The Department of History students and faculty work together in pursuit of excellence.

The department is dedicated to honing students' intellectual skills and fostering their love of learning, while providing a solid grounding in American, European and world history. The excellence of the program is evident in the academic success of our students and faculty.

**Why History?**

Students begin their training in history with a carefully planned series of introductory courses that provide a fundamental survey-level knowledge of the history of the United States as well as world and regional history.

Faculty in upper-level courses place emphasis on critical thinking and on writing, oral presentation, and research skills. They also foster use of traditional and digital technologies that facilitate historical research and analysis. Not only will graduates learn how the present is shaped by the past, they will develop skills that will serve them well in a variety of professions.

The history faculty is composed of scholars who make teaching their first professional priority. The faculty collectively have produced a long list of important books, research articles, and conference presentations. They bring this professional experience and expertise into the classroom, where they teach students the necessary skills to advance in their post-college careers.

Many students have pursued graduate training in history at major universities and several have gone on to careers as university professors.

Successful undergraduate students in the Department of History pursue a wide variety of careers. Many go on to successful careers in fields normally associated with history, such as law, law enforcement, public history, public administration and education. Others have distinguished themselves in the business and corporate worlds, and in industries ranging from insurance to high-technology and information services.

Students in the program often present their research at honors conferences, while several student research papers have won prizes and several more have been published.
PROGRAM OUTLINE

MAJOR PROGRAM: 39 CREDITS

B.A. in history lower-level and upper-level courses in American, European, Middle Eastern, and Asian history as well as required courses: History 298 Historiography and History 398 Research and Writing. Sample courses: Colonial America, American Woman, Europe: Renaissance and Reformation, Soviet Russia, Imperial Japan: 1890-1945, History of the Modern Middle East. A dual major in Secondary Education/Citizenship is also available.

MINOR PROGRAM: 18 CREDITS TOTAL

6 credits of 100-level courses
3 credits 200-300-level courses
9 credits 300-400-level courses

The History Department also houses the minor in Middle Eastern Studies.

CLUBS

There are two clubs associated with our department: The History Club and Phi Alpha Theta, a national history honors society.

The History Club is open to all students regardless of major. All you need is a passion for history! The Club hosts various events throughout the semester such as movie and game nights, an ethnic food night, and even field trips!

Phi Alpha Theta requires a minimum of 12 hours of History courses and 3.1 GPA. Induction into PAT looks great on a resume and the society hosts an annual banquet, does volunteer events during the school year, and attends regional conferences.

INTERNSHIP & SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Department of History provides scholarships for outstanding students; in fact, no major at Bloomsburg University offers more scholarships and fellowships than does the Department of History.

Scholarships:
The James R. Sperry Award
The Mary A. Moore Taubel Scholarships:
Mary A. Moore Taubel Alumni Newsletter Scholarship
Mary A. Moore Taubel Senior Scholarships
Mary A. Moore Taubel Junior Scholarships
Mary A. Moore Taubel Sophomore Scholarships
William A. Turnbach Scholarship
John J. Serff Sr. Memorial Scholarship
Erma M. Hefferan Scholarship
Erma M. Hefferan Study Abroad Scholarship

Some recent internships:
Bloomsburg Public Library
Civil War Library and Museum, Philadelphia
Hagley Museum, Wilmington, Delaware
Evans Law Office, Bloomsburg
The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

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