

HISTORY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

ASPIRE EXPERIENTIAL MAJOR MAP

RETURN ON INVESTMENT IN HISTORY

A degree in History and the Humanities develops skills that remain valuable as the workplace changes. Employers increasingly need people who can adapt, think critically, communicate effectively, research information, and understand people and cultures. Your degree does not prepare you for just one job, it prepares you to pursue a wide range of careers and adapt as opportunities change.

Your Return on Investment:

- Develop transferable skills that can be applied across industries.
- Build the ability to research, analyze information, solve problems, and communicate ideas.
- Prepare for careers in both the public and private sectors.
- Develop skills that can evolve as technology and workplaces change.
- Create a foundation for graduate and professional education.

KNOW YOUR SKILLS

- Critical thinking and problem-solving
- Research and data management
- Written and spoken communication
- Analysis and interpretation
- Planning and organization
- Narrative and storytelling
- Interdisciplinary thinking
- Global and multicultural awareness
- Initiative and self-motivation
- Intellectual curiosity and lifelong learning

KNOW YOUR VALUE

- Today's employers need more than technical skills. They need people who can adapt technology to:
 - solve problems
 - understand different perspectives
 - communicate with others, and learn new skills.
- Your ability to understand people, cultures, institutions, and the past can provide valuable context for today's organizations and tomorrow's challenges.

KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

- A History degree can lead to opportunities you may not initially associate with the field.
- Government and public service
- Museums, libraries, archives
- Nonprofit organizations
- Business and management
- Law and legal services
- Research and communications
- Hospitality, travel, and entertainment
- International organizations
- Corporate and startup environments
- Education and graduate-level professions

HILLTOP ADVANTAGE

The Hilltop Advantage is a structured, student-centered approach that ensures every student graduates with not only a degree, but also meaningful experiences, career-ready skills, and a clear post-graduation plan.

TOP SKILLS

- Think critically.
- Solve Problems
- Adapt to the world
- Communicate clearly.
- Understand people.

ASPIRE - Experiential Major Map

HISTORY	FIRST YEAR EXPLORE	SECOND YEAR EXPERIENCE	THIRD YEAR APPLY	FOURTH YEAR EXCEL	ACADEMIC SUCCESS CHECKLIST
ACADEMIC MASTERY	Build the Foundation - HIST 103 & 104 - HIST 210 & 211 - Develop college-level reading, writing, research, and critical-thinking skills - Explore historical civilizations and U.S. history Students also complete foundational general education courses.	Broaden Your Perspective - HIST 300 - Explore geography, political science, and other social sciences - Explore history electives. - Connect history to broader social issues	Develop Historical Expertise - Broaden Your Perspective - Explore geography, political science, and other social sciences - Connect history to broader social issues - Conduct historical research - Analyze primary and secondary sources	Demonstrate Your Expertise - Complete upper-level History electives - Complete HIST 480: Capstone - Conduct and present original historical research - Integrate knowledge across historical periods and cultures - Explore internship possibilities.	- Make an appointment with your academic advisor - Visit faculty during office hours - Create a working resume and LinkedIn profile - Engage in campus organizations - Work toward effective internship opportunities
SELF-DISCOVERY & STRENGTHS (HIGH IMPACT LEARNING EXPERIENCES)	Discover Your Interests - Identify academic strengths and interests - Develop curiosity about the past and present - Explore possible areas of specialization - Begin considering career possibilities	Explore Your Possibilities - Identify historical topics and fields that interest you - Connect History with geography, politics, culture, and society - Explore career and graduate-school possibilities	Define Your Direction - Identify areas of expertise and professional interest - Choose courses that support your goals - Explore careers, graduate school, law, public service, business, museums, archives, and education	Own Your Future - Articulate your strengths, skills, and interests - Develop a clear career or graduate-school direction - Connect your History degree to your next step	
PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION INTEGRATIVE & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING	Build Transferable Skills - Critical thinking - Written and oral communication - Research and information literacy - Organization and time management	Build Career Awareness - Discover how History skills apply beyond traditional History careers - Explore government, nonprofit, business, legal, cultural, and international opportunities - Begin developing a résumé and professional identity	Put Skills to Work - Apply research and analytical skills - Develop professional communication - Pursue internships, research, campus, or community experiences - Connect academic skills to career opportunities	Launch Your Career - Complete a capstone and/or internship experience - Prepare résumé, cover letter, and interview skills - Build a professional portfolio - Apply for employment, internships, graduate programs, or professional school.	
RELATIONSHIPS & LEADERSHIP ENGAGEMENT & WELL-BEING	Find Your Community - Build relationships with faculty and classmates - Connect with campus organizations - Meet with your academic advisor - Learn to collaborate and contribute	Build Your Network - Strengthen relationships with faculty - Connect with alumni and community organizations - Participate in campus and professional activities - Explore leadership opportunities	Lead & Collaborate - Take on leadership responsibilities - Collaborate on research and projects - Build professional connections - Engage with alumni, employers, and community partners	Lead Into Your Future - Demonstrate leadership through research, organizations, internships, or service - Present your work to professional and academic audiences - Maintain mentor and professional relationships - Build a network for life after graduation	