HISTORY, B.A. (ALTOONA)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Altoona

Program Description
This major provides a broad introduction to the history of the great civilizations of the world and specific areas of historical inquiry. Centered in one of the basic, traditional disciplines, the History major offers invaluable preparation for students interested in a career in government, international relations, law, or librarianship, as well as essential training for those interested in a professional career as an academic or public historian, archivist, or secondary school teacher. Along with the perspective on the present that a study of the past engenders, the program develops skills in research, analysis, and synthesis that have proved useful in commerce and industry. The History major combines easily with minors or even multiple majors, providing flexibility in one’s career choice.

What is History?
History offers a compelling vision of human activity and capability—from the heights of human creativity and compassion, to the depths of cruelty. It offers a unique analytical perspective on the world, too, because it brings to bear a comprehensive view that social-science disciplines seldom match. To understand history, we need to know about culture, religion, art, as well as politics and war. The study of history permits a breadth of knowledge, an understanding of trends, and many other intellectual perspectives that allow an individual to better comprehend today’s complex world.

You Might Like This Program If...
• You have a passion for the past.
• You want to connect with the people and events that have shaped our world.
• You are interested in learning how to effectively analyze the past while also preparing to become a critical thinker and leader of tomorrow.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHY STUDENTS CHOOSE TO STUDY HISTORY (http://altoona.psu.edu/academics/bachelors-degrees/history/)