

The University of Kansas
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Department of History
Undergraduate Major Program

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Requirements for the Major. The history department is organized into 10 fields of study. For the purposes of the undergraduate major, these fields are divided into two categories.

Category I

- > Ancient
- > History of Science
- > Medieval
- > Modern Western Europe
- > Russia/Eastern Europe
- > United States

Category II

- > Africa
- > East Asia
- > Latin America
- > Native America

The minimum requirement for a major in history consists of **30 credit hours** representing both Categories I and II, as follows:

1. HIST 301 The Historian's Craft
2. Five courses (15 hours) in either Category I or Category II
3. Three courses (9 hours) from the other Category
4. HIST 696 Seminar (HIST 301 is the prerequisite to HIST 696)
5. 24 hours numbered 300-699
(i.e., no more than 2 courses numbered 100-299)

Exceptions to any of the above requirements must be by petition to the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

Only **ONE** History course taken through KU Continuing Education (Independent Study) will count toward the major. Students seeking to count transfer hours toward the major should consult with the History Department Advising Specialist.

First- and Second-Year Preparation. Prospective majors are invited to contact a history department advisor to discuss the major program as soon as they arrive at KU. Only two courses are required for the major: History 301 **ideally taken as soon as the student decides to major in history**, and History 696 (Senior Research Seminar) normally taken during the senior year. We urge every major to work closely with an advisor to develop a coherent course of study that reflects his or her intellectual interests.