

HISTORY

KEY POINTS ABOUT THE MAJOR

- Students have the opportunity to explore the past from the perspective of both general knowledge and particular areas of interest. Courses in American, Western and non-Western areas comprise the core of our curriculum.
- Students gain a thorough understanding of pivotal national and world events, and are able to analyze them from multiple perspectives.



Sample Four-Year Plan

The sample course plan below is a sample plan for your major. It does not and should not replace meeting with your Academic Advisor to map the best course plan that suits your individual academic needs and placement upon initial registration. Classes listed may not necessarily be offered during a particular term

First Year (Freshman)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
ENG 101 Thinking and Writing Across the Curriculum	3	ENG 102 Scholarly Adventures: Researched Writing	3
Math Requirement (MTH 121 or higher)	3	Social and Behavioral Science Requirement**	3
HST 106 World History I	3	HST 107 World History II	3
Freshman Core Seminar 179	3	Philosophy or Theology Requirement*	3
Elective***	3	Elective***	3

Second Year (Sophomore)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
HST 110 Western Civilization I	3	HST 111 Western Civilization II	3
Natural Science Requirement	3	History Concentration Elective	3
Foreign Language I	3	Foreign Language II	3
Sophomore Core Seminar 279	3	HST 201 American History I (recommended, not required)	3
Elective***	3	Elective***	3

Third Year (Junior)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
POL 290 Politics and Government	3	History Concentration Electives	6
HST 202 American History I (recommended, not required)	3	Philosophy or Theology Requirement*	6
Junior Core Seminar 379	3	Arts and Ideas Requirement	3
Arts and Ideas Requirement***	3	Elective***	3
Elective***	3		

Fourth Year (Senior)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
HST 479 Seminar in History	3	History Concentration Elective	3
POL 360 International Politics	3	Elective***	9
Elective***	9	Philosophy or Theology Requirement*	3

* At least one Philosophy and one Theology course must be at the 200 level or higher.

** Diversity requirement could be fulfilled with this course.

*** Electives may be focused toward the completion of a minor. Most minors consist of 20 to 24 credits.

For More Information

Full descriptions for all ODU courses are available on the ODU website. Core curriculum and four-year course blueprint are based on the 2012-2013 edition of the ODU Course Catalog.

For more information, contact your Admission Counselor or Academic Advisor at 614.251.4500 or at admissions@ohiodominican.edu.

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COURSES WITHIN THE MAJOR

- World History
- Western Civilization I & II
- American History
- United States History Electives
- European History Electives
- World History Electives
- Politics & Government: Process & Issues
- International Politics

OHIO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY™

Program Overview

Ohio Dominican University students have an opportunity to explore the past from the perspective of both general knowledge and particular areas of interest. The study of History liberates the mind and prepares students for the responsibilities of citizenship in the nation and the world. The emphasis on critical thinking skills in research, reading and writing are applicable to many different career paths.

Why ODU?

Students in ODU's History program will graduate with a better understanding of people who thought and acted differently than we do in our own time; the ability to place our own time in perspective and to make informed decisions about the best course of action for the future; and the ability to find connections in the human experiences.

Career Possibilities

Graduates of ODU's History program are prepared to pursue a variety of careers in Law, Teaching, Government, Business, Cultural Organizations and Policy Research as well as Communication fields.

Law. Students are admitted to law school from almost every academic discipline. The discipline of history, however, provides students with essential skills for the practice of law, including logical argumentation, research, writing and information analysis. Historians who are not lawyers can also play an important part in the legal process by providing litigation support research and serving as expert witnesses.

Teaching. Depending on the level of teaching (early childhood, middle, secondary, university), you may need to take additional courses in other subjects or specialize in a narrowly defined field of history. Most public schools require courses in education, while other schools (independent, charter or private) may not require this specific qualification. The Integrated Social Studies Education program at ODU allows students to take a range of courses in history, political science, sociology and geography while working toward a certification in secondary education.

Government. Government is one of the largest employers of students with training and degrees in history. City, state and federal governments have a variety of jobs and careers.

Business. Students with a background in history may find careers in areas of external relations, marketing, information resource management, legal affairs, finance and control, administration, human resources and operations.

Cultural Organizations & Policy Research. Historians often are employed by museums and historical organizations to authenticate, verify and describe items. They also are sought to research the meaning, significance and context of artifacts, and to assemble an exhibition or educational program based on the museum's collection. Work in cultural resources management and historic preservation also are possibilities.

Communications. Historians can be employed as editors or writers for a variety of publications, films and shows.

On-Campus Opportunities

ODU students are encouraged to participate in the History Club, Model U.N., and diverse Education Abroad opportunities. Through Senior Seminar, students have an opportunity to participate in hands-on research at the Ohio Historical Society; students who excel are encouraged to apply for internships and part-time jobs.

For More Information About the History Program

Contact Matthew Ponesse, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of History, at ponessem@ohiodominican.edu or Dr. Kathleen Riley, Professor of History, at rileyk@ohiodominican.edu to learn more about the History Program. For questions about other programs in the Arts & Letters Division—such as Art, Arts Education, Campus & Youth Ministry, Graphic Design, Integrated Language Arts, Philosophy or Theology—please contact your Admission Counselor or your Academic Advisor at admissions@ohiodominican.edu.