**HISTORY, B.A. (ABINGTON)**

**Begin Campus:** Any Penn State Campus  

**End Campus:** Abington

**Program Learning Objectives**

- **Developing Skills in Analysis, Research, and Communication:**
  - Learn to engage critically with complex arguments, identifying underlying theories, assumptions, and approaches.
  - Generate substantive, open-ended questions about human experiences and develop research strategies to answer them.
  - Demonstrate historical research skills built upon the analysis of primary and secondary sources.
  - Craft well-supported written and oral communication in a variety of media for a variety of audiences.

- **Sharpening Perspectives on the Present:**
  - Develop an appreciation for the perspectives of people whose experiences and values differ dramatically from one’s own.
  - Develop an awareness of how understanding the past can help us meet contemporary challenges and opportunities.

- **Understanding Societies and Cultures:**
  - Recognize history as an interpretive account of the human past—one that historians create from surviving evidence.
  - Demonstrate an understanding that historical and geographic contexts influence people’s lived experiences and how they make sense of their lives.
  - Develop a body of historical knowledge with breadth of time and place—as well as depth of detail.