

HISTORY



“Dr. Ron Frankum [a history professor at Millersville]... has really made me challenge the conventional ways we look at history.” – Chase Godfrey, History Education '13

The discipline of history plays a central role in the liberal arts curriculum. The study of the past enables students to examine critically the values and institutions of their own culture by exposing them to alternative values and institutions found in other cultures. History also enables students to gain a more thoughtful appreciation of their own culture by exposure to that culture in its earlier forms. In the process of studying the past, students are taught to think historically, learning how to evaluate evidence critically, understand and apply theories of causation, and develop interpretations to explain aspects of the past.

DEGREES/CONCENTRATIONS

BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.) IN HISTORY

The department offers a quality program in either Liberal Arts or Education. Our faculty, which is recognized as being dedicated to teaching, historical research and the profession, maintain a strong commitment to scholarship. We teach a variety of courses in United States, European and World history as well as several specialized courses that focus on specific moments in time.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION (B.S.E.)

Combine your interests in social studies and teaching with this four-year program, which offers broad training in the social and behavioral sciences, and extensive coursework in professional education. We offer a Professional Development School (PDS) option that allows you to have a richer student teacher experience. A dual degree program with Special Education is also available.

MINORS IN HISTORY

- History

MINORS, OTHERS OF INTEREST TO HISTORY

- African American Studies
- Cultural Anthropology
- Economics
- Archaeology
- Geography
- General Anthropology
- Latino Studies
- International Studies
- Government and Political Affairs
- Women's Studies
- Sociology
- Psychology

FACILITIES

- In addition to a large collection of titles in the field of history, the newly renovated McNairy Library subscribes to a wide array of historical and related journals. This includes a fine collection of reference and government materials and access to works from research libraries all over the country via interlibrary loan.
- We offer Distance Learning and blended classroom options as well as traditional face-to-face courses.
- The history department is located on the third floor of McComsey Hall.





CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Phi Alpha Theta (ΦΑΘ) is National honor society for students and professors of history. It is a professional society whose mission is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians. The organization brings students and teachers together for intellectual and social exchanges, which promote and assist historical research and publication by members in a variety of ways.

The **History Club** is a social organization where students can meet new people and become active members of the campus community. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in history, whether this is their major or not.

FACULTY

The Department of History faculty members are dedicated to the teacher-scholar model of professional development. Committed to strong and effective teaching, historical research and community service, the faculty members reflect a variety of teaching and scholarly research specialties. They are members of major international, national and regional historical associations and are involved actively in research and publishing. Several have held leadership positions in professional organizations like the American Historical Association, the Society of Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, the International Society for Medieval Canon Law, Phi Alpha Theta and the Pennsylvania Historical Association. The Department also hosts a biannual Conference on the Holocaust and Genocide Studies. All full time faculty members have doctorates.

WHY A HISTORY DEGREE?

Most majors use the skills developed while pursuing the degree to succeed in numerous occupations. They are the leaders in today's society and use the transferrable skills obtained as History majors to be successful members of society and good citizens, making a good living while doing so. Our majors learn:

- How to become effective writers and communicators
- How to develop and use critical analysis skills
- How to research
- The importance of interacting in a diverse world
- The value of intellectual curiosity

A MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY HISTORY DEGREE:

- Offers an array of courses that meets the interests of today's student and the needs of today's world.
- Provides individualized instruction and one-on-one advising.
- Engages and challenges students to improve and excel.
- Offers co-op, internships and other opportunities for practical experience.
- Engages students in faculty research projects.
- Offers opportunities outside the classroom to help further the University experience.
- Teaches our students the skills they need to succeed in any field and become agile problem solvers and effective communicators.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Historians as Educators

- Elementary Schools
- Secondary schools
- Post-Secondary schools
- Historic sites and museums

Historians as Researchers

- Museums and Historical Organizations
- Cultural Resources
- Think Tanks

Historians as Communicators

- Writers and Editors
- Journalists
- Documentary Editors
- Producers of Multimedia Material

Historians as Information Managers

- Archivists
- Records Managers
- Librarians
- Information Managers

Historians as Advocates

- Lawyers and Paralegals
- Litigation Support
- Legislative Staff Work
- Foundations

Historians in Business

- Historians in Corporations
- Contract Historians
- Historians in Nonprofit Associations