History, BA

You'd be surprised how much of what you learn and gain through studying history is applicable to finding solutions for today and the future. When you examine the past, you develop and refine fundamental analytical and problem-solving skills that will serve you well in your career or profession of choice.

Program description

The BA program in history focuses on American history, with coursework in European, Latin American and global historical perspectives. Faculty expertise includes the history of technology and science, biography, war and its effect on society, public history, aviation, environmental history and related fields.

Students are trained in methods of historical research and study the development of human society from social, cultural and political perspectives. The capstone course and other research courses allow students to apply research and writing skills as practitioners of history and creators of analytical narratives.

Students must complete a minimum of 12 upper-division credit hours of HST courses offered by the College of Integrative Sciences and Arts.

Students who would like to combine this degree with teaching certification should contact the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange program at the following location: Polytechnic 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:** [College of Integrative Sciences and Arts](#)
- **Location:** [Polytechnic](#) [WUE](#)
• **Second language requirement:** No  
• **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics or any math course that meets the MATH designation  
• **Math intensity:** General

**Required courses (Major Map)**

2024 - 2025 Major Map  
Major Map (Archives)

**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:

- Liberal Studies, MLSt  
- Organizational Leadership, MS  
- Project Management, MPM

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**

History transcends a city, state, province, country and even a continent. Studying abroad helps students dive deeper into their studies by providing the opportunity to experience firsthand the cultures and places where history has taken place. Students are able to use these encounters to discover the interconnections of ideas and places at primary source sites.

**Career opportunities**

Graduates are well prepared for careers in education, writing and other related fields. Career prospects for secondary history and social studies teachers in Arizona are particularly strong. Students in the program develop skills in:

- analyzing and assessing ideas and problems
- communicating effectively orally and in prose
- finding and evaluating information
- presenting clear and logical arguments

With these skills, graduates of this program may find jobs in:

**Education**

- college and university faculty
- middle school teachers
- secondary school teachers
Legal Professions

- court reporters
- law clerks
- lawyer
- paralegal and legal assistants

Media and Communication

- broadcast news analysts
- historians
- media and communication workers
- news columnists
- reporters and correspondents
- writers

Public History

- archivists
- museum curators
- museum technicians and conservators

The bachelor's degree program in history also prepares graduates for graduate and professional studies.

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.

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<td>8.2%</td>
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* 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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