

Welcome to the Boston College History Department

Requirements to be a MAJOR: 10 courses (30 credits)

- US History sequence (US History I & II)
- The Study & Writing of History
- 1 free elective (2000- or 4000-level)
- 2 LAMA* electives (2000- or 4000-level)
- 3+ upper-division electives (4000-level classes)
- Senior Honors Seminar, Senior Colloquium or Making History Public

We *strongly* advise that students take Study and Writing by the end of sophomore year

Notes

- Majors with a score of 4 or 5 in APUSH may substitute 2 US History electives (2000- or 4000-level) for the US History sequence
- A maximum of 2 Readings and Research courses (HIST4901) may be substituted for upper-division electives
- 4000-level LAMA courses are also upper-division courses and can be used to fulfill both requirements. However, the credits for each course can only count once towards the 30 credits require to complete the major.

Requirements to be a MINOR: 4 courses (12 credits) think “core plus four”

- 2 core-level sequence (six credits) in History (1000-level courses)
- 2 electives worth at least 6 credits (2000- or 4000-level)
- 2 upper-division courses (4000-level)

We *strongly* encourage students to take at least one LAMA* course

Notes

- Minors with AP credit in European or World History (ie, who have tested out of the core) may substitute any 2 electives worth at least 6 credits (2000- or 4000-level)

* *What’s a LAMA course? Formerly known as “non-western,” LAMA = Latin America, Asia, Middle East, Africa.*

Study Abroad

- Majors must take at least 6 of their 10 courses at BC during the regular academic year
 - Majors may earn a maximum of 12 credits (4 courses) and no more than 6 upper-division credits (2 courses) abroad
- Minors must take at least 3 of the 6 courses (9 credits' worth) at BC during the regular academic year
 - Minors may earn up to 6 credits abroad
 - Only one course taken abroad can count toward the minor for upper-division credit; at least one upper-division course must be taken at BC

Summer School

- Students hoping to take summer school elective courses, either at BC or elsewhere, must first seek approval from the Director of Undergraduate Studies. The course must be taken at a four-year college or university.
- Students should expect to get elective (not upper-division) credit for summer school courses
- American History surveys are usually accepted in place of the US History Survey
- It is possible to take courses for LAMA credit, as long as the course's LAMA content is clear from the course description.



More questions? Feel free to get in touch!

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History Major Requirements

	Credits	Semester
US History Survey (HIST2401 & 2402)*	6	
US History I OR US history elective #1		
US History II OR US history elective #2		
Study & Writing of History (3000-level)	3	
LAMA Electives (2000- or 4000 level)†	6	
Upper-Division Electives (4000-level)	9	
Honors Seminar (HIST4961), Sr Colloq (HIST5001-5499), or MHP	3	
Free Elective (2000- or 4000-level)	3	
†If upper-division credit given for LAMA course, substitute one elective (any level) per LAMA course to make up the credits		
TOTAL CREDITS	30	

*if APUSH score = 4 or 5, student may take 2 US History electives (2000- or 4000-level) instead

Academic Planning Worksheet

Freshman Year

Fall

Spring

Sophomore Year

Fall

Spring

Junior Year

Fall

Spring

Senior Year

Fall

Spring
