

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The special responsibility of historical studies is to help individuals and communities understand the past. History courses integrate many branches of knowledge, cutting across the lines of the social sciences and the humanities, and even the natural sciences. Identifying forces of stability and processes of change, history students develop research, writing and analytical skills, which serve them well beyond their university years.

By comparing the human conditions over decades or centuries, history students identify fundamental social trends and analyze critical causal factors. The study of history builds confidence for making judgments in many fields of human endeavor and provides insight into current social, political, economic and cultural issues. History is an all-inclusive discipline, making it an excellent choice for students with a wide variety of career goals. The Department of History trains students to be critical thinkers, capable researchers, and careful writers.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a shared advising system. CLAS students have two academic advisors with whom they should meet regularly to discuss academic and degree progress: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a major/faculty advisor.

For questions related to CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, or campus resources contact:

CLAS Academic Advising

clas_advising@ucdenver.edu

Find your CLAS Advisor [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) Building 1030

303-315-7100

For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:

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Visit the department website [here](#)

Student Commons Building (SCB) Building Room 3118

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GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

All CU Denver CLAS students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 semester hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 45 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) semester hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS hours at CU Denver

*The following are **maximum** semester hours that can apply toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:*

- 56 semester hours in major department/prefix courses
- 16 semester hours Pass/Fail
- 12 semester hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 semester hours of internship credit
- 8 semester hours of physical education credit

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Students are responsible for meeting with the major/faculty advisor in the department to confirm major requirements. In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CLAS requirements, students completing the History B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 36 HIST credit hours.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 18 upper-division (3000-level and above) HIST credit hours. 15 of the 18 upper division level credit hours must be taken at the 4000 level, including HIST 4839.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C-(1.7) in all major courses taken at CU Denver and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.5. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the major GPA. Students cannot complete major or ancillary course requirements as pass/fail.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 18 HIST credit hours with CU Denver faculty.

LYNX CONNECT RESOURCES

Are you interested in learning about internship, study abroad, career, and research opportunities for this major? Visit the CU Denver Lynx Connect, located in Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 339, and browse the Lynx Connect [website](#) for more information.

Degree Requirements	Credits	Notes
* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *		
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	34 - 40	CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements
CLAS Graduation Requirements	15 - 29	CLAS Graduation Requirements
HIST Major Requirements	36	18 semester hours must be upper-division of which 15 must be 4000-level
HIST Required Courses		
HIST 3031 Theory and Practice of History: An Introduction to the Major	3	Students should plan to complete this course by the end of year two
HIST 4839 History Seminar	3	*Prerequisite: HIST 3031 with C or higher; Course will count toward 18 upper-division semester hours in HIST
Complete Six (6) Semester Hours in each of the following areas:		Check individual courses for prerequisites.
United States (U.S.) Distribution	6	*See major advisor for list; at least one course must be upper-division
Europe Distribution	6	*See major advisor for list; at least one course must be upper-division
World Distribution	6	*See major advisor for list; at least one course must be upper-division
HIST Major Electives	12	*See major advisor for list
Estimated General Electives	15 - 35	General Elective credits will vary based on Core & CLAS Requirements. Consult with CLAS Advisor.
Total Minimum Program Hours:	120	45 semester hours must be upper-division

SAMPLE ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY

The following academic plan is a *sample* pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Students should tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

Year One	Fall	CRS
	ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3
	CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 1010 <i>recommended</i>	3
	CU Denver Core Humanities ^M	3
	CU Denver Core Social Science / First-Year Seminar	3
	General Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	15

Spring	CRS	
	ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
	CU Denver Core Arts	3
	General Elective	3
	CU Denver Core Behavioral Science	3
	General Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	15

Year Two	Fall	CRS
	HIST 3031	3
	CLAS Communicative Skills	3
	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with lab	4
	General Elective	3
	CLAS Behavioral Science	3
Total Credit Hours	16	

Spring	CRS	
	European Distribution course	3
	U.S. Distribution Course	3
	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without lab	3
	CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity ^M	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15	

Year Three	Fall	CRS
	U.S. Distribution Upper-Division course	3
	European Distribution Upper-Division course	3
	CLAS Foreign Language Semester I	5
	CU Denver Core International Perspectives ^M	3
Total Credit Hours	14	

Spring	CRS	
	World Distribution course	3
	4000-level HIST Elective	3
	CLAS Foreign Language Semester II	5
	CLAS Social Science (Upper-Division)	3
Total Credit Hours	14	

Year Four	Fall	CRS
	World Distribution Upper-Division course	3
	CLAS Biol/Phys Science with lab	4
	4000-level HIST Elective	3
	4000-level HIST Elective	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	16	

Spring	CRS	
	HIST 4839 ^{PE}	3
	4000-level HIST Elective	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
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	General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15	