

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Faculty

Stephen Carl (1983). University Professor of History and Department Chair. B.A., Wheaton College; M.A. and Ph.D., University of Minnesota.

J. Henry Allen (2013). Associate Professor of History. B.A., B.B.A., M.B.A., University of Memphis; M.A., Trinity Evangelical Divinity School; M.L.S., University of Maryland; Ph.D., The George Washington University.

D. Keith Bates (2004). Professor of History. B.A., Union University; M.A., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Ph.D., Kansas State University.

David Thomas (1994). University Professor of History. B.S., The Ohio State University; M.S., University of Michigan; Ph.D., The Ohio State University.

- E. One upperlevel HIS elective
- II. Teacher Licensure for History (Grades 6–12)
 - A. Major requirements as shown above.
 - B. Additional requirements for licensure: GEO 112; 215 or 216.
 - C. Professional Education:

Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of History is to teach students: to appreciate the complex mosaic of human societies from the ancient to the contemporary era; to evaluate analytically multiple forms of evidence; to write interpretive historical accounts that are well-reasoned, stylistically clear, and properly documented; to think critically about the relationship between the past, present, and future; to deepen the integration of their Christian faith and the discipline of history; and to cultivate the skills needed for success in a variety of professions.

Curriculum

The Department of History offers courses designed to help students meet cultural, intellectual, and professional objectives. The department's program includes courses in American, European, Latin American, and church history, at the base of which is a core course in world civilization. The history courses provide students with a fundamental understanding of other times through an evaluation of individuals, institutions, movements, and societies and their historical impact. History students encounter a diversity of teaching styles, learn about the methods of the discipline, and gain a greater awareness of their Christian heritage. In the program's capstone course - the senior seminar (HIS 498) - history majors demonstrate their mastery of the tools and methods of the discipline by writing an in-depth research paper. The geography courses provide students with knowledge about the relationship between geographical elements and man's life on earth.

- I. Major in History—36 hours
 - A. Required: HIS 101, 102, 211, 212, 245, 498 (HON 225 does not substitute for HIS 102 in the major.)
 - B. Two from: HIS 301, 311, 312, 317, 320, 322, 420 (World)
 - C. Two from: HIS 325, 330, 331, 332, 333, 410, 414, 415, 417, 422 (American)
 - D. One from: HIS 300, 305, 316, 397 (Church)

- The student must complete the honors thesis by the end of the fall semester of their senior year (based on the assumption that the student will graduate at the conclusion of the spring semester that immediately follows).

- C. Present their honors thesis in an abridged form at an acceptable history conference.
- D. Defend successfully their honors thesis before a committee of three full-time Union University professors, two of whom will be from the Department of History.
- E. Satisfy in the junior and senior years Honors colloquium requirements as determined and published by the directors of the Honors Community.

Assessment of Majors

History 498 is the culmination of the history major's study in which the student demonstrates the use of the tools of historical research and writing by composing a major paper that includes primary sources. This course requires the major to discuss with fellow history students the methodological and historiographical r

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Available in each departmental prefix:

179-279-379-479. External Domestic Study Programs (1-3)
As Needed

All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to registering.

179PF-279PF-379PF-479PF. External Domestic Study Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed

All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to registering.

180-280-380-480. Study Abroad Programs (1-4)

All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.

180PF-280PF-380PF-480PF. Study Abroad Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed

All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to travel.

195-6-7. Special Studies (1-4)

295-6-7. Special Studies (1-4)

Lower-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings.

395-6. Special Studies (1-4)

Upper-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings.

397. Special Studies in Church History (1-4)

Upper-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings.

495-6-7. Independent Study (1-4)

Individual research under the guidance of a faculty member(s).

498. Seminar (3) F

Prerequisite for history seminar: HIS 245 or consent of instructor.

To be used at the discretion of the department.

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