continuing undergraduate students of history to honor Elizabeth A. Pyke, sister of alumni James T. Pyke '97 and Carolyn S. Pyke '94, and her love of history, especially in the era between the American Civil War and World War II. The prize offers support for

domestic or international travel, research, or other experiential learning and enrichment opportunities related to history.

Additional Information

For additional information, please see the History website: <https://history.rice.edu/>.

See <https://humanities.rice.edu/student-life> (<https://humanities.rice.edu/student-life/>) for tables of fellowships, prizes, and internships/practica that may be relevant to this major.