BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY







BE READY TO EXPLORE, ENGAGE AND THRIVE.

History isn't the past. It's the questions we ask about the past, the answers we find, and the arguments we make. It's the stories we tell of the past to understand who we are. Historians learn to approach history with a skeptical eye, to ask questions and examine evidence, and to figure out what really happened and why it did. History isn't a list of events. It's much more important than that.

WHY STUDY HISTORY?

As we study history, we learn to find evidence and patterns; we think, we analyze, we write. We develop the skills needed in management, business, government, journalism, law, and industry. We prepare to work as historians for government agencies such as the National Park Service and the U.S. Army, for museums and archives, for colleges and universities. In short, we learn the skills we need to make a living and a life.

Studying history is fun. History is full of compelling stories and fascinating people. It's a detective story focused on uncovering the truth behind events. It's a tale of romance stretching across the ages. It's a chance to learn who we really are.

WHY CHOOSE EIU TO STUDY HISTORY?

EIU provides variety and individual attention. At EIU we offer undergraduate programs in History and History with Teacher Licensure, and both face-to-face and online MA degrees in History. Our professors are all scholars who hold PhDs from top universities. The EIU History Department, in other words, has the resources to provide students with a wide variety of experiences in small classes that allow individual attention.

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THREE GRADUATE OPTIONS

MA HISTORY
MA HISTORY ONLINE OPTION FOR TEACHERS
ACCELERATED BA TO MA HISTORY

- + 43 HOURS TO DEGREE COMPLETION FOR THE B.A. IN HISTORY
- 17 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO HISTORY MAJORS

EXPLORING THE PAST AND THE WORLD

Undergraduate students at Eastern can choose from courses taught by specialists in a wide variety of subjects that span the globe and the ages. Whether you're drawn to Ancient Greece or Modern Iran, East Asia or the Americas, the Trojan War or World Wars I and II, Crusade and Jihad or Atlantic Mariners (and pirates!) in the Age of Sail, you'll find it here. Explore the past and the world with us.

UNIQUE PROJECTS

History majors and graduate students work closely with professors on research projects, and compete successfully for University and Department awards for research and writing. They may study abroad with our faculty members in Germany and France, and may even participate in an archaeological dig in Belgium!

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Our history majors regularly obtain internships at museums, living history sites, archives, and in state and national government, and work in central Illinois classrooms. We also create professional opportunities in the classroom: Historia is a joint publication of EIU's History Department and the Epsilon Mu Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society. Written and edited entirely by EIU students, Historia offers undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to learn about publishing from the bottom up—and to get their work published in an award-winning journal!

Whatever your aspirations after graduation, your history degree from EIU will provide you with the knowledge and transferable skills you need to be successful.

Explore our website for information about our many student scholarships and awards, curriculum and advising, extracurricular activities, faculty achievements and more: www.eiu.edu/history.

If you would like to visit campus to meet with an advisor or sit in on a class, please contact me directly for an appointment. Come to EIU's History department expecting the best ... you will find it!

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