

History



What is the History Program?

The associate degree in history includes a program of core history courses and recommended electives that are readily transferable to four-year institutions and include courses required of History majors in most four-year degree programs.

What type of students excel in this program?

Students in History may begin with a simple desire to learn a lot about history, but then they find that they enjoy research in many fields as a process that satisfies their wide-ranging curiosity. They embrace the challenge of synthesizing and organizing large amounts of information for a variety of purposes, including identifying trends, tracing changes in data over time and challenging existing interpretations in the light of new evidence.

Students seeking meaningful careers that support education, facilitate debate, and apply history-based investigation to contemporary issues will find the history major a strong match.

What is the employment outlook for this career field?

According to the U. S. Department of Labor, in the next ten years employment for historians is expected to grow at a rate of 4%, in step with average growth projected in all careers.

What are the average earnings?

Because of their broad interests, students with degrees in History find they can pursue careers in many different fields—such as Law, market research and education—because they develop fundamental skills in research, analysis, and communication that are applicable in a wide array of professions, in addition to History. For a historian with a master’s degree, the median annual wage was \$64,540 in May 2022, according to the U. S. Department of Labor.

Other related fields include the following professions (median salaries based upon U.S. Department of Labor Statistics in May 2022):



Lawyer	\$135,740
Legal Assistant	\$59,200
Market Research Analyst.....	\$68,230
High School Teacher.....	\$62,360
Professor.....	\$79,218
Archivists, Curators and Museum Staff	\$53,420
Survey Researchers.....	\$60,410

Why should I choose HCC?

The History Program at HCC offers flexibility and personal attention, with small class sizes as well as online course choices for most requirements. Located in the heart of historical Washington County, HCC students have convenient access to a variety of historical sites and archives for local and national history, including the Antietam Civil War battlefield.

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PROGRAM OPTIONS

 A.A. Degree, History Concentration

CAREER OUTLOOK

MEDIAN SALARY

\$64K

for Historian with Master’s degree

EMPLOYMENT



3% growth in next ten years

About 300 openings for historians are projected each year, on average, over the decade.

(source: www.bls.gov/ooh)

example, the Washington Historical Society or the National Park Service. Graduates from HCC’s History Program have continued their studies at a variety of regional and national institutions including the University of Maryland at College Park, Towson University and Shepherd University.

Recommended Professional Organizations:

American Historical Association

World History Association

A.A. Degree

History Concentration, Arts and Sciences

The History Concentration program is designed for those students who are planning to transfer to a four-year degree program in history or a related field. Program requirements include general education courses and the history survey courses required in order to advance to upper division coursework at most four-year programs in History.

General Education Requirements 31-32 credits

Arts/Humanities

Select any Foreign Language course..... 3
HCC offers language instruction from elementary to advanced proficiency in French (FRN 101, FRN 102, FRN 201, FRN 202), German (GER 101, GER 102, GER 201, GER 202), Japanese (JPN 101, JPN 102, JPN 201, JPN 202), Latin (LTN 101, LTN 102, LTN 201, LTN 202), and Spanish (SPN 101, SPN 102, SPN 201, SPN 202)
Select another course from the approved General Education course list in the Arts/Humanities category..... 3

Behavioral/Social Sciences

Select two courses from the approved General Education course list in the Behavioral/Social Sciences category 6

Biological/Physical Science

Select two courses from the approved General Education course list in the Biological/Physical Science category one must be a laboratory course 7-8

Diversity

Select one course from the approved General Education course list in the Diversity category 3

English

**A minimum grade of "C" or better is required for ENG-101, ENG-101E, and ENG-101P*
ENG 101 English Composition 3
(ENG 101E English Composition for English Language Learners and ENG 101P...English Composition for College Success are approved substitutions for ENG-101)
ENG 102 Advanced English Composition..... 3

Mathematics

MAT 109 Statistics 3
OR
MAT 115 Quantitative Reasoning 3
OR
MAT 160 Precalculus I 3

Program Requirements 15 credits

HIS 101 World History to 1500 3
HIS 102 World History Since 1500 3
HIS 201 United States History I 3
HIS 202 United States History II 3
HIS 240 Historical Research Methods 3

Restricted Electives 3 Credits

Select Restricted Elective credits from the following list (take ANT 201 or take an additional foreign language course, preferably of the same language):
ANT 201 Cultural Anthropology 3
FRN 101 Elementary French I 3
FRN 102 Elementary French II 3
FRN 201 Intermediate French I 3
FRN 202 Intermediate French II 3
GER 101 Elementary German I 3
GER 102 Elementary German II 3
GER 201 Intermediate German I 3
GER 202 Intermediate German II 3
JPN 101 Elementary Japanese I 3
JPN 102 Elementary Japanese II 3
JPN 201 Intermediate Japanese I 3
JPN 202 Intermediate Japanese II 3
SPN 101 Elementary Spanish I 3
SPN 102 Elementary Spanish II 3
SPN 201 Intermediate Spanish I 3
SPN 202 Intermediate Spanish II 3

Free Electives

10-11 Credits

Electives should be selected in consultation with a transfer advisor and the transfer institution. It is recommended that they include courses in history, political science, anthropology, sociology, psychology, and economics. Some recommended courses are listed below:

GEO 105 World Regional Geography 3
ANT 201 Cultural Anthropology 3
HIS 210 Latin American History 3
POL 101 American Government 3
POL 204 International Relations 3

History Education

For those majors who are also interested in pursuing careers in teaching history at the secondary level, it is strongly recommended that you include the following courses in your electives/general education options and consult an academic advisor in Education as well as History:

EDU 101 Introduction to Education 3
PSY 101 General Psychology 3
PSY 203 Educational Psychology 3

Degree Requirement.....60

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