

HISTORY, B.A. (LIBERAL ARTS)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park, World Campus

Program Learning Objectives

1. 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.
2. Analyze the complex causality of past events, articulating how and why past events are affected by a variety of causes and influences—including, but not limited to, political, economic, religious, social, and environmental conditions and/or changes.
3. Demonstrate chronological thinking, making sense of the past through periodization, and tracking patterns of change and continuity over time.
4. Evaluate and interpret both primary and secondary source materials, judging credibility, reconstructing historical context, and making inferences about genre, audience, perspective, and purpose.
5. Create historical arguments on the basis of evidence, in ways consistent with standards of academic integrity.