

History

"What is history? An echo of the past in the future; a reflex from the future on the past." – Victor Hugo

The study of history broadens students' understanding of the contemporary world through a critical study of the past. The study of history develops an informed awareness of the diversity of human experience, cultivates a nuanced understanding of complex situations, and teaches the leaders of tomorrow how to communicate thoughtfully and clearly. Gonzaga History students graduate prepared for high-quality employment in an unlimited number of fields.

THE PROGRAM

The History program helps students to develop the thinking, research, and communication skills that provide a foundation for graduate work, the study of law, teaching, careers in archival and library science, and in the corporate and non-profit worlds.

The program offers entry-level survey courses that fulfill the University's history core requirement, specialized upper-division courses in a variety of topics, as well as required methodology courses for majors and minors that lead to a strong cohort experience. Many classes are cross-listed with other programs making History an ideal second major or minor. The program also offers internship opportunities that provide valuable hands-on experience working in libraries and museums. Our active national honor society, Phi Alpha Theta, offers opportunities to present at conferences and creates a social space for history lovers on campus.

THE MAJOR

The Department of History offers a 33-credit major that allows students to complete coursework in:

- African History
- Asian History
- European History
- Greek and Roman History
- Latin American History
- · Middle East History
- United States History

Examples of courses include:

- African American History
- African Environmental History
- History of Mexico
- History of Northern Ireland
- Islamic Medicine
- Native American Activism
- · Russia & the World
- The American West
- The Ancient City
- U.S. Since 1945

THE MINOR

Students majoring in other programs who have an interest in history may choose to complete a History minor. The flexible general History minor consists of 18 credits (six courses) and includes one required course that introduces students to the discipline, as well as two lower- and three upper-division courses of a student's choosing.

Students may also pursue 18-credit specialized minors in Latin American History, Asian History, or History of Race and Ethnic Communities.

DISTINCT OPPORTUNITIES

Many History students choose to **study abroad** for a semester or an academic year. Gonzaga offers History courses at its Florence campus and with GU History professors in Turkey and Rome.

The History program provides opportunities for **internships** for variable credit. An internship at a local non-profit, library, or archive provides an invaluable learning experience, an opportunity to explore a potential career field, a chance to learn history beyond the classroom, and a vehicle for gaining hands-on professional skills.

Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society, provides opportunities for students to present their research at conferences, organize and participate in history-related events, and socialize with other history students.

Some students majoring and minoring in History choose to obtain **teacher certification** that will allow them to pursue careers as secondary school history teachers. Faculty advisors in the History Department and School of Education assist these students in planning their programs to meet certification requirements.

OUTCOMES

A liberal arts education develops a student's ability to evaluate evidence, interpret complexity, write effectively, speak eloquently, and think critically. A liberal arts education further provides students with a broad background in their own and other's citizenship and culture. Graduates of Gonzaga's History program typically find employment in fields that value these attributes. These include business, education, law, government, journalism, and publishing.

A sample of employers for recent Gonzaga History graduates includes:

- A variety of school districts and colleges
- Fort Nisqually Living History Museum
- Google Launch Pad
- NextGen Climate
- · Ronald McDonald House of Charities

Gonzaga's History program also prepares students for graduate study in history and in archival and library science, as well as for careers in museums and public history.



GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Recent graduates have gained admission into graduate programs at the following institutions:

- Georgetown University
- Gonzaga University School of Law
- · John F. Kennedy University
- Marquette University
- Oxford University
- · University of Colorado Boulder
- · University of Cork
- · University of Georgia
- University of Michigan
- University of Oregon
- University of Washington
- Vanderbilt University
- Washington State University
- Yale University



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