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# HISTORY (HIS)

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The Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in History requires a minimum of 33 semester hours in history. A minimum of 15 semester hours of history courses on 300 and 400 level must be completed at Averett University. Students must attain at least a 2.00 grade point average in the major in order to graduate.

The history curriculum provides a broad foundation in the Western heritage and depth in American and modern European history (1450-present). A student who takes courses in history at Averett University should be better prepared to master the art, literature, languages, and even business of the West, appreciate more fully the meaning and importance of the liberal arts, be better able to adapt himself or herself to society, appreciate the maxim that those who fail to learn from history's mistakes are doomed to repeat those mistakes, understand cause and effect on the national and international level, be prepared to solve social problems because of a fuller understanding of them, and possess a strong sense of identity as a citizen of the Western world.

Careers in business, education, government service, and, with further study, the law are open to students who major or minor in history.

## Requirements for a Major in History:

In addition to the general education requirements, the following courses are required:

	Semester Hours
HIS 101, History of Western Civilization I.....	3
HIS 102, History of Western Civilization II .....	3
HIS 201, United States History I.....	3
HIS 202, United States History II .....	3
HIS 465, Seminar .....	3
History Electives .....	18
(Including advanced American History (6) and advanced European History (6))	
	Total 33

## Sample Four-Year Course Sequence: History

Freshman Year:

HIS 101, 102, History of Western Civilization I, II

Sophomore Year:

HIS 201, 202, United States History I, II

Junior Year:

HIS Elective, Advanced European History  
HIS Elective, Advanced European History  
HIS Elective, Advanced American History  
HIS 465, Seminar

Senior Year:

- HIS Elective, Advanced American History
- HIS Elective, Advanced European or American History
- HIS Elective, Advanced European or American History

**Requirements for a Major in History with a  
Secondary Teaching License in History and Social Science:**

In addition to the general education requirements, the following courses are required:

	Semester Hours
HIS 101, History of Western Civilization I.....	3
HIS 102, History of Western Civilization II .....	3
HIS 201, United States History I.....	3
HIS 202, United States History II .....	3
HIS 455, Political Development.....	3
History Electives as follows:.....	15
American History 300-400 level (6)	
European History 300-400 level (6)	
History Elective 300-400 level (3)	
ECO 201, Principles of Microeconomics <b>or</b>	
ECO 202, Principles of Macroeconomics .....	3
ED 180, Earth Science for Educators .....	2
POS 131, The World of Politics .....	3
POS 204, State and Local Government.....	3
POS 215, American National Government .....	3
POS 311, Comparative Government .....	3
POS 380, International Relations .....	3
REL 201, Religions of the World.....	3
Total	53

The other **General Education** and **Professional Education** requirements which must be met in order to be recommended for a teaching license in History/Social Science are explained in detail on pages 124.

**Sample Four-Year Course Sequence: History/Social Science  
with a Teaching License**

Freshman Year:

- HIS 101, 102, History of Western Civilization I, II
- TH 103, Introduction to Human Communications
- POS 131, The World of Politics
- Foreign Language (2 semesters)
- ENG 111-112, Introduction to Writing, Intro to Literature
- IDS 101, Student Success 101
- Math 103 or higher
- Fine Arts course

Sophomore Year:

ECO 201 or 202, Principles of Microeconomics or  
Principles of Macroeconomics  
HIS 201, 202, United States History I, II  
One upper level History course  
SOC 101, Introduction to Sociology  
ED 290, Foundations of Education  
PSY 205, Developmental Psychology  
PHL 150 or 210, Introduction to Philosophy or Ethics  
PE Fitness Course  
Foreign Language (if necessary)  
ENG 201 or 202, Major British Authors  
Laboratory Science course  
Fine Arts course  
HTH 110, Contemporary Health Problems

Junior Year:

REL 101 or 102, Introduction to Old or New Testament  
Four upper level History courses  
POS 204, State and Local Government  
POS 215, American National Government  
POS 311, Comparative Government  
ED 180, Earth Science for Educators  
ED 322, Educational Psychology  
ED 334, Content Area Reading  
ED 474, Secondary/PK-12 Curriculum  
ED 478, Teaching Assistant: Secondary/PK-12 Education  
REL 201, Religions of the World

Senior Year:

CSS 113, Microcomputers and Application Software  
Two upper level History courses  
POS 380, International Relations  
ED 406, Instruction in Secondary/PK-12 Education  
ED 489, Directed Teaching in Secondary/PK-12 Education

## Minor

Students electing a minor in History must complete any 18 hours in History. The student may wish to concentrate in either American History or European History for the minor.

Students must maintain a grade point average of at least 2.00 in the minor.

## Courses of Instruction

101, 102 History of Western Civilization I, II (3,3)  
A survey of world history from the earliest times to 1715 (101) and 1715 to the present (102),  
emphasizing western civilization and the relevance of the past to contemporary life.

112 Honors Seminar: History of Western Civilization II (1)  
A course designed to be taken concurrently with HIS 102, this course focuses on selected topics in  
Western history since 1715. Permission of instructor.

201, 202 United States History I, II (3,3)  
A survey of U.S. history from the colonial period to 1877 (201) and from 1877 to the present (202).  
Emphasis upon those aspects relevant to contemporary affairs.

- 312 Russian and Soviet History (3)  
A rapid survey from Russia's early history to 1801, then an intensive examination of Tsarist Russia (1801-1917), the Soviet Union (1917-1991), and the results of dissolution. Prerequisite: HIS 102. Alternate years.
- 322 English History, 1485 to Present (3)  
An examination of England's internal affairs and foreign policy, stressing her unique and important contributions to western--particularly Atlantic--civilization. Prerequisite or co-requisite: HIS 102. Alternate years.
- 323 Early Modern Europe (3)  
An examination of the Renaissance, the Reformation, the Scientific Revolution, the Enlightenment, the French Revolution and the Napoleonic era. Prerequisites: HIS 101, 102.
- 325 History of the German People (3)  
A study of the development of society in central Europe from the Middle Ages to the present. Emphasis is placed upon political, economic, philosophical, and cultural contributions of the 19th and 20th centuries. Prerequisites: HIS 101 and 102 or permission of the instructor.
- 333 Antebellum U.S. History, 1789-1848 (3)  
A detailed study of a fascinating period in America's history, with some stress on the first half of the 19th century as well as on the South as a unique region during these years before the Civil War. Prerequisite: HIS 201. Alternate years.
- 360 Colonial, Revolutionary, and Constitutional History of the U.S. (3)  
An intensive examination of 17th and 18th century America, its colonial experience as well as its revolution, and the creation of its constitution. Some emphasis will be placed on the English origins which influenced both the colonial period and the constitution. Prerequisite: HIS 201. Alternate years.
- 372 The New Nation: 1865-1917 (3)  
This course will explore American history from the end of the Civil War to the emergence of America as a dominant world power. Attention will be given to Reconstruction, the development of the modern American economy, Populism, Progressivism, and World War I. Prerequisite: HIS 202. Alternate years.
- 403 Nineteenth Century Europe (3)  
A study of this century from 1815 to 1914, when so much occurred that has affected our own time. Primary emphasis will be on the internal development and foreign relations of the Great Powers. Prerequisite: HIS 102. Alternate years.
- 405 Twentieth Century Europe, The War Years - 1914-1945 (3)  
A study of the causes, events, and effects of the two world wars, the rise of communism and fascism, and the era of economic depression. Prerequisite: HIS 102.
- 406 Twentieth Century Europe, Post War Divisions and Unions (3)  
A study of the cold war and Soviet domination of eastern Europe, the revolutions of 1989, the reunification of Germany, the collapse of the Soviet Union, and the move toward economic union. Prerequisite: HIS 102.
- 410 Twentieth Century U.S. History (1917 – Present) (3)  
A contemporary view of the United States. Consideration of American post-industrial society, development of the welfare state, and world problems of a super power. Prerequisite: HIS 202. Alternate years.
- 414 Diplomatic History of the United States Since 1898 (Same as POS 414) (3)  
A study of the role of the United States in world affairs from the acquisition of empire to the present, with emphasis on the analysis of conflicting interpretations. Alternate years.

435 The American Civil War (1848 – 1865) (3)  
A study of the causes, events, and effects of the most important event in nineteenth century America.  
Prerequisite: HIS 201. Alternate years.

455 Political Development (Same as POS 455) (3)  
A study of the development of democracy in selected countries. Attention is given to the relationships between economic and social modernization and political change. Particular emphasis is placed on the experience of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Prerequisite: junior or senior standing in history or political science, or the permission of the instructor.

465 Seminar (3)  
Reading, discussion, and written analysis of secondary studies and primary sources on topics selected by the department with focus alternating between American and European themes. Offered each year as needed. Prerequisite: HIS 101-102, 201-202, three additional hours of upper level history courses, and junior status.