

Department of History Plan of Study Form

The purpose of a Plan of Study (POS) is to specify the courses a student needs to complete for their History degree. **All History students are required to submit a POS approved by an Undergraduate Education Committee (UNDED) advisor in order to graduate.**

Name & UNI

CC ____ **GS** ____ **Other** _____

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SR ____ **JR** ____ **SOPH** ____

Major ____ **Minor** ____ **Concentration** _____

Expected Year of Graduation _____

Expected Month of Graduation _____

A Plan of Study (POS) can only be approved by an Undergraduate Education Committee (UNDED) advisor and should be submitted twice, once during junior year and once during senior year.

Plan of Study Deadlines

December 1: Graduating seniors

Last Day of Classes – Spring Semester: Juniors and newly declared History students

Approved Plan of Study forms should be submitted to the Undergraduate Administrator at the History Department office (411 FAY). If the specialization and/or courses on your plan change, please visit an UNDED advisor to review and approve changes and submit updated Plan of Study to the Undergraduate Administrator.

Membership of UNDED changes from year to year. Please visit the advising page on the History Department website for the most current UNDED membership list.

More information about the Plan of Study requirements and examples are available in the Undergraduate Handbook found on the History Department website.

The following count as History courses:

- Courses in the History Departments of both Columbia (HIST) and Barnard (HSTB).
- Cross-Listed courses for a specific term. These courses are listed in the Columbia College Bulletin and are either:
 - History courses offered outside the Department but taught by affiliated faculty members
 - Courses from other departments accepted by the History Department of Columbia.
- History Department courses used to fulfill the CC/GS Global Core or the GS Cultural Diversity Requirements (e.g., HIST UN2660/2661, Latin American Civilization I/II).
- Transfer courses accepted for History major approved through a transfer credit request to the History Department
- Graduate courses taught by History Department faculty.

The following do NOT count as History courses:

- Advanced Placement courses from High School or British A-levels.
- Any course in which students have earned a D or lower.
- Any history course taken Pass/Fail. (Except for fall semester of Senior Thesis Seminar HIST UN3838 which can count as an Additional Course)

Major, Minor, and Concentration overview

History Major

History Major - Total Courses in History = 9	
Specialization Courses	4
Breadth Requirements	3
Additional History courses	2
Seminar Requirement - Yes (see details below)	

- Seminar requirement: At least 2 of the 9 major courses are required to be seminars with at least 1 being a seminar in specialization.
- Breadth requirement: 1 removed in time and 2 removed in space
- Majors may apply a maximum of 3 transfer or study-abroad courses toward the major, no more than 2 of which may be applied toward the specialization.

History Minor

History Minor – Total Courses in History = 5	
Specialization Courses	2
Additional History courses	3
Breadth Requirement – Yes (see details below)	
Seminar Requirement - None	

- Breadth (Removed-In-Time) requirement: Minor students must take at least one course from the pre-1750 period and at least one course from the post-1750 period to qualify for the History Minor. In other words, if a student takes four courses in the post-1750 period, they will be required to take one course in the pre-1750 period. Conversely, if a student takes four courses in the pre-1750 period, they will be required to take one course in the post-1750 period.
- Transfer courses cannot be applied toward the History minor
- Up to 1 Columbia University study abroad course via Global Engagement (UGE) can be applied to the History minor. Course must be approved via a transfer credit request.
- The History minor does not require a seminar course.

History Concentration

History Concentration - Total Courses in History = 6	
Specialization Courses	3
Breadth Requirements	2
Additional History courses	1
Seminar Requirement - None	

- The History concentration does not require a seminar course.
- Breadth requirement: 1 removed in time and 1 removed in space
- Concentrators may apply a maximum of 2 transfer or study-abroad courses toward the minor, no more than 1 of which may be applied toward the specialization.
- Only students who entered Columbia in or before the 2023-2024 academic year are eligible.

PLAN OF STUDY SPECIALIZATION: The specialization field should be defined, in consultation with a member of UNDED, according to geographical, chronological, and/or thematic criteria. (e.g. 20th Century US History)

Thematic Specializations: Students with thematic or cross-regional specializations will have their breadth requirements modified, if necessary, in consultation with a member of UNDED.

SPECIALIZATION COURSES: Majors, minors, and concentrators are all required to take courses based on their specialization. These specialization courses can be either lectures or seminars. **Requirement: majors (4), concentrators (3), minors (2)**

BREADTH REQUIREMENT: Majors, minors, and concentrators are all required to take courses outside of their specialization. This requirement has two parts: time and space.

Removed in Time: Majors must take at least one course specifically covering a time period far removed from their specialization. Students specializing in the modern period must take at least one course in the pre-modern period. Students specializing in the pre-modern period must take at least one course in the modern period. History courses cover a wide range of geographic fields, and the course used for the chronological breadth requirement can be in any geographic region. However if the region remains the same, the course MUST focus on a drastically different time period. For example, a student specializing in Modern European History could **not** take a course in Early Modern European History for the pre-modern requirement and would need to take something further removed, such as Ancient Greek History or Early Chinese History. **Requirement: majors (1), concentrators (1), minors (1-see below).**

MINOR Breadth Requirement: Minor students must take at least one course from the pre-1750 period and at least one course from the post-1750 period to qualify for the History Minor. In other words, if a student takes four courses in the post-1750 period, they will be required to take one course in the pre-1750 period. Conversely, if a student takes four courses in the pre-1750 period, they will be required to take one course in the post-1750 period.

Removed in Space: Majors and concentrators must take courses in regional fields removed from their chosen specialization. A student specializing in some part of Europe must take two courses in Africa, East or South Asia, Latin America/Caribbean, Middle East, and/or the U.S. These two courses must also cover two different regions. If a course covers multiple geographic regions: if one of the regions involves the student's specialization, then the course cannot count toward the breadth requirement unless it is specifically approved by the DUS. For example, a student specializing in "20th Century U.S. History" cannot count a class that examines World War II in a global perspective towards the breadth requirement. **Requirement: majors (2), concentrators (1), minors (none)**

ADDITIONAL HISTORY COURSES: History courses from any field/theme. **Requirement: majors (2), concentrators (1), minors (3)**

SEMINAR REQUIREMENT: Majors are required to take at least 2 History seminars. **These courses are taken from the 9 major total courses.** At least 1 of the 2 seminars must be a seminar in specialization. Seminars must be from the Columbia History Department or Barnard History Department.

HISTORY MAJOR PLAN OF STUDY

SPECIALIZATION _____

Student UNI _____

Specialization Courses: History courses based on the chosen specialization

DEPT Code	Course #	Course Title	Term	Instructor	Grade	Transfer Course?
Ex: HIST	Ex: UN 2577	Ex: Middle East Relations	Ex: F24	Ex: Paul Chamberlin	Ex: A	(Y or N)

Breadth Requirement - Removed in Time:

DEPT Code	Course #	Course Title	Term	Instructor	Grade	Transfer Course?

Breadth Requirement - Removed in Space:

DEPT Code	Course #	Course Title	Term	Instructor	Grade	Transfer Course?

Additional History Courses: History courses from any field/theme

DEPT Code	Course #	Course Title	Term	Instructor	Grade	Transfer Course?

Seminar Requirement (taken from the courses above)

	DEPT Code	Course #	Course Title
Seminar in Specialization			
Second Seminar			

UNDED Notes:	Total Courses Approved:
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UNDED approver (print): _____

UNDED Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

HISTORY MINOR PLAN OF STUDY

SPECIALIZATION _____

Student UNI _____

Specialization Courses: History courses based on the chosen specialization

DEPT Code	Course #	Course Title	Term	Instructor	Grade	Transfer Course?
Ex: HIST	Ex: UN 2577	Ex: Middle East Relations	Ex: F24	Ex: Paul Chamberlin	Ex: A	(Y or N)

Additional History Courses: History courses from any field/theme

DEPT Code	Course #	Course Title	Term	Instructor	Grade	Transfer Course?

Breadth Requirement - Removed in Time (taken from the Additional History Courses above)

DEPT Code	Course #	Course Title	Term	Instructor	Grade	Transfer Course?

UNDED Notes:

Total Courses Approved:

UNDED approver (print): _____

UNDED Signature: _____ Date: _____

HISTORY CONCENTRATION PLAN OF STUDY

Only students who entered Columbia in or before the 2023-2024 academic year are eligible

SPECIALIZATION _____

Student UNI _____

Specialization Courses: History courses based on the chosen specialization

DEPT Code	Course #	Course Title	Term	Instructor	Grade	Transfer Course?
Ex: HIST	Ex: UN 2577	Ex: Middle East Relations	Ex: F24	Ex: Paul Chamberlin	Ex: A	(Y or N)

Breadth Requirement - Removed in Time:

DEPT Code	Course #	Course Title	Term	Instructor	Grade	Transfer Course?

Breadth Requirement - Removed in Space:

DEPT Code	Course #	Course Title	Term	Instructor	Grade	Transfer Course?

Additional History Courses: History courses from any field/theme

DEPT Code	Course #	Course Title	Term	Instructor	Grade	Transfer Course?

UNDED Notes:

Total Courses Approved:

UNDED approver (print): _____

UNDED Signature: _____ Date: _____