History Major

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The Department of History offers a major and three minor programs of study as well as a wide range of offerings that support the College's General Education Program. Its minors are in History, U.S. History, and European History. The Department's offerings reflect the wisdom of the adage that "He who knows only his own generation remains always a child." Thus, the spirit and purpose shaping the study of history at Westminster College rests on the belief that the critical study of what men and women have thought and done in the past, whether in the Old World or the New, disciplines the mind for wise action, frees it from the narrow perspective of the present, and leads to self-knowledge.

Students who double major in Education and History may complete the History major as described above; OR they may fulfill all History major requirements except HIS 422, HIS 423, and HIS 424 provided they successfully complete a fifth 300-level course in history plus EDU 435.

Departmental majors must have at least a 2.00 GPA in all History courses needed to satisfy the major requirement.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY SHEET **ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026**

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Student's Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Advisor Date Major Declared

Course Code	Course Title	Hours	Semester	Grade
Required Courses (23 hours)				
HIS 103	History of the United States to 1877	3		
HIS 104	History of the United States since 1877	3		
HIS 109	World History I	3		
HIS 110	World History II	3		
HIS 390	Historical Methods	3		
HIS 396	Applied History	1		
HIS 397	Writing for the Public	1		
HIS 422	Thesis I	2		
HIS 423	Thesis II	3		
HIS 424	Thesis Rewrite	1		
Elective Courses (four upper-level HIS courses including at least one with each full-time department member: 12 hours)				
HIS 300/400				
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	Total Hours	**35**		
Additional upper-level course ONLY if taking the Education/Non-Thesus Route:				
		3		

TOTAL HOURS 35 (38 for the non-thesis option)

Non-Required, but recommended skills-based courses:
ENG 380: Digital Humanities
HIS 200: History of Film
LST 201: Leadership Theories and Practice
MSM 210: Intro to Museum Studies
SSI 101/205: Library Research
SPE 101 Intro to Speech Communication
SPE 220 Public Speaking.