

## REQUIREMENTS FOR HISTORY MAJORS

### Basic Principles:

1. Courses in the history major are divided into three area categories: Category I (Asia, Africa, Latin America); Category II (Europe); and Category III (North America).
2. Courses are also divided into the categories of "early" and "modern," depending on the time period they cover. The dividing lines between these categories vary depending on the region being studied. For example, in American history, the dividing line between early and modern courses is the Civil War. In European history, courses that focus on the period after 1750 count as modern, all others as early courses. (All ancient history courses count for early Europe.) In Latin America, the dividing line is Independence (roughly 1820.)
3. Some courses can be counted as either early or modern, or as fulfilling a requirement in more than one regional category. A course that counts for two areas or periods must devote a substantial part to each (at least one third).
4. History courses taken abroad and approved by the chair count for area requirements. No course from another discipline, however, can fulfill an area requirement or the 300- and 400-level seminar requirement even if the course is approved as counting towards the history major. The exception is cross-listed courses included in the History section of the Colby College Catalogue. Please note: courses on the history of Australia or New Zealand do not count as Category I courses unless they focus on aboriginal societies.
5. To count as one of the twelve required history courses, a class must normally award at least three credits. Exceptions are two-credit JanPlans.
6. An independent study with History faculty (including HI 483 and HI 484) will count toward the twelve required courses and area requirements if it carries at least 3 credits (2 for JanPlan) and is graded. However, no more than two independent studies can count.
7. Ask the professor for the course or chair of the department if there is any doubt about how to count a particular course you are taking.
8. AP courses, while receiving all-college credit ("H"), do not count for the history major. However, we encourage and allow first-year students with AP history credit to enter 200-level courses in the field of their AP course.
9. A number of courses (normally those designated 297, 298, 397, 398, and 498) are usually one-time offerings.
10. A number of courses are no longer being offered, but are listed since juniors and seniors may have taken them. They are marked.
11. The Senior Honors Thesis sequence is HI 400f followed by HI 484 s. Honors candidates must also complete another 400 level seminar.

NOTE: Students can count courses marked by an asterisk (\*) in either of two fields, but not both.

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**Satisfaction of History Department Requirements:**

A total of 12 courses must be taken in the major, including  
 6 area requirements (see explanation below),  
 HI 200 (Introduction to History), one 300-level course,  
 and one 400-level senior research seminar

**AREA REQUIREMENTS:**

- (1) At least *two* courses in all three areas (Category I, Category II, Category III). Please note: Because of its geographical scope, complexity, and extraordinary cultural and historical diversity, student are strongly encouraged, but are not required, to take a minimum of *three* courses in Category I.
- (2) Within each area, one course above the 100 level
- (3) Within each area, one course in early and one course in modern history (E or M)
- (4) College rules allow no course to count for a major if the grade is below C-

*Note:* The 300- and 400-level seminars may count for area requirements

Classes Taken (write course number)	Cat. I*: Asia, Africa, Latin America	Cat. II*: Europe	Cat. III*: North America	300-level seminar (check)	400-level Senior seminar (check)	HI 200 (check)
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Courses taken abroad or in other disciplines at Colby (maximum of four; no more than two from other disciplines. (All these courses must be approved by the Department Chair.):

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Note that cross-listed courses that appear in the history section of the catalogue count as regular history courses.

\*Indicate "E" for "early" and "M" for "modern."

## COURSES BY CATEGORY

### **CATEGORY I (World Regions other than North America and Europe)**

#### **Early:**

<b>EA 151</b>	Intro East Asia I
<b>HI 173*</b>	Introduction to the History of Latin America
<b>HI 181*</b>	Jewish History I
<b>HI 183</b>	History of the Premodern Middle East
<b>HI 227*</b>	Russia, 1613-1905
<b>HI 252</b>	Medieval China (no longer offered)
<b>HI 253j</b>	World of Thought in Ancient China (no longer offered)
<b>HI 254j</b>	Ming China (no longer offered)
<b>HI 256</b>	Heian and Medieval Japan (no longer offered)
<b>HI 261*</b>	African History
<b>HI 271*</b>	Latin America: Classic Texts/Intro to Latin American Studies (no longer taught)
<b>HI 272*</b>	Law, Society, and Disorder in Mexico
<b>HI 273*</b>	Women, Gender, and Family in Latin America
<b>HI 274*</b>	Race, Religion and Frontiers in Iberian Colonialism
<b>HI 276*</b>	Patterns and Processes in World History
<b>HI 277*</b>	History of the Maya
<b>HI 285*</b>	Foundations of Islam
<b>HI 297</b>	Ancient Egypt (Thompson, 2008-9)
<b>HI 298A*</b>	Egypt from the Muslim Conquest to the Present (Thompson, 2008-9)
<b>HI 355</b>	Culture, Wealth, and Power in Tokugawa Japan (no longer offered)
<b>HI 364*</b>	Ecological and Economic History of Africa
<b>HI 381*</b>	Women and Gender in Islam
<b>HI 388*</b>	History of the Crusades
<b>HI 393*</b>	Judaism Past and Present
<b>HI 394*</b>	Ecological History
<b>HI 398s</b>	Women and Gender in East Asia
<b>HI 446*</b>	Historical Epidemiology
<b>HI 454</b>	Culture and Change in 17 <sup>th</sup> Century China (no longer offered)
<b>HI 461</b>	History and Development of Islamic Law

#### **Modern:**

<b>EA 152</b>	Intro East Asia II
<b>HI 173*</b>	Introduction to the History of Latin America
<b>HI 174</b>	Introduction to Latin American Studies (previously HI 171)
<b>HI 184</b>	History of the Modern Middle East
<b>HI 197B</b>	World Environmental History (also ST 197B)
<b>HI 242j</b>	Rivers
<b>HI 257</b>	Modern Japan
<b>HI 261*</b>	African History
<b>HI 272*</b>	Law, Society, and Disorder in Mexico
<b>HI 273*</b>	Women, Gender, and Family in Latin America
<b>HI 275j</b>	Strongmen and Populism in Modern Spain and Latin America
<b>HI 276*</b>	Patterns and Processes in World History
<b>HI 277*</b>	History of the Maya
<b>HI 284*</b>	Zionism
<b>HI 285*</b>	Foundations of Islam
<b>HI 297A/f</b>	History of Modern China
<b>HI 298A*</b>	Egypt from the Muslim Conquest to the Present (Thompson, 2008-9)

<b>HI 298B*</b>	British Empire (Thompson, 2008-9)
<b>HI297Bf</b>	China's Path to Modernization (Skya, 2008-9)
<b>HI297j</b>	Postwar Japan (Skya, 2008-9)
<b>HI 347*</b>	America in Vietnam
<b>HI 364*</b>	Ecological and Economic History of Africa
<b>HI 381*</b>	Women and Gender in Islam
<b>HI 389</b>	History of Modern Iran
<b>HI 394*</b>	Ecological History
<b>HI 397</b>	History of Israel and Zionism (Abosch, 2007-8)
<b>HI 398s</b>	Women and Gender in East Asia
<b>HI 446*</b>	Historical Epidemiology
<b>HI 452</b>	Rise of Modern East Asia (no longer offered)
<b>HI 473</b>	Historical Roots of Violence in Latin America
<b>HI 498s</b>	Japan's Asian War (Skya, 2008-9)

## **CATEGORY II (Europe)**

### **Early:**

<b>AN 139</b>	Athens, Rome, and Jerusalem (also listed as CL 139j)
<b>AN 154</b>	Roman History
<b>AN 158</b>	Greek History
<b>AN 297</b>	Fall of Ancient Rome
<b>AN 351</b>	Law, Society, and Politics in Ancient Athens
<b>AN 352</b>	Athens in the Fifth Century
<b>AN 356</b>	Alexander the Great
<b>AN 398</b>	Athens vs. Sparta
<b>CL 135</b>	History and Homeric Epics
<b>CL 138</b>	Heroes of the World
<b>CL 141</b>	Killing Agamemnon
<b>CL 145</b>	Julius Caesar and Augustus (also listed as AN 145)
<b>CL 197j</b>	Life and Death in Ancient Rome
<b>CL 197j</b>	Conquerors and Conquered
<b>CL 234</b>	Fourth-Century Greece
<b>HI 111</b>	Europe from Late Antiquity to 1715
<b>HI 181*</b>	Jewish History I
<b>HI 182*</b>	Jewish History II
<b>HI 208</b>	Romans and Jews: History and Religion (also listed as AN 258)
<b>HI 212</b>	Medieval England. <b>See HI 312</b>
<b>HI 214/314</b>	Italian Renaissance
<b>HI 215/315</b>	Heresy, Humanism, and Reform
<b>HI 216</b>	Medieval Church History and Theology
<b>HI 227*</b>	Russia, 1613-1905
<b>HI 244*</b>	Changing Notions of Progress
<b>HI 274*</b>	Race, Religion and Frontiers in Iberian Colonialism
<b>HI 311</b>	Sainthood and Popular Devotion in the Middle Ages
<b>HI 312</b>	Medieval England
<b>HI 313</b>	Women in Medieval and Early Modern Europe
<b>HI 317</b>	Gothic Moment
<b>HI 318*</b>	France Enlightenment and Revolution
<b>HI 319</b>	France in the Ancien Régime
<b>HI 385*</b>	Kabbalah

- HI 388\*** History of the Crusades  
**HI 393\*** Judaism Past and Present  
**HI 411** Sainthood and Popular Devotion in the Middle Ages. See **HI 311**  
**HI 413** Joan of Arc  
**HI 498\*** Peasants and Modernization

**Modern:**

- AY 258** Anthropology, History, Memory  
**HI 112** Survey of Modern Europe  
**HI 182\*** Jewish History II  
**HI 186** The Holocaust (Integrated Studies; R. Weisbrot)  
**HI 199\*** Crisis of Liberal Democracy, 1919-1945  
**HI 220** Yugoslavia: Emergence, History, Dissolution See **HI 323**  
**HI 224** Germany and Europe, 1871-1945  
**HI 228** Russia, 1905-Present  
**HI 244\*** Changing Notions of Progress  
**HI 284\*** Zionism  
**HI 297** Eastern European Jewish History and Culture  
**HI 298** Religion, Toleration, and Repression in the Russian Empire (Avrutin)  
**HI 298B\*** British Empire (Thompson, 2009)  
**HI 318\*** France Enlightenment and Revolution  
**HI 321** The First World War  
**HI 322j** Europe and the Second World War  
**HI 323** Yugoslavia: Emergence, History, Dissolution.  
**HI 327** Daily Life under Stalin  
**HI 328** Soviet Cultural and Intellectual History  
**HI 343** Russian History Through Novel and Film  
**HI 382** Women in Modern Jewish History  
**HI 398** Socialist and Post-Socialist Women (Miller, 2007-8)  
**HI 398** Jewish Autobiography (Avrutin)  
**HI 421** Debating the Nazi Past  
**HI 444** Big Science and Technology  
**HI 445\*** Nuclear Madness  
**HI 471\*** Science, Government, and Culture  
**HI 479\*** Jews and the City  
**HI 498** History of the Jews in England (Abosch, 2007-8)

**CATEGORY III (North America)**

**Early:**

- HI 131** U.S., to 1865  
**HI 230A\*** Religion in the U.S.A. (also listed as RE 217)  
**HI 230B\*** Women in American Religion (also listed as RE 257)  
**HI 231** U.S. Women, to 1870  
**HI 234** American Revolution  
**HI 235\*** American Families, 1600-present  
**HI 236** American Frontier, 1600-1900  
**HI 238\*** American Political History  
**HI 239\*** The Era of the Civil War  
**HI 241\*** History of Science in America (also listed as ST 271)  
**HI 247\*** African-American History  
**HI298Bs** Early American Frontiers (Bulthuis, 2009-10)  
**HI 331** Markets, Morals, and Greed in Early America, 1600-1800

**HI 332** France in North America  
**HI 335** Antebellum American Histories  
**HI 337** Age of the American Revolution  
**HI 340\*** Biographies and Autobiographies of Great American Women  
**HI 397f** Visual Culture in American Life, 1800-1920 (Lippert, 2009-10)  
**HI 397Bf** Colonial North America (Bulthuis, 2009-10)  
**HI 434\*** American Moral Philosophy  
**HI 435\*** The American Civil War  
**HI 498\*** Peasants and Modernization

**Modern:**

**AY 258** Anthropology, History, Memory  
**HI 132** U.S., 1865 to the Present  
**HI 136** American Superpower, 1945-1970 (integrated studies)  
**HI 137** The Great Depression  
**HI 197J** Vietnam War on Film (Lewis-Colman; 2005)  
**HI 230A\*** Religion in the U.S.A. also listed as RE 217  
**HI 230B\*** Women in American Religion – also listed as RE 257  
**HI 232** U.S. Women, since 1870  
**HI 235\*** American Families, 1600-present  
**HI 238\*** American Political History  
**HI 239\*** The Era of the Civil War  
**HI 241\*** History of Science in America (also listed as ST 271)  
**HI 244\*** Changing Notions of Progress  
**HI 245** Science, Race, and Gender  
**HI 246** Luddite Rantings  
**HI 247\*** African-American History  
**HI 281** Jews and Judaism in America  
**HI 297** Black Metropolis: African Americans and the Northern City  
**HI 297** The U. S. and World Affairs, 1898-present  
**HI297Jj** Topics in Maine’s Jewish History (listed as RE297j)  
**HI 298** The American Jewish Experience (Abosch)  
**HI 298As** Antebellum America, 1815-1860 (Bulthuis, 2009-10)  
**HI 299\*** Changing Notions of Progress  
**HI 340\*** Biographies and Autobiographies of Great American Women  
**HI 342** American Society and Politics in the 1960s  
**HI 347\*** America in Vietnam  
**HI 397f** Visual Culture in American Life, 1800-1920 (Lippert, 2009-10)  
**HI 434\*** American Moral Philosophy  
**HI 435\*** The American Civil War  
**HI 436s** History of the American West (Lippert 2009-10)  
**HI 445\*** Nuclear Madness  
**HI 447** The Cold War  
**ST 216** Aeronautics in America  
**ST 217** The Automobile in America  
**ST 271\*** History of Science in America (also listed as HI 241)