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Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 2 Lab Science (*including biology*)
- 2 History/Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language (*same language or two years of American Sign Language-ASL*)
- Academic electives (*to equal at least 17 total credits*)

To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.

Major Requirements

History

- 36 credits* in History, including:
 - 6 credits European History
 - 6 credits Non-U.S./Non-European
 - 6 credits United States History
 - 3 credits Senior Seminar
 - Language (through intermediate level) or a minor

*at least 24 credits must be at intermediate/advanced level

International Affairs/History

- 27 credits History
 - 6 credits Anthropology
 - 6 credits Economics
 - 6 credits Modern Language (*1 year beyond intermediate proficiency*)
 - 6 credits Political Science
 - 3 credits Environmental Issues

120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation (must earn a "C" or better in all courses for the History degree)

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Program Description

The History curriculum offers a wide variety of chronological, geographical and thematic courses that enhance an individual's understanding of themselves and the contemporary world. History of film, history of jazz, history of science and technology, women's history and African-American history are part of the department's regular offerings, as are courses about Canada, the United States, Europe, Latin America, Asia, and the Middle East. The department also offers an emphasis in the International Affairs program.

Students majoring in History have participated in a variety of internships. They include: Personnel Intern, Department of Human Services; Special Assistant to the Assistant Director, Department of Economic and Community Development; Environmental Assistant, Bureau of Public Improvements/Safety; Publication/Records Specialist, Department of Conservation; Legal Assistant, Department of Labor.

Career Opportunities

History graduates are qualified to teach and are employed in schools, museums and archives, law firms and business. Many work in publishing houses, or in journalism or broadcasting. A number of our History students continue on for further graduate study. History is an ideal pre-law major.

Recent graduates of the History program have entered positions like: Fourth Grade Teacher, MSAD 60; Senior Editorial Assistant, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Day Care Worker, Lapetite Academy Day Care; Operations Specialist, Burlington International Airport; Vista Volunteer, Vista; Social Worker, Maine Department of Human Services; Teacher, Lincoln Academy; Systems Designer, Eastman Kodak; Curator, Edison-Ford Winter Estates.

General Education Requirements*

- ENG 101 College Composition
- 18 credits Human Values & Social Context area (*a single course may satisfy more than 1 sub-category, but a total of 18 credits must be completed*)
 - Western Cultural Tradition
 - Social Context & Institutions
 - Cultural Diversity & International Perspectives
 - Population & the Environment
 - Artistic & Creative Expression
- 2 courses Designated Writing Intensive (*1 must be within the major*)
- 2 courses Biological or Physical Sciences (*must include at least 1 laboratory course*)
- 1 course Ethics (*emphasis on discussion of ethical issues in 1 course or series of courses*)
- 6 credits Mathematics (*including statistics & some computer science, only 3 credits in computer science can count toward this requirement*)
- 1 capstone An approved experience in which the student integrates the components of his or her undergraduate training to perform at a professional level. The capstone experience is usually completed during the senior year in consultation with the student's academic advisor.

**All UMaine students must complete these general education requirements, which are counted in the total credit hours required for graduation and may be contained in the Major Requirements previously listed.*

Specialized Information

The Department of History offers a minor in History. The minor is open to all undergraduate, degree-seeking University of Maine students and requires the completion of 18 credit hours in History courses, of which at least 12 must be upper level courses. The 18 credits should include courses that cover more than one continent and more than one century.

Graduate Study

The Department of History offers a Master of Arts degree in History, with a non-thesis option, and in Historical Archaeology. The department also offers a Doctor of Philosophy degree in United States History and in Canadian-American History.

Academic Programs 2008-2009

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