



## History | Major

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### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS IN BRIEF

The Alvernia University History Department seeks to combine a strong substantive background in history with a detailed conceptual understanding of historical processes. The department emphasizes the development of written, oral and research skills throughout a student's career at Alvernia.

The history curriculum covers a broad range of issues. Students receive basic and advanced instruction in a wide variety of U.S. and European history courses. In addition, the department regularly offers courses covering subjects such as Africa, Latin America, Women's History and Military History.

### ACADEMIC QUALITY

The History Department faculty serve as mentors to students throughout their tenure at Alvernia. They regularly present at national and international conferences and maintain rigorous research schedules in addition to their commitment to teaching.

### CAREER SUCCESS

The department also assists students in preparing for future careers through an active internship program. Alvernia History graduates have served on the staff of U.S. Senator Arlen Specter, at the Department of Defense, and in a variety of public agencies, private corporations and not-for-profit groups in Pennsylvania. Although graduates may progress into the traditional occupations of historians—teachers, professors, attorneys, archivists, and librarians—a significant number of today's history graduates find that both public and private organizations place a premium on the reading, writing and research skills developed by history majors. The department also offers strong preparation for graduate schools, with recent graduates going on to law, master's, and Ph.D programs at institutions such as Carnegie Mellon and Penn State University.

### ADDITIONAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Community Relations Director  
Congressional Aide  
Demographer  
Genealogist  
Journalist

Historian  
Historic Preservation Specialist  
Lobbyist  
Museum Curator  
Public Relations Executive

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## **CURRICULUM OVERVIEW**

### Bachelor Degree Requirements (45 Credits)

- HIS 101 Western Civilization: Antiquity to Renaissance
- HIS 102 Western Civilization: Reformation to the Cold War
- HIS 112 The Study of American History
- HIS 303 20th Century World History
- HIS 426 Research Seminar
- HIS 493 Contemporary Historiography

Choose 6 credits of American from the following:

- HIS 300 Colonial America
- HIS 308 American Revolution and Constitution
- HIS 322 Early National & Jeffersonian America
- HIS 334 Jacksonian and Ante-Bellum America
- HIS 344 The Era of the Civil War
- HIS 352 America's Industrial Revolution and the Age of Reform
- HIS 364 America's Trail: The Depression through the Korean War

Choose 6 credit of European from the following:

- HIS 307 Greco-Roman Civilization
- HIS 319 Late Antiquity and Early Medieval
- HIS 323 The High and Late Middle Ages
- HIS 337 Early Modern Europe
- HIS 349 The Age of Revolutions (1610-1815)
- HIS 353 The European Century (1763-1914)

### Minor Degree Requirements (18 Credits)

- HIS 101 Western Civilization: Antiquity to Renaissance -OR-
- HIS 102 Western Civilization: Reformation to the Cold War
- HIS 112 The Study of American History
- HIS 426 Research Seminar

Nine other History credits, six of which must be at the 300 or 400 level.

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