

**SAMPLE Four-Year Plan**  
**B.A. PUBLIC HISTORY**  
**FALL 2021 Requirements**

The curriculum in the public history major is flexible and allows students to move through the coursework in many ways. This four-year plan illustrates one possible path a new freshman could take to complete a degree in four years. This is not an official document and is not the only way that a history degree can be completed in four years. Current students should refer to their individual Academic Advising Report for specific graduation requirements. Courses in bold indicate major-based coursework that is completed in the first year.

**First Year**

Fall Semester	Units
English 101 Intro to College Writing and Reading	3
<b>Gened CORE 120 Historical Perspectives</b>	3
<b>History 124 American History to 1877 (Area C)</b>	3
<b>BA World Language course</b>	4
Intrauniversity 104 New Student Seminar	1
PEGNRL 192 Personal Health and Fitness for Life	1
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring Semester	Units
English 102 Intro to College Writing, Reading, Research	3
Math 139 Quantitative Reasoning	3
<b>History 154 Western Civ or 155 Modern Europe (Area A)</b>	3
<b>BA World Language course</b>	4
Gened CORE 130 Individual and Society	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>

**Notes:** The math and English courses you will take during your first year will depend on UW System placement exam scores. This four-year plan reflects the math and English courses most common for students in this major. All students are encouraged to complete placement testing prior to attending Warhawks SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration). For the Bachelor of Arts degree requirements, students must complete two semesters of a world language or demonstrate proficiency in a world language through the second level on the UW System placement test in Spanish, French, or German. Students who are native speakers of a language other than English are eligible to waive the language requirement.

**Opportunities:** The History Department is represented by two student organizations: History Club, which is open to all students with an interest in history and Phi Alpha Theta, a history honor society. If you are interested in these organizations, contact the History Department for information.

**Second Year**

Fall Semester	Units
History 200 Historical Methods	2
History 100/200-level course	3
Gened CORE 110 World of the Arts	3
University Requirement Lab Science (GL) course	4-5
Minor course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15-16</b>

Spring Semester	Units
History 202 Introduction to Public History	3
Unique Requirement course	3
Communication 110 Intro to Human Communication	3
General Education GN/GQ course	3
Minor course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

**Notes:** The public history major is designed to give students great flexibility over courses in the major. To satisfy the distributional requirement, students must take one course in each of four geographic areas: European History (Area A); African, Asian, Latin American, Middle Eastern History (Area B); US History (Area C); Global/Comparative History (Area D). Students are then encouraged to follow their individual interests in planning remaining coursework in the major. To fulfill the unique requirement of the Public History major, students select six units from designated courses outside of History that includes courses such as Library Media 451 Organizing Information, Political Science 220 Intro to Public Administration, Journalism 220 Foundations of Advertising, and Communication 238 Video Production.

**Opportunities:** Many public history majors plan a study abroad experience during their sophomore year. Many travel opportunities can be found through the Center for Global Education. In addition, history faculty routinely organize and lead travel study courses that involve in-class learning during the semester followed by a short-term travel experience either in the US or abroad.



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### Third Year

Fall Semester	Units
History 300/400-level course (Area B or D)	3
History 300/400-level course	3
Gened CORE 390 World of Ideas	3
Unique Requirement course	3
Minor course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring Semester	Units
History 300/400-level course (Area B or D)	3
History 300/400-level course	3
BA 300/400 Breadth Requirement course	3
Minor course	3
Minor course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

**Notes:** Though listed in the fourth year on this plan, History 455 and 465 can be completed as early as the third year in the major and both courses are offered every semester.

**Opportunities:** History majors have the opportunity to participate in an internship or field study for credit in the major and many students plan these applied learning experiences during the third year. Internships can be completed during the fall or spring semester or during the summer session. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the Undergraduate Research Program and complete their own research project with the assistance of a faculty mentor. Completing a directed research project with a faculty mentor has many benefits: it develops a student's critical thinking and writing abilities, signals to graduate school programs that a student is prepared for independent research of their own, and it can provide a student with financial support since many undergraduate research opportunities are paid.

### Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Units
History 455 Studies in European or US History	3
History 493 Public History Internship	3
BA 300/400 Breadth Requirement course	3
Minor course	3
Minor course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring Semester	Units
History 465 Studies in Africa, Asia, Middle East, Latin Am.	3
History 475 Senior Portfolio	1
Minor course	3
Electives to total 120 (if needed)	6-9
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>13-16</b>

**Notes:** History 475 Portfolio meets by arrangement and students can enroll in it either semester of their senior year. All students must earn 120 credits to earn a bachelor's degree and all requirements in this program can be completed in fewer than 120 credits. Most students have the opportunity to choose additional courses in the fourth year to expand skills, explore interests, or try something new.

**Opportunities:** LSINDP 399: Career Information in Letters and Sciences is a 1-credit course that focuses on career and graduate school opportunities; identifying skills, strengths, and work values; creating effective job search materials; developing a networking strategy; and planning for a successful post-graduation transition.

**Planning for Graduation:** Students are encouraged to apply for graduation one full semester prior to their intended graduation date. Information about commencement is on the Registrar's Office website (<http://www.uww.edu/registrar/graduation>) and the application for graduation is available to students in the WINS Student Information System.



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