HISTORY, B.A. (LIBERAL ARTS)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park, World Campus

Program Learning Objectives

• Critical Understanding of the Past: Apply a critical lens to the study of the past, understanding that history is not simply an account of what happened but the result of a process of interpretation and contextualization.

• Historical Causality: Analyze the complex causality of past events, articulating the how and why of past events to move beyond monocausal explanations.

• Chronological Thinking: Demonstrate chronological thinking, making sense of the past through periodization and tracking patterns of change and continuity over time.

• Evaluation of Historical Sources: Evaluate and interpret both primary and secondary source materials, judging credibility, reconstructing historical context, and making inferences about genre, audience, perspective, and purpose.

• Create Historical Arguments: Create historical arguments on the basis of evidence, in ways consistent with standards of academic integrity.