

REQUIREMENTS FOR HISTORY MAJORS

Basic Principles:

1. Courses in the history major are divided into three area categories: Category I (Asia, Africa, Latin America); Category II (Europe); and Category III (North America).
2. Courses are also divided into the categories of "early" and "modern," depending on the time period they cover. The dividing lines between these categories vary depending on the region being studied. For example, in American history, the dividing line between early and modern courses is the Civil War. In European history, courses that focus on the period after 1750 count as modern, all others as early courses. (All ancient history courses count for early Europe.)
3. Some courses can be counted as either early or modern, or as fulfilling a requirement in more than one regional category. A course that counts for two areas or periods must devote a substantial part to each (at least one third).
4. History courses taken abroad and approved by the chair count for area requirements. No course from another discipline, however, can fulfill an area requirement or the 300- and 400-level seminar requirement even if the course is approved as counting towards the history major. The exception is cross-listed courses included in the History section of the Colby College Catalogue. Please note: courses on the history of Australia or New Zealand do not count as Category I courses unless they focus on aboriginal societies.
5. To count as one of the twelve required history courses, a class must normally award at least three credits. Exceptions are two-credit JanPlans.
6. An independent study with History faculty (including HI 483 and HI 484) will count toward the twelve required courses and area requirements if it carries at least 3 credits (2 for JanPlan) and is graded. However, no more than two independent studies can count.
7. Ask the professor for the course or chair of the department if there is any doubt about how to count a particular course you are taking.
8. AP courses, while receiving all-college credit, do not count for the history major. However, we encourage and allow first-year students with AP history credit to enter 200-level courses in the field of their AP course.

NOTE: Students can count courses marked by an asterisk (*) in either of two fields, but not both.

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Satisfaction of History Department Requirements:

A total of 12 courses must be taken in the major, including
 6 area requirements (see explanation below),
 HI 200 (Introduction to History), one 300-level course,
 and one 400-level senior research seminar

AREA REQUIREMENTS:

- (1) At least *two* courses in all three areas (Category I, Category II, Category III). Please note: Because of its geographical scope, complexity, and extraordinary cultural and historical diversity, student are strongly encouraged, but are not required, to take a minimum of *three* courses in Category I.
- (2) Within each area, one course above the 100 level
- (3) Within each area, one course in early and one course in modern history (E or M)
- (4) College rules allow no course to count for a major if the grade is below C-

Note: The 300- and 400-level seminars may count for area requirements

Classes Taken (write course number)	Cat. I*: Asia, Africa, Latin America	Cat. II*: Europe	Cat. III*: North America	300-level seminar (check)	400-level Senior seminar (check)	HI 200 (check)
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Courses taken abroad or in other disciplines at Colby (maximum of four; no more than two from other disciplines. (All these courses must be approved by the Department Chair.):

Note that cross-listed courses that appear in the history section of the catalogue count as regular history courses.

*Indicate "E" for "early" and "M" for "modern."

COURSES BY CATEGORY

CATEGORY I (World Regions other than North America and Europe)

Early:

EA 151	Intro East Asia I
HI 173*	Introduction to the History of Latin America
HI 181*	Jewish History I
HI 183	History of the Premodern Middle East
HI 227*	Russia, 1613-1905
HI 241*	Judaism (RE 241)
HI 252	Medieval China
HI 253j	World of Thought in Ancient China
HI 254j	Ming China
HI 256	Heian and Medieval Japan
HI 261*	African History
HI 271*	Latin America: Classic Texts/Intro to Latin American Studies
HI 272*	Law, Society, and Disorder in Mexico
HI 273*	Women, Gender, and Family in Latin America
HI 274*	Iberian Civilization and Colonization
HI 276*	Patterns and Processes in World History
HI 277*	History of the Maya
HI 285*	Foundations of Islam
HI 297	Ancient Egypt (Thompson, 2008-9)
HI 298*	Egypt from the Muslim Conquest to the Present (Thompson, 2008-9)
HI 355	Culture, Wealth, and Power in Tokugawa Japan
HI 364*	Ecological and Economic History of Africa
HI 381*	Women and Gender in Islam
HI 388*	History of the Crusades
HI 393*	Judaism Past and Present
HI 394*	Ecological History
HI 446*	Historical Epidemiology
HI 454	Culture and Change in 17 th Century China

Modern:

EA 152	Intro East Asia II
HI 173*	Introduction to the History of Latin America
HI 174	Introduction to Latin American Studies (previously HI 171)
HI 184	History of the Modern Middle East
HI 257	Modern Japan
HI 261*	African History
HI 272*	Law, Society, and Disorder in Mexico
HI 273*	Women, Gender, and Family in Latin America
HI 275j	Strongmen and Populism in Modern Spain and Latin America
HI 276*	Patterns and Processes in World History
HI 277*	History of the Maya
HI 284*	Zionism
HI 285*	Foundations of Islam
HI 298*	Egypt from the Muslim Conquest to the Present (Thompson, 2008-9)
HI 298*	British Empire (Thompson, 2008-9)
HI 347*	America in Vietnam
HI 364*	Ecological and Economic History of Africa
HI 381*	Women and Gender in Islam

HI 389	History of Modern Iran
HI 394*	Ecological History
HI 397	History of Israel and Zionism (Abosch, 2007-8)
HI 446*	Historical Epidemiology
HI 452	Rise of Modern East Asia
HI 473	Political Violence and Ethnic Conflict in Latin America

CATEGORY II (Europe)

Early:

AN 139	Athens, Rome, and Jerusalem (also listed as CL 139j)
AN 154	Roman History
AN 158	Greek History
AN 297	Fall of Ancient Rome
AN 351	Law, Society, and Politics in Ancient Athens
AN 352	Athens in the Fifth Century
AN 356	Alexander the Great
AN 398	Athens vs. Sparta
CL 135	History and Homeric Epics
CL 141	Killing Agamemnon
CL 145	Julius Caesar and Augustus (also listed as AN 145)
CL 197j	Life and Death in Ancient Rome
CL 197j	Conquerors and Conquered
CL 234	Fourth-Century Greece
HI 111	Europe from Late Antiquity to 1715
HI 181*	Jewish History I (now RE 181)
HI 182*	Jewish History II (now RE 182)
HI 208	Romans and Jews: History and Religion (also listed as AN 258)
HI 209	History as Fiction
HI 212	Medieval England (now HI 312)
HI 214	Italian Renaissance (now HI 314)
HI 215	Heresy, Humanism, and Reform (now HI 315)
HI 216	Medieval Church History and Theology
HI 227*	Russia, 1613-1905
HI 241*	Judaism (RE 241)
HI 244*	Changing Notions of Progress
HI 274*	Iberian Civilization and Colonization
HI 312	Medieval England
HI 313	Women in Medieval and Early Modern Europe
HI 314	Italian Renaissance
HI 315	Heresy, Humanism, and Reform
HI 317	Gothic Moment
HI 318*	France: Enlightenment and Revolution
HI 385*	Kabbalah
HI 388*	History of the Crusades
HI 393*	Judaism Past and Present
HI 411	Sainthood and Popular Devotion in the Middle Ages
HI 413	Joan of Arc
HI 498*	Peasants and Modernization

Modern:

HI 112	Survey of Modern Europe
HI 182*	Jewish History II
HI 186	The Holocaust (Integrated Studies; R. Weisbrot)
HI 199*	Crisis of Liberal Democracy, 1919-1945
HI 220	Yugoslavia: Emergence, History, Dissolution
HI 224	Germany and Europe, 1871-1945
HI 228	Russia, 1905-Present
HI 244*	Changing Notions of Progress
HI 284*	Zionism
HI 297	Eastern European Jewish History and Culture
HI 298	Religion, Toleration, and Repression in the Russian Empire (Avrutin)
HI 298*	British Empire (Thompson, 2009)
HI 318*	France Enlightenment and Revolution
HI 321	The First World War
HI 322j	Europe and the Second World War
HI 327	Daily Life under Stalin
HI 328	Soviet Cultural and Intellectual History
HI 343	Russian History Through Novel and Film
HI 382	Women in Modern Jewish History
HI 384	Dilemmas of Modern Jewish Identity
HI 385*	Kabbalah
HI 386	Anti-Semitism
HI 398	Socialist and Post-Socialist Women (Miller, 2007-8)
HI 398	Jewish Autobiography (Avrutin)
HI 421	Debating the Nazi Past
HI 444	Big Science and Technology
HI 445*	Nuclear Madness
HI 471*	Science, Government, and Culture
HI 479*	Jews and the City
HI 498	History of the Jews in England (Abosch, 2007-8)

CATEGORY III (North America)

Early:

HI 131	U.S., to 1865
HI 230A*	Religion in the U.S.A. (also listed as RE 217)
HI 230B*	Women in American Religion (also listed as RE 257)
HI 231	U.S. Women, to 1870
HI 234	American Revolution
HI 235*	American Families, 1600-present
HI 236	American Frontier, 1600-1900
HI 238*	American Political History
HI 239*	The Era of the Civil War
HI 241*	History of Science in America (also listed as ST 271)
HI 247*	African-American History
HI 331	Markets, Morals, and Greed in Early America, 1600-1800
HI 332	France in North America
HI 335	Antebellum American Histories
HI 337	Age of the American Revolution
HI 340*	Biographies and Autobiographies of Great American Women
HI 434*	American Moral Philosophy
HI 435*	The American Civil War
HI 498*	Peasants and Modernization

Modern:

HI 132	U.S., 1865 to the Present
HI 136	American Superpower, 1945-1970 (integrated studies)
HI 197J	Vietnam War on Film (Lewis-Colman; 2005)
HI 230A*	Religion in the U.S.A. also listed as RE 217
HI 230B*	Women in American Religion – also listed as RE 257
HI 232	U.S. Women, since 1870
HI 235*	American Families, 1600-present
HI 238*	American Political History
HI 239*	The Era of the Civil War
HI 241*	History of Science in America (also listed as ST 271)
HI 244*	Changing Notions of Progress
HI 245	Science, Race, and Gender
HI 246	Luddite Rantings
HI 247*	African-American History
HI 281	Jews and Judaism in America
HI 297	Black Metropolis: African Americans and the Northern City
HI 297	The U. S. and World Affairs, 1898-present
HI 298	The American Jewish Experience (Abosch)
HI 299*	Changing Notions of Progress
HI 340*	Biographies and Autobiographies of Great American Women
HI 342	American Society and Politics in the 1960s
HI 347*	America in Vietnam
HI 434*	American Moral Philosophy
HI 435*	The American Civil War
HI 445*	Nuclear Madness
HI 447	The Cold War
HI 471*	Science, Government, and Culture
HI 479*	Jews and the City
ST 216	Aeronautics in America
ST 217	The Automobile in America
ST 271*	History of Science in America (also listed as HI 241)