History analyzes the social, economic, political and intellectual changes that occur over the whole of recorded time. It prepares students to confront and manage change. The Department of History requires that students have an exposure to the broad sweep of human history, experience in comparisons across cultures, and a research seminar. The analytical and writing skills involved in a history major are valuable preparation for a number of fields. History graduates often pursue graduate work in a variety of fields, or enter careers in journalism, government, foreign service, international business, historic preservation, teaching or museum work.

**History Bachelor of Arts Major Requirements**

(183 credits required for the degree [http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/bachelorofarts](http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/bachelorofarts))

44 credits, including the following:

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**Distribution Requirement**

Of the previously listed courses, students must take at least one course in four of the following categories:²

- Asian history
- European history
- American history
- Latin American history
- Middle Eastern history
- Pre-Modern history

| Total Credits | 44 |
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¹ Elective credits may come from any history department course, as well as approved study abroad courses.

² See the department website for course listings by category. Students should consult with their faculty advisor or the department chair to make sure they have correctly fulfilled this requirement.

Students may be given elective credit for high school Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) examination scores, at the discretion of the chair of the department. Ordinarily, no more than 4 credits of AP or IB work may go toward the history major.

**Secondary Major Requirements**

44 credits. Same requirements as for BA degree.

**Minor Requirements**

20 credits in history, of which at least 8 must be at the 2000 or 3000 level.
Requirements for Distinction in the Major in History

The History Department encourages students to consider seeking Departmental Distinction. This requires a curricular plan, which includes the following:

An additional 3000-level seminar beyond the two ordinarily required for the major

An average of B+ or higher for the history major, an A- or higher for HIST 3989 (Senior Seminar I), and the successful completion of HIST 3990 (Senior Seminar II)

Students will be invited to apply for distinction in winter quarter of their senior year.

a. By the end of the Winter Quarter examination period, the student must turn in a proposal (approximately 1 page) to his/her primary advisor. The proposal must be approved by all three faculty members who will serve on the student’s defense committee (the primary adviser and two others). It should explain what the honors thesis will involve and how it will differ from the Senior Seminar paper.

b. No more than one committee member can come from outside the Department. The student should consult with his or her advisor about the constitution of the committee, but final responsibility for getting each member’s signature lies with the student.

c. In Spring Quarter, the student should enroll in HIST 3993: History Honors Thesis.

d. At the end of Spring Quarter, the student must participate in an oral defense of the thesis, conducted by the three members of the defense committee.

e. Permission to pursue distinction will be made at the discretion of the faculty.

Note: The additional 3000-level seminar and HIST 3993 may count toward the 8 elective credits in the major. Students who graduate with distinction may complete all requirements with 44 credits.