



HIGHLIGHTS

- Year 1** Picking Up the Gun: A History of Violence in African American Social and Political Movements
- Year 2** Writing History
- Year 3** The British Empire
- Year 4** Love, Memory, and Violence: The Cultural Revolution

Introduction to the Major

History trains us to develop empathy with people different from ourselves and to craft frameworks for thinking about the world.

As a history major, you will uncover insights and perspectives from the past to better understand the present. Why does this matter? It provides us with a deeper understanding of ourselves and others necessary for impactful engagement in the world. At the same time, you will master critical skills — persuasive writing, interpreting data, and giving compelling presentations, among others — that will prepare you for a successful career in any field.

CORE COURSES

The history major includes three types of courses: First-Year Intensives open only to incoming students; survey courses designed for first- and second-year students; and advanced courses on more specialized topics. Your faculty adviser will work with you to design a program that fits your interests and goals.

- African American History
- Atlantic World
- Holocaust and Genocide History
- Modern East Asian History
- Modern European History
- History of Women, Gender, and Sexuality

29%

of Clark history students double major

"I intend to have a career as a physician-scientist, and my passion for medicine has been deepened through studying history and the idiosyncrasies of the human condition."

— KATIE GROSS, CLASS OF 2022



HISTORY

Bachelor of Arts



DESIGN
YOUR
JOURNEY



Explore
and navigate
Clark curriculum



Connect
and engage
with communities



Discover
and pursue
your passions



Develop
professional
skills



Reflect,
design
and plan

YEAR

1

YEAR

2



□ Explore the history major

Take a First-Year Intensive (FYI) or introductory course. Meet with the department chair.



□ Select Program of Liberal Studies (PLS) courses

How can these courses support your interests? Look for patterns and consider transdisciplinary connections to your interest in history, such as comparative race and ethnic studies, urban studies, or women's and gender studies.



□ Discover campus resources

Check out the Writing Center or the rare book room in Goddard. Consult a reference librarian. Work with the Career Lab to craft a resume.



□ Learn about local history

Visit the American Antiquarian Society (AAS), the Worcester Historical Society, the Worcester Art Museum, or Old Sturbridge Village.



□ Ask yourself

What kind of history do you love? Is there a professor with whom you want to work?



□ Pursue your interests

Check out the calendars for the Higgins School of Humanities and Clark Arts. Go to a campus event.



□ Get connected

Identify historical institutions in your home community for possible internship or job opportunities. Make an appointment with your career adviser in the Career Connections Center.



□ Reflect on the big questions

What have you learned that you value? What are you good at? How can you combine these in the future?



□ Dig into the major and define your interests

Take introductory or 200-level lecture and discussion courses for more specialized content.



□ Declare your major

Identify faculty members who share your interests and consider asking one to become your adviser. Speak to the department chair if you need help.



□ Prepare for research

Take history's required methods course. Consider applying to the AAS seminar or enroll in a History Department seminar for fall of your third year.



□ Personalize your path

Go to office hours to talk with history faculty about their research and your interests.



□ Explore Study Abroad

Make an appointment with The Office of Study Abroad and Away to learn about programs for history students.



□ Go beyond the classroom

Use Handshake to search for a summer job or internship. Consider how you can apply your historian's skills to something that matters to you.



□ Look ahead

Will you study abroad? Write an Honors thesis? Pursue an accelerated degree program (ADP)? Talk through the possibilities with your adviser.



□ Reflect on what you are learning

What new interests have you discovered? What career options are you now considering that you want to test out? What questions do you still need to answer to determine your professional path?

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

JOBS & EMPLOYERS

History graduates work in a variety of fields and careers including teaching and education administration, management, law, nonprofit leadership, museums, and more.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

History alumni go on to advanced study in history and other fields, law school, medical school, Clark's accelerated degree programs in history and teaching, and more.

YEAR 3

YEAR 4



Become a researcher!

Take your first seminar in the History Department or at the AAS. Design an independent project and explore support, such as a Steinbrecher Fellowship, to get it done. Present at ClarkFEST.



Plan for senior year and beyond

Apply for Honors, if interested. Notify the Graduate Office if you intend to apply for ADP. Considering graduate school? Some programs have early fall deadlines, so plan accordingly. Identify faculty who know you well and will serve as references.



Build your campus resources and networks

Meet with a reference librarian about research resources at Clark and beyond. Build your network by creating a ClarkCONNECT account and reach out to alumni in your field.



Get out of here

Study abroad or away. Seek out opportunity funding through the Career Connections Center.



Go beyond the classroom

Make an appointment with your career adviser to identify potential career paths and the skills they require. Use the summer after junior year to gain skills or experience you don't have yet.



No regrets!

What's on your Clark undergraduate bucket list? Take an elective or two. Where do you need to build confidence or clarity?



Pull it together with your capstone

Study abroad, research, and internship experiences are great jumping-off points for capstones and thesis projects.



What's next?

Talk with faculty about your job search or graduate school options. Meet with your career adviser as you consider opportunities.



Share what you have learned

Present at ClarkFEST. Attend or present at an academic conference. Work as a Peer Learning Assistant (PLA). Are there local audiences, businesses, or community groups who might be interested in your research? Plan a talk, presentation, or web resource.



Get ready to launch

Update your professional profiles including LinkedIn. Find ways to demonstrate qualities such as leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and initiative.



Write your own history and future

Work with faculty and the Career Connections Center to craft a narrative about who you are, the skills you have, and the values you hold. The Career Lab can help you prepare application materials for any opportunity.



Revisit the big questions

What have you learned that you value? What are you good at? How can you combine these in the future?



AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR!

At Clark, your history education extends beyond the classroom.

Participate in a research seminar at the American Antiquarian Society (AAS), a national research library of American history and culture and a Worcester institution. Ask a professor to supervise a directed readings or research course on a topic of your own design. The Honors Program provides outstanding majors an opportunity to pursue independent research on a larger scale. Consider taking your skills off campus by interning at the AAS, Old Sturbridge Village, the Worcester Historical Museum, or Facing History and Ourselves.

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Advising

The department chair can help you identify a faculty adviser.

Advisers help plan a coherent sequence of courses and make timely decisions about study abroad and advanced research opportunities, including enrollment in the Honors Program.

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