



## **FAQ for History majors, minors, and enthusiasts**

### **When should I take HIS 1101?**

- ❖ As soon as possible! HIS 1101 is a prerequisite for HIS 2500: Historical Research and Writing. It also introduces you to the discipline, to the faculty, and to careers for historians—all things you should be thinking about as soon as you decide you are interested in majoring or minoring (or just studying) history.

### **Should I take HIS 2500 before I take upper-division courses?**

- ❖ Yes! While upper-division history electives don't have formal prerequisites, they do entail considerable research and writing. That's why we strongly recommend you take HIS 2500 before taking upper-division history courses. You'll get so much more out of them. But beware: HIS 2500 is not offered every semester, so if you have the opportunity, don't pass it up!

### **Are required HIS courses offered every semester?**

- ❖ Unfortunately, no, so you should plan accordingly. HIS 1101 and HIS 3555 are usually offered in Fall semesters, and HIS 2500, HIS 2560, and HIS 4375 in Spring semesters. However, this is not a firm rule, so be sure to check the class schedule when registering for classes.

### **I fulfilled the university's requirement for foreign language. Do I need to do more for this major?**

- ❖ Yes. Familiarity with another language is one of the requirements for this major, so you will need to demonstrate competency through the fourth semester.