

World History Concentration

Students completing the World History Concentration within the B.A. in History acquire a valuable credential that certifies their expertise in the past of multiple regions of the globe, while pursuing a course of study tailored to their interest. Undergraduates in History study in a department with the broadest global expertise at UIS, with course work available in Modern Europe, the Middle East, the Medieval World, the Near East, the Ancient World, East Asia, and any array of transnational and comparative thematic areas. The concentration provides career readiness in the area of problem solving as well as in global and intercultural fluency.

The World History Concentration requires 15 hours of course work at the lower and upper division; students can also combine that expertise with additional experiences such as study away, internships, or foreign language training for credit.

To further inspire students to pursue experiential learning and linguistic expertise, three hours of upper division course work in this concentration can be earned by demonstrating one of the following:

- Completion of a credit-bearing study away experience,
- Or a departmentally approved internship or prior-learning experience with global components,
- Or competency (4 semesters) in a language beyond one's native language(s). Demonstrating language competency requires university-level course work or results of a placement exam.

The Department will consider petitions for courses from other universities or other departments as appropriate. Students may be asked to provide a syllabus or other supporting materials.

Requirements

Required Courses

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3 hours of lower division course work in historical regions or themes outside the United States: (Choose One of the following)

HIS 106	Peoples of the Past
HIS 118	Making of the West
HIS 150	Topics in Comparative Religion
HIS 151	Judaism, Christianity, Islam
HIS 152	Bible and Qur'an
HIS 160	Topics in Middle Eastern History
HIS 161	Introduction to the Modern Middle East
HIS 176	History of Premodern East Asia
HIS 177	History of Modern East Asia
HIS 202	European History
HIS 211	Women in the Middle East
HIS 212	History of Russia: Peter I to Putin

Twelve hours of History of at least 3 different world regions and themes at the upper division: 12

Ancient World (Choose One)

HIS 412	Alexander the Great
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HIS 476	Modern China
HIS 477	Premodern Japan
HIS 481	Women in Chinese and Japanese History
HIS 482	Samurai in History and Romance
HIS 486	ECCE: Exhibiting Asia: Trans-Pacific Material Culture

Europe (Choose One)

HIS 462	ECCE: Conflict in 19th Century Europe
HIS 463	Europe In The 20th Century
HIS 472	Imperial Russia
HIS 473	Russia from the Revolution to the New Cold War

Middle East (Choose One)

HIS 371	Islamic Civilization
HIS 373	ECCE: Reading Arab Past
HIS 375	ECCE: Conflict in the Middle East
HIS 378	ECCE: Christian-Muslim Encounters
HIS 485	Cold War and the Middle East
HIS 488	Eastern Christianity

Transnational Themes (Choose One)

HIS 365	ECCE: Culture Wars/Europe
HIS 411	ECCE: Democracy and Democratic Theory
HIS 475	ECCE: Nationalism and Imperialism
HIS 479	ECCE: From Vikings to Hackers: A Pirate's World History
HIS 487	History of Christmas

Total Hours

15