

Undergraduate Major Requirements—BA in History

The major requirements described below **apply to all students who declare a History major on or after July 16, 2024**. Students who declared a History major before that date should see the undergraduate advisor if they have any questions.

Fulfill ALL of the following requirements:

A maximum of 9 credits may be taken in 100-level courses

Earn at least 6 credits from the following:

- History 200-level Courses
Not including [HIST 29000](#)

Earn at least 9 credits from the following:

- History 300+ level Courses
Not including [HIST 30000](#) / [HIST 40000](#)

History Practicum

Complete the following Course:

- HIST 29000 - History Practicum
A minimum grade of C is required to receive credit for [HIST 29000](#).

Historical Research or Historical Research Honors

Complete one of the following Courses:

- HIST 30000 - Historical Research OR HIST 40000 - Historical Research Honors
A minimum grade of C is required to receive credit for [HIST 30000](#) / [HIST 40000](#).

Geographic Distribution

Within the requirements for the major, students must complete: 3 credits at the 200-level or above of United States history and 12 credits (four courses) distributed across four of the following six geographic fields:

- Africa
- Asia
- Europe (includes Russia and the USSR)
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Middle East
- World

Chronological Distribution

Within the requirements for the major (exclusive of [HIST 30000](#)) students must also complete a minimum of 3 credits in a course that is largely focused on years prior to 1815:

- If the course is at the 100-level, it must cover material that is entirely pre-1815.
- If the course is at the 200-level or higher, the majority of the material in it must be pre-1815.

PLEASE NOTE:

Some HIST 29000 sections **may** count toward one or another of the geographic fields. However, you need to check with both the instructor **and** an adviser in the department to make sure that a particular section will indeed be applicable.

No less than half of the courses taken for the major (15 credits) must be taken at Hunter College.

Courses taken for P/NC may not be applied to the major.

AP history courses with scores of 4 or 5 and IB history courses with scores over 5 are accepted.

It is strongly recommended that history majors consult with an undergraduate advisor each semester to review their progress toward fulfilling the requirements for the major. History majors who chose to have an allied minor should consult with the advisor of the minor department for requirements.

INFORMATION ABOUT HIST 30000:

HIST 30000 is not a typical class and does not follow a standard schedule. Instead, it is an independent project, for which a student works one-on-one with a faculty member in planning, preparing, and polishing a 20-30 pp. research paper. The student and professor set their own schedule for how the work will happen over the course of the semester, as the student moves from reading and research to writing.

HIST 30000 should be done with a professor with whom the student has already taken a 300-level course. The paper should build on the material from that course, exploring some issue more deeply or in a new way. It is up to the student to reach out to their 300-level professors, and arrange to work with one of them on their HIST 30000 project. Typically, students should secure this commitment a semester in advance. The student and professor should then write to [Carol Adams](#), the History Department administrator, so that she can prepare the official registration.

Any questions about HIST 30000 should be directed to the History Department Advisors.