

History, BA

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Understanding the past is key to building the future. Through the study of power, people, ideas and institutions from our past, you'll learn to analyze the forces that shape society and our lives.


Program description

The Bachelor of Arts program in history introduces students to a broad span of history that covers the ancient world through the modern period and extends from Europe to Latin America and the United States.

In addition to learning about the origins and development of various peoples, ideas and institutions of the past, students engage in the practice of history by learning to conduct research, analyze historical evidence and formulate arguments using historiographical perspectives and methodological approaches.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange program at the following location: West Valley campus. Students from Western states who select this major and campus may be eligible for reduced nonresident tuition at a rate of 150% of Arizona resident tuition plus all applicable fees. Students should click the link for more information and eligibility requirements of [the WUE program](#).

At a glance

- **College/school:** [New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [West Valley](#) **WUE**
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **STEM-OPT extension eligible:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
Any math course that meets the MATH designation.
- **Math intensity:** General 

Curriculum

[View 2025 - 2026 curriculum](#)

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Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a “double major”) earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Accelerated program options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an [accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree](#) with:

[Communication Studies, MA](#)

[English, MA](#)

[Interdisciplinary Studies, MA](#)

[Social Justice and Human Rights, MA](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

Admission requirements

General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Global opportunities

Global experience

Studying abroad enables students in the history program to visit historical sites around the world and see the marks the past has left behind. Students are able to hear firsthand from locals living in different regions and to experience different perspectives on the past.

With more than 300 [Global Education program opportunities](#) available to them, students are able to tailor their experience to their unique interests and skill sets. Students in these programs build communication skills, learn to adapt and persevere, and are exposed to research and internships across the world, increasing their professional network. Participation in a study abroad program provides students with the heightened cultural competency, and leadership and critical thinking skills that enhance their resumes and help them stand out in a competitive career field. Whether in a foreign country, in the U.S. or online, students in the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences can explore how their varied fields and interests interact in different settings around the world.

Career opportunities

Graduates of this program are prepared for graduate study; for professional degree programs; and for careers in which critical thinking, research and writing skills are highly valued, such as journalism, editing, law and civil service.

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
<u>Archivist</u> 🌟	8.2%	\$58,640
<u>Editor</u>	-4.0%	\$73,080
<u>High School Teacher</u>	1.0%	\$62,360
<u>Historian</u>	3.1%	\$64,540
<u>History Professor</u>	1.3%	\$79,400
<u>Lawyer</u> 🌟	7.5%	\$135,740
<u>Middle School Teacher</u>	0.8%	\$61,810
<u>Museum Curator</u> 🌟	11.1%	\$60,380
<u>Museum Exhibit Designer</u> 🌟	9.9%	\$47,270
<u>Political Analyst</u> 🌟	6.6%	\$128,020

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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