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# History

## Bachelor of Arts in History

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### Why Should I Major in History at Seton Hall?

The study of history enables us to understand our own culture and others over time. The history major at Seton Hall University enables students to do this by requiring a geographic distribution of courses that covers the world. It offers a depth of understanding of history through specific courses for majors on the craft and methodology of historians, providing an opportunity to practice history through research and writing projects. Small class sizes provide the opportunity to interact with faculty members who are active scholars. Students can join the History Club and qualify for membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society. There are opportunities for internships, as well as study abroad to such locations as Rome, England, Ireland and Russia. History majors can double major in education by completing New Jersey state requirements for certification in elementary, middle, high school and special education.

### The Curriculum:

Students study with faculty members who have a wide range of specialties in American, European, Latin American and African history. Faculty, most of whom have Ph.D.s, specialize in Catholic history, legal history, women's history, military history and film history. They also specialize in French, German, Italian, Russian, Irish and African-American history, as well as the history of New Jersey. Chronological specialties include the American Revolution, French Revolution, Civil War and the 20th century. Offerings are rounded out with courses offered by faculty in Asian studies and classical studies. A new course, History Honors Research, offers qualified students guidance in advanced research and the opportunity to graduate with "Honors in History." A five-year dual-degree B.A./M.A. in History is also available.

### What Does It Take to Graduate?

History majors must complete a minimum of 45 credits in history and six credits in allied fields. Students start with survey courses and proceed to advanced courses in American, European and Global History. The following methods courses are required: Introduction to Historical Methods and Senior Seminar. The department strongly recommends competencies in at least one foreign language.

### Career Opportunities:

Career opportunities for those with a bachelor's degree in history include teaching; public history positions at historic parks, buildings and museums; public relations and communications; filmmaking; and broadcasting, business and government positions. The Bachelor of Arts in History is an excellent foundation for graduate school. Opportunities for continued studies include advanced degrees in history, museum studies, library service, archival studies and law school.

### How Do I Apply for Admission?

Complete your application to Seton Hall University and include the \$55 non-refundable application fee (\$45 if applying online). Freshman applicants must submit official high school transcripts and any college or university transcripts where credit was attempted, plus the results of the SAT I or ACT assessments. Transfer students must submit transcripts from each college or university where credit was attempted. Those with fewer than 24 earned credits must complete the freshman requirements. Applications are available at [admissions.shu.edu](http://admissions.shu.edu).

### Can I Get Financial Aid?

Almost 90 percent of the students who entered Seton Hall last year received some form of financial aid, and 75 percent of these students received money directly from the University. The four types of financial aid include scholarships, grants and discounts, loans, and part-time jobs on campus. For further information, visit [admissions.shu.edu/FinancialAid.htm](http://admissions.shu.edu/FinancialAid.htm) or call (973) 761-9332.

## History Requirements:

### Core Curriculum Requirements\*

- A. English Language (6 credits)
- B. Communication (3 credits)
- C. Mathematics (3 credits and prerequisites) — MATH 1202
- D. Natural Sciences (6 credits) and Behavioral Sciences (6 credits)
- E. Western Civilization (6 credits), Foreign Language (6 credits) and American/African, Asian and Latino Civilizations/Foreign Literature/Advanced Language (6 credits)
- F. Ethical Questions (3 credits)
- G. Philosophy and Religious Studies (9 credits)

\* Please see Undergraduate Catalogue

### History Major:

*Including 45 credits in history plus 6 credits in allied fields:*

- A. Survey courses at HIST 1000 level (minimum 9 credits). For example: Western Civilization, American History, African History, Latin American History and Asian History.
- B. Geographic distribution requirement — advanced-level courses at HIST 2000 level or above, consisting of 6 credits each in European, American and Global (Asian, African, and Latin American) History.
- C. At least 27 credits in advanced courses. Met by wide variety of HIST 2000-4000 level courses.
- D. Methods courses (6 credits) — Introduction to Historical Methods; Senior Seminar.
- E. Allied fields (6 credits) — economics, political science, psychology, computer science or statistics.
- F. History Honors research (3 credits) for qualified majors.

### History Minor (18-19 hours):

*21 credit hours, including:*

- A. 9 credits distributed in European, American and Global History (3 credits each).
- B. Maximum of 12 credits in HIST 1000-level courses.
- C. Minimum of 9 credits in advanced courses (HIST 2000-4000 level).

### Degree Requirements: 130 total credit hours

Students can minor or double major in any of the College of Arts and Sciences disciplines.

**For more information,** call an admissions counselor at **1-800-THE-HALL**, send an e-mail to [thehall@shu.edu](mailto:thehall@shu.edu) or visit [admissions.shu.edu](http://admissions.shu.edu).

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