DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

The Department of History offers majors in history and social science leading to the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. The department also offers a Master of Arts in History and a Master of Arts in Public History (see UNA Graduate Catalog) as well as undergraduate minors in history, public history, and religious studies. The bachelor’s degree in history, minor in history, and minor in religious studies may be earned 100% online.

The history program educates students about the past and its wonders as a means to better understand our place in the contemporary world. In the process, students learn to weigh evidence, identify significance, and construct arguments—skills that are applicable in all walks of life.

Our graduates have built careers in history-related fields such as primary, secondary, and higher education, as well as museums, archives, and the libraries. But because the skills imparted by a history education have near universal application, our graduates are employed in an array of occupations not directly related to history—as journalists, editors, business administrators, financial and military analysts, writers, pastors, and many others.

The social science program is designed to serve students who wish to prepare for teaching social sciences in grades 6-12 (a second major or second degree in education is required for teacher certification).

Students seeking a BA or BS degree with a major in history or social science are required to successfully complete HI 495 Senior Thesis in their last spring semester prior to graduation. This class will include an exit examination.

A minimum passing grade of “C” is required for all 300-level and 400-level History (HI) courses taken by History and Social Science majors and History and Public History minors when taken as part of the major or minor program. If a “C” is not earned in a HI course taken as part of a major or minor, the course will not count toward the completion of the major or minor and must be repeated.

HI 101 and HI 102 (World Civilization) or HI 201 and HI 202 (U.S. History) are prerequisite for all 300-level history courses. HI 301W History and Historical Research is prerequisite for all 400-level history courses.

Majors

- BA/BS Major in History
- BA/BS Major in Social Science

Minors

- History Minor
- Public History Minor
- Religious Studies Minor

Certificates

- Public History Certificate
- Religious Studies Certificate