

What is history?

History examines the complexity of and relationship between past events in order to understand the meaning of human experience over time. Far from being an exercise in remembering facts and dates, historical study is dynamic and forever new. In exploring the lives of diverse peoples in different times and places, historians interpret a wide range of evidence from various perspectives. Through such inquiries, history seeks to make sense of the present and the future as well as the past.

Areas of Study in History: African American; East Asian; Ancient, Medieval, Modern, and Contemporary Europe; Environmental; Ethnic/Immigration; Gender/Women’s; Intellectual; Native American; Pacific Northwest; and United States.

Where does my path start?

You will complete an Associate of Arts – Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) at Shoreline.

Use the AA -DTA **Degree Planning Guide** to understand the requirements for graduation.

Once you complete your Shoreline degree, you can transfer to a four-year school to earn a bachelor’s degree in History, American & Ethnic Studies, Cultural Studies, Gender & Women’s Studies, Global Studies, Interdisciplinary Social Sciences or Education.

History is an excellent major for graduate studies in business, education, law and public policy.

Where can I go for help?

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Where can I transfer?

Students can transfer to a number of public and private colleges and universities in the U.S., but the Direct Transfer Agreement applies only within Washington. The following colleges in Washington offer a bachelor’s degree in History, which may require specific courses for admission. Contact the History department at your chosen four-year school(s) for more information.

[Central Washington University](#)
[City University](#)

[Eastern Washington University](#)
[Gonzaga University](#)

[Pacific Lutheran University](#)
[Saint Martin’s University](#)

[Seattle Pacific University](#)
[Seattle University](#)

[The Evergreen State College](#)
[University of Puget Sound](#)

[University of Washington – Seattle](#)
[University of Washington -- Tacoma](#)

[Washington State University](#)
[Western Washington University](#)

[Whitman College](#)
[Whitworth University](#)

What can I do with a Bachelor’s Degree in History?

Historians develop transferable skills that can be applied in a variety of workplace settings. From critical thinking, to research, analysis, writing, teaching and public speaking, History majors develop valuable skills that employers seek.

Potential employers include: National Archives and Records, Library of Congress, foreign and intelligence services; museums, national and state parks and historic sites; government agencies, elected officials, political campaigns, law firms, public advocacy groups, non-profit organizations, curatorial and archival management, historical societies, libraries, universities and colleges, corporations, journalism: news departments, newspapers, radio and tv stations, publishing companies, education: public and private schools. See <http://www.shoreline.edu/counseling-services/career-counseling.aspx>

What courses should I take?*

Below are recommendations for fulfilling the AA-DTA requirements if you are planning to pursue a four-year degree in History.

Strongly Recommended

These are commonly **required** for admission. Check with your chosen four-year program(s) to confirm.

Other Recommendations

These courses are well-matched with this major, but are not commonly required for admission.

I. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Quant. and Symb. Reasoning	--	MATH &146
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II. DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

Humanities	--	Communications, English Literature, Art History, Music History courses; World Language if required for university admission or graduation.
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Natural Sciences	--	GEOG 203*
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Social Sciences	HIST &116* or 146* HIST &117* or 147*	Recommended for K-12 Teaching Endorsement: ECON 100, &201, &202*, POLS &202*, GEOG &100, &200
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III. GENERAL ELECTIVES

--	World Language if required for university admission or graduation; HIST &116, &117*, &118, &146-&148*, &214*, &215, 218, &219, 234-238, 245-247, 256, 277, ECON 100, &201, &202*, POLS &202*, GEOG &100, &200, 203*
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What does your chosen four-year school require?

Before choosing classes, become familiar with the four-year program where you want to apply: visit the website, email the department, and/or speak with a Shoreline advisor. Below are examples from Washington schools with different admissions and graduation requirements. Check with the school for world language requirements. (Non-native speakers of English are often exempt from this requirement.)

School	Degrees	Requirements	SCC Courses
Central Washington University	B.A in History	Degree requirements —three courses in world civilizations and two courses in U.S. History, plus upper division courses.	HIST &116-&118, &146-&148, 234, 235, 237
Seattle University	B.A in History	Admission requirements – 2.75 GPA. Graduation requirement – One course in western civilization, one course in modern history and one course in U.S. history, plus upper division coursework.	HIST &116-&118
University of Washington – Seattle	B.A in History	Admission requirements – 10 credits of History with a 2.5 GPA. Submit a 1-2 page personal statement. Degree requirements: 5 credits in European history, U.S. history, or non-western history; 10 credits in pre-modern and 10 credits in modern.	HIST &116-&118, &146-&148
Washington State University	B.A in History	Degree requirements —two courses in U.S. history, two courses in European history, and three courses in non-western/global history, plus upper division classes.	HIST &116-&118, &146-&148, 234, 235, 237
Western Washington University	B.A in History	Degree requirements—three courses in world civilization, two courses in U.S. history, plus upper division classes.	HIST &146-&148, &219, 247

* Satisfies Washington State Teaching Endorsement.

**** This unofficial guide is intended to support you as you prepare for your major. Please consult with an advisor and your chosen four-year school(s), as program and admissions requirements vary and may change without notice.**