“Any fool can make history, but it takes a genius to write it.”

– Oscar Wilde

The mission of the Department of History is to further students’ critical thinking skills through an engaged study of the discipline of history. By emphasizing research, analysis, writing, and oral presentation, our courses further students’ awareness and understanding of the complex ways in which social, political, and economic values and institutions continue to shape peoples, nations, institutions, and the global community. Through the study of history we seek awareness of the similarities and differences—racial, ethnic, class, and gender—that inform individual and community relationships.
Majoring and Minoring in History

History is our collective memory, an understanding of our heritage, of who we are and how we came to be. The history major not only provides students with the knowledge and tools of history, but also provides a sense of roots, as well as a broader perspective on the diverse regions and peoples of the world. Training in history teaches students how to think, how to analyze different kinds of problems, and is solid training for careers such as teaching, law, business, historic preservation, and/or museums.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:
- The Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education offers unique opportunities to meet survivors and their families
- Intern at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library
- Present and publish your historical research in professional venues

WORK WITH DISTINCTIVE RESEARCH ARCHIVES:
- The Center for American War Letters
- The Sala and Aron Samuei Holocaust Memorial Library
- Access to the Visual History Archive from USC Shoah Foundation

REQUIREMENTS FOR A BA IN HISTORY:
- HIST 296 History Seminar
- HIST 398 The Historian’s Craft
- four 100-level history courses
- three 200-level history courses
- four 300-level history courses
- HIST 496 Advanced Research Thesis I
- HIST 498 Advanced Research Thesis II

45 UNITS TOTAL

MINOR REQUIREMENTS:
- Minor in History
- Minor in Holocaust History

21 UNITS TOTAL

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