

# HISTORY, B.A. (LIBERAL ARTS)

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**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.