

History

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

The history program inspires students to investigate and explore the past in order to critically approach the present. Students gain valuable critical thinking, writing, speaking, and research skills, and they will develop a body of historical knowledge and form critical perspectives on the diversity of the human experience. These skills prepare students for a life of engaged American and global citizenship as well as careers in history and a wide range of other fields.

Its goals are to:

- provide a study of the diverse institutions and cultures that comprise United States and World history.
- foster an environment in which students can, independently and collaboratively, form critical perspectives on the past.
- provide instruction in research, analysis, writing, and communication skills essential for many professions.
- prepare students for a life of engaged citizenship, creative thinking, and lifelong learning.

The study of history is a time-honored tradition of a liberal arts education. Its usefulness to persons involved in public affairs, education, law, business, criminal justice, and government policy planning has long been recognized. History continues to be a pertinent major in the twenty-first century for professional minded students who seek a broad understanding of the political, economic, social, and intellectual environment in which they will operate. In learning to conduct careful research, apply critical analysis, and develop a clear and concise writing style, history majors at Lees-McRae develop skills that make them marketable candidates for a wide range of employment opportunities.

Students who graduate with a degree in history pursue a wide range of graduate programs and careers, History majors often go on to pursue graduate studies in law and history, among other fields. Work environments include education institutions, law firms, communications and media, theatre, research, museums, libraries, governmental agencies, humanities-based organizations, and more. The study of history at Lees-McRae also serves as a foundation of knowledge for various other disciplines.

History Requirements:

- General Education Requirements
- Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Requirements
- Major Requirements
- Electives

Total Credit Hours | 120

General Education Requirements

See details in the General Education section of the catalog.

Bachelor of Arts Requirements

Proficiency in a foreign language, demonstrated through:

- Graduation from a high school where all instruction was conducted in a language other than English;
- Passing a CLEP or other designated examination at the intermediate level;
- Completion of one of the College's language sequences through the intermediate level (non-Spanish). Intermediate level proficiency (for students enrolled in Spanish) will be demonstrated by the successful completion of SPA 211 or a higher level 3-hour SPA course.

OR

Bachelor of Science Requirements

6-8 additional hours in math or science, not duplicating core coursework, taken from:

Prefix	Course Number
BIO	101, 102, 105, 114, 115, 121, 122
CHM	101, 111
MAT	111, 112, 116, 117, 215, 220, 227
PHY	101, 111, 112
SCI	211

Major Requirements | 12 Credit Hours

Students must take 6 credit hours of these 200-level “Foundations” courses

Class Name	Credit Hours
Students must take 6 credit hours of these 200-level “Foundations” courses:	
HIS 210 History of the Southern Appalachian Region	3 credit hours
HIS 215 World History Since 1500	3 credit hours
HIS 260 Problems in U.S. History I	3 credit hours
HIS 265 Problems in U.S. History II	3 credit hours
Students must take BOTH:	
HUM 231 Advanced Research and Composition	3 credit hours
HIS 499 Senior Research Seminar	3 credit hours

Electives | 24 Credit Hours

15 credit hours must be taken at the 300 or 400 level

Class Name	Credit Hours
*HIS 120 U.S. and the World	3 credit hours
HIS 210 History of the Southern Appalachian Region	3 credit hours
HIS 215 World History Since 1500	3 credit hours
HIS 241 History of Medicine	3 credit hours
**HIS 260 Problems in U.S. I	3 credit hours
**HIS 265 Problems in U.S. II	3 credit hours
***HIS 271 Christianity in History and Tradition	3 credit hours
HIS 315 History of the South	3 credit hours
HIS 318 America's National Parks	3 credit hours
HIS 319 Wilderness and the American Mind	3 credit hours
HIS 328 History of Gender and Sexuality	3 credit hours
HIS 332 America at War	3 credit hours

Class Name	Credit Hours
HIS 333 Sports History	3 credit hours
HIS 334 Global History of Disease	3 credit hours
HIS 335 Autobiography as History	3 credit hours
HIS 350 Ancient History	3 credit hours
HIS 353 African-American History	3 credit hours
HIS 355 History of Cycling	3 credit hours
HIS 357 American Legal History	3 credit hours
HIS 405 History of Capitalism	3 credit hours
HIS 421 American Civil War History	3 credit hours
HIS 431 World War II	3 credit hours
HIS 471 History Internship	3 credit hours

*If not taken as Core History requirement

**If not taken as a major requirement

***If not taken as REL 271 Religious Studies requirement

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Minor

The history minor requires 18 credit hours of history courses beyond general education and degree requirements, with 9 credit hours at the 300 or 400 level.

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HIS 328 History of Gender and Sexuality	3 credit hours
HIS 332 America at War	3 credit hours
HIS 333 Sports History	3 credit hours
HIS 334 Global History of Disease	3 credit hours
HIS 335 Autobiography as History	3 credit hours
HIS 350 Ancient History	3 credit hours
HIS 353 African-American History	3 credit hours
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