

History (502)

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

About Our Program

The history program is designed for the student who is interested in how humans have made decisions, treated each other under the pressure of circumstances, and considered how the decisions of the past have shaped the present. The program's emphasis is on United States and European history. Courses are also offered in the Middle East and other non-western areas. This program is designed for the student who intends to pursue a baccalaureate degree in history.

Nature of Work and Employment

Baccalaureate degree history majors typically are employed as teachers in elementary and secondary schools and as researchers in government, museums, and industrial research departments. A four-year degree in history also provides a good background for careers in journalism, law, foreign service, and a variety of related professions.

Special Considerations

The listed coursework is a recommendation only. Students should check with a student advisor for HCC graduation requirements and specific university requirements in this major. Students must meet with an advisor to ensure that the special requirements of the department and institution to which they plan to transfer are met. History majors are strongly encouraged to include a foreign language as part of their program of study. Colleges and universities have specific requirements for transfer students.

Program Contacts

Call Highland at 815-235-6121 for the following program contacts:

- Sammy Ahmed, History/Political Science Faculty
- Beth Groshans, Student Advisor
- Jim Phillips, Dean, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Fine Arts

Recommended Courses

The following are recommended courses for this major. Students must still meet all requirements for the Associate of Arts degree (see page 56) in order to graduate from Highland Community College. It is suggested that students who major in history concentrate on at least one foreign language because many four-year colleges and universities require a proficiency in one foreign language to graduate with a B.A. degree. For more information, please see your student advisor.

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HIST	141	Western Civilization to 1648	3
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