

HISTORY (MINOR)

Program Description

What stories will humanity tell about itself in the 21st century? The 20th-century story of the “Rise of the West” proves increasingly inadequate in our present day, and appears now to capture only a short-term realignment in the global distribution of power. Students who study History at NYU Abu Dhabi will learn about patterns of human experience - continuity and change - that always already exceeded such singular accounts of what we, in the singular and the plural, have become. History at NYU Abu Dhabi, moreover, engages students in the next and even more intellectually daunting task of developing an alternative account - indeed alternative accounts - of humanity’s collective and divided experience, in order to help us make sense of the challenges that the world, and the planet, face today. No decisions about the present or the future make sense without a clear understanding of the past.

History at NYU Abu Dhabi is a global enterprise, with a faculty carefully selected for its range of expertise in all major world areas: Asia, Africa, North and South America, Australia, Oceania, and Europe. Nothing excites our faculty more than sitting in the classroom to discuss world history with students from over 140 different countries. No classrooms are better suited for generating stories that resonate meaningfully across the world.

The program, moreover, offers a unique approach to thinking about the space of history, organizing its curriculum through the four long-term zones of human interaction and imagination—the Asia-Pacific World, the Atlantic World, the Indian Ocean World, and the Mediterranean, Black, and Caspian Sea World. It does not offer a ready-made alternative to prior frameworks of analysis, but aims to challenge ourselves and our students to inquire into the various levels of scale at which people make history, and to offer them a chance to generate categories of historical analysis that help us discover and reveal historical events and forms of human experience that remain obscured by more conventional units of analysis like the nation-state.

The goal of the minor in History is to provide students with a foundation of historical knowledge and a familiarity with the sources and methods on which historians draw. The minor in History is useful preparation for the many professions that benefit from analytical thinking and argumentation, including politics, law, medicine, diplomacy, and business.

Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Minor Required Courses		
HIST-UH 2010	History and Globalization (or any Global Thematic course)	4
Minor Electives (see lists below)		
Complete 1 course from Regional Perspectives on World History		4
Complete 1 course from Curricular Zones		4
Complete 1 additional course from any of the lists below		4
Total Credits		16

Regional Perspectives on World History

Code	Title	Credits
ACS-UH 2615X	Arab Genders and Sexualities	4
AW-UH 1114	Doing Archeology: Case Studies from Western Asia	4
AW-UH 1120X	Archaeology of the Gulf	4

HIST-UH 1105	Africa in the World	4
HIST-UH 1110	Colonial Latin America and the Atlantic World	4
HIST-UH 1119	Russia and the World	4
HIST-UH 1125X	South Asia in the Indian Ocean World	4
HIST-UH 1131	Southeast Asia in the World	4

Zone: Asia-Pacific World

Code	Title	Credits
CADT-UH 1063	Foodways for the Anthropocene	4
CSTS-UH 1126	Gender, Violence, and Political Participation	4
HIST-UH 3110	Economic Development and Environmental Change in China	4

Zone: Atlantic World

Code	Title	Credits
CSTS-UH 1151	Settler Colonialism	4
HIST-UH 3312	Arts and Politics in Modern Latin America (1780 to the present)	4
HIST-UH 3315	Love in Africa	4

Zone: Indian Ocean World

Code	Title	Credits
ACS-UH 1412X	Race and Ethnicity in the Histories of the Middle East and Africa	4
ARTH-UH 2131	Silk Roads, Sea Routes and Shared Heritage	4
AW-UH 1113X	Alexander and the East: Central Asia and the Mediterranean from the Achaemenid Period	4
AW-UH 1120X	Archaeology of the Gulf	4
CSTS-UH 1052X	History and the Environment: The Middle East	4
CSTS-UH 1125X	Law and Empire	4
HERST-UH 1501	Experimenting with the Past: Cultural Heritage Connections in the Gulf and Western Indian Ocean	4
HIST-UH 1125X	South Asia in the Indian Ocean World	4
HIST-UH 3315	Love in Africa	4
HIST-UH 3513X	Religion and Material Culture in the Indian Ocean World	4

Zone: Mediterranean, Black, and Caspian Sea Worlds

Code	Title	Credits
ACS-UH 1012X	Emergence of the Modern Middle East	4
ACS-UH 1410X	Making of the Muslim Middle East	4
ACS-UH 1412X	Race and Ethnicity in the Histories of the Middle East and Africa	4
ACS-UH 2410X	Paradise Lost: Muslims, Christians and Jews in Al-Andalus	4
ACS-UH 2417	Ottoman Crossroads	4
ACS-UH 2419X	Sufism	4
ACS-UH 2614X	Colonization of Palestine	4
AW-UH 1113X	Alexander and the East: Central Asia and the Mediterranean from the Achaemenid Period	4

AW-UH 1115X	Political Past, Political Presents: Archaeology and the Politics of Memory in the 'Near East'	4
AW-UH 1118	Archaeology, Arabia and the Bible	4
AW-UH 1120X	Archaeology of the Gulf	4
CCEA-UH 1114X	Sexualities of the Middle East: A Cultural History	4
CSTS-UH 1052X	History and the Environment: The Middle East	4
CSTS-UH 1059X	Urban Violence: The Middle East	4
CSTS-UH 1151	Settler Colonialism	4
ECON-UH 2451X	Economic History of the Middle East	4
HIST-UH 1126X	Digital History	4
HIST-UH 3717	Art and Politics in Europe from the French Revolution to the end of the Second World War	4

Global Thematic Electives

Code	Title	Credits
CCEA-UH 1090	Un/Making History	4
CCEA-UH 1094X	Orientalisms	4
CSTS-UH 1088	Thinking Big About the Ancient World	4
CSTS-UH 1126	Gender, Violence, and Political Participation	4
HERST-UH 1100	World Heritage Sites & Universal Collections	4
HIST-UH 2113	Global Sixties	4
HIST-UH 2116	Empires and Museums: A History of Knowledge Production and Museum-making	4
HIST-UH 2117	History in the Headlines	2
HIST-UH 2121	Genocide in a Global Perspective	4
HIST-UH 2122	Public History	4
HIST-UH 2123	Women in World History	4
LITCW-UH 2315X	Postcolonial Turn	4
MUSIC-UH 1004	Music: Histories and Historiography 1	4

Policies

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NYU Abu Dhabi Policies

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