

UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Request for Change(s)

Originating unit requesting change Department of History

Type of Change requested:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Course number(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Course prerequisite(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Program title |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course title | <input type="checkbox"/> Drop course(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Program description |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course description | <input type="checkbox"/> Drop program(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program requirements |

Semester and year change(s) take effect: Fall 2020

Appropriate computer abbreviation if course title is more than 30 spaces: _____

Briefly summarize the change requested:

Currently the History major requires THREE elective courses drawn from upper or lower division classes. The proposed changes are: 1) To reduce that requirement to TWO upper or lower division courses; 2) To introduce a new required course, HIST 20003: The Historian's Craft; and 3) To stipulate that HIST 20003 be a prerequisite for HIST 49903, HIST 30153, and HIST 40103.

Catalog copy

Present catalog copy (paste-up from catalog is acceptable.

[See attached.]

Proposed change(s). (Include exact catalog copy as desired. Underline changes)

[See attached.]

1. What is the justification for the change(s) requested?
To require a methods course that will instruct students in the research and writing skills specific to the discipline of history. The course (HIST 20003) will ensure that students have cultivated these skills prior to enrolling in the capstone seminar (HIST 49903).

2. If applicable, explain how the change(s) will affect the current program outcomes and assessment mechanisms.
The current program outcomes remain the same but will be strengthened by this new required course. The change is in part a response to our current assessment mechanism, which takes place primarily at the capstone level (HIST 49903), where we found that students did not have the requisite proficiency in historical thinking, analysis, research, and writing. The new course, HIST 20003, will better prepare students and we hope to see that change reflected in future assessments of the capstone course.

3. **Faculty Resources:** How will the unit provide faculty support for this change and any other impact this change may have on other current departmental listings.
Current faculty will teach this course on a rotating basis.

4. **Educational Resources:** Will this change require additional resources not currently available (e.g. space, equipment, library, other)?
If yes, list additional resources needed. ☐ YES
☒ NO

5. If this change affects other units of the University, include a statement signed by the chairperson(s) of the affected unit(s).

6. If cross-listed, provide evidence of approval by all curriculum committees appropriate to both the originating and cross-listed units.

William Mason
Approval signature of chairperson of originating unit

[PROPOSED PASTE UP]

History, BA

The BA with a major in history requires 31 semester hours in history courses, which include the following:

A minimum of nine hours of survey courses, drawn from at least three of the following five categories:

U.S.:

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| <u>HIST 10603</u> | United States History: A Survey to 1877 | 3 |
| | OR | |
| <u>HIST 20603</u> | The American Mind (HON) | 3 |
| <u>HIST 10613</u> | United States History: A Survey since 1877 | 3 |
| | OR | |
| <u>HIST 20613</u> | The American Mind since 1877 (Honors) | 3 |
| <u>HIST 10703</u> | African American Experience Since 1619 | 3 |
| <u>HIST 10713</u> | Multicultural America: A Historical Survey | 3 |
| <u>HIST 10723</u> | History of Latinas/os in the United States | 3 |

Europe:

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| <u>HIST 10203</u> | Origins of Western Civilization: Europe to 1348 | 3 |
| <u>HIST 10213</u> | The World Expanded: Europe 1348-1789 | 3 |
| <u>HIST 10223</u> | Modernization and its Discontents: Europe 1789 to the Present | 3 |
| | OR | |
| <u>HIST 20203</u> | Origins of Western Civilization: Europe to 1348 (Honors) | 3 |
| <u>HIST 20213</u> | The World Expanded: Europe 1348-1789 (Honors) | 3 |
| <u>HIST 20223</u> | Honors Modernization and its Discontents: Europe 1789 to the Present | 3 |

Latin America:

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| <u>HIST 10923</u> | Latin American History: Colonial Period | 3 |
| <u>HIST 10933</u> | Latin American History: National Period | 3 |
| | OR | |
| <u>HIST 20923</u> | Honors History of Latin American Civilization to 1830 | 3 |
| <u>HIST 20933</u> | Honors History of Latin American Civilization since 1830 | 3 |

Asia:

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| <u>HIST 10943</u> | East Asian Civilization to 1700 | 3 |
| <u>HIST 10953</u> | East Asian Civilization Since 1700 | 3 |
| | OR | |
| <u>HIST 20943</u> | Honors History Asian Civilization to 1500 | 3 |
| <u>HIST 20953</u> | Honors History of Asian Civilization Since 1500 | 3 |

Middle East:

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| <u>HIST 10803</u> | Introduction to Islamic Civilization | 3 |
| <u>HIST 10813</u> | Introduction to the Modern Middle East | 3 |
| <u>HIST 10833</u> | History of Islamic Slavery | 3 |

- A maximum of 15 hours (exclusive of the History Major Seminar) in any one of these geographic areas may count toward the requirements for the major. Geographic association is indicated by the abbreviations U.S., EU, LA, AS and ME.
- A minimum of 12 hours taken in courses numbered 30000 or above.

History majors must take:

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| <u>ADRN 20101</u> | Make Your Major Work | 1 |
| <i>The department recommends that students take this course their sophomore year.</i> | | |
| <u>HIST 20003</u> | The Historian's Craft | 3 |
| <u>HIST 49903</u> | History Major Seminar | 3 |

- Prerequisites for the History Major Seminar are junior or senior standing and at least 15 completed hours in history including the Historian's Craft.

Students pursuing Departmental Honors may, with the advisor's approval, substitute a History Major Seminar for:

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| <u>HIST 30153</u> | Junior Honors Tutorial | 3 |
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And,

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| <u>HIST 40153</u> | Senior Honors Project | 3 |
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Europe:

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| HIST 10203 Origins of Western Civilization: Europe to 1348 | 3 |
| HIST 10213 The World Expanded: Europe 1348-1789 | 3 |
| HIST 10223 Modernization and its Discontents: Europe 1789 to the Present | 3 |
| OR | |
| HIST 20203 Origins of Western Civilization: Europe to 1348 (Honors) | 3 |
| HIST 20213 The World Expanded: Europe 1348-1789 (Honors) | 3 |
| HIST 20223 Honors Modernization and its Discontents: Europe 1789 to the Present | 3 |

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History Major Seminar:

History majors must take the history major seminar ([HIST 49903](#)), a capstone research course. Topics vary by semester and instructor. The department recommends that this course be taken prior to the semester when the student plans to graduate. It is available to history majors only. Students pursuing Departmental Honors may, with the adviser's approval, substitute a History Major Seminar for the Juniors Honors Tutorial ([HIST 30153](#)) as preparation for completing the honors thesis. This course may not be repeated for credit.