

HISTORY

History is one of the classic fields in the humanities, the core of the liberal arts. Knowledge of the past is essential to mature consideration of who we are and what choices we face in the present. It enriches our understanding of the world, enlivens our curiosity and our empathy toward others, and expands our horizons beyond our own limited time and place. C. S. Lewis warned against “chronological snobbery,” the naïve discrediting of the past in favor of the narrow and fleeting confines of the present, and urged all people, but especially Christians, to read old books.

History majors at Trinity are launched on a lifelong exploration of the drama, pathos, messiness, and deep moral interest to be discovered in the human experience over time. We emphasize wide knowledge, up-to-date research skills, excellent writing and presentation, and deep and careful thinking. These are the skills that mark executive ability and leadership in many careers.

Majors

- History Major (<http://catalog.tiu.edu/trinity-college/academic-life/majors-minors-department/history/history-major/>)

Minors

- American Studies Minor (<http://catalog.tiu.edu/trinity-college/academic-life/majors-minors-department/history/american-studies-minor/>)
- History Minor

Any student may earn a minor in history by completing 18 credit hours (6 courses) in history, at least 9 of which (3 courses) must be at the 300 level or higher. Six hours (2 courses) from the humanities core (HUM 200, HUM 210, HUM 220) may count toward those 18 hours.

Courses

HI 101 History of Western Culture I - 4 Hours

The first in a series of three courses that integrate the philosophy, history, fine arts, and literature of Western civilization using a basic timeline as the organizing principle. This course will focus on antiquity through the Roman period. Delivery mode: Florida undergraduate.

HI 102 History of Western Culture II - 4 Hours

The second in a series of three courses that integrate the philosophy, history, fine arts, and literature of Western civilization using a basic timeline as the organizing principle. This course will deal with the medieval period, Renaissance, Reformation, and the beginning of the Enlightenment. Delivery mode: Florida undergraduate.

HI 103 History of Western Culture III - 4 Hours

The third in a series of three courses that integrate the philosophy, history, fine arts, and literature of Western civilization using a basic timeline as the organizing principle. This course will deal with the new republics, colonial period, Industrial Revolution, and the 20th century. Delivery mode: Florida undergraduate.

HI 105 Understanding History - 3 Hours

An introduction to the discipline of history centered around a common theme. Non-Majors are welcome. Seminar format with instruction in basic library research methods. Offered fall semester of even-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

HI 121 United States History Through the Civil War - 3 Hours

A study of the political, social, economic, and cultural development of the United States from the discovery of America through the Civil War. For Education and Secondary Education majors, an overview of Illinois State History is included. Prerequisites: none. Offered fall semester of odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate and Florida undergraduate.

HI 122 United States History Since the Civil War - 3 Hours

A study of the political, social, economic, and cultural development of the United States since the Civil War. For Education and Secondary Education majors, an overview of Illinois State History is included. Prerequisites: none. Offered spring semester of even-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate and Florida undergraduate.

HI 201 World Civilizations to 1600 - 3 Hours

A study of Western and non-Western cultures from antiquity through the Protestant Reformation. Emphasis on the development of the classical and medieval West and an introduction to major world cultures and religions. Prerequisites: none. Offered fall semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Florida undergraduate.

HI 202 World Civilizations Since 1600 - 3 Hours

A study of Western and non-Western cultures from 1600 through the present. Emphasis on the rise and decline of the modern West, its imperialism, and the emergence of modernized Western nations in the twentieth century. Prerequisites: none. Offered spring semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: online.

HI 230 History of the Non-Western World - 3 Hours

A study of non-Western cultures from antiquity through the present. Prerequisites: none. Offered spring semester of odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

HI 271 Topics in World History - 3 Hours

An examination of selected themes, topics, or periods in world history from earliest times to the present. May be repeated for credit if topic concentration differs. Topics have included regional studies of Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

HI 321X American Church History - 3 Hours

A survey of the history of Christianity in America from the colonial period to the present. Special attention is paid to the Protestant evangelical tradition. Offered spring semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Cross-listed with BRS 321X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

HI 322X Topics in Church History - 3 Hours

An examination of selected themes, topics, or periods in the history of the Christian church since 400 A.D. with a particular emphasis on the relationship between church history and social, intellectual, political, and cultural history. May be repeated for credit if topic concentration differs. Topics have included Reformation and Puritanism. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Cross-listed with BRS 322X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

HI 323 The History of African American Religious Experience - 3 Hours

A study of the forging of two religious cultures - one African, one European - into a uniquely African American religious culture. The reciprocal nature of the relationship between the social, political, and economic environment of the United States and the institution of "Slave Religion" will be explored to determine the impact of each on the other. Delivery mode: Florida undergraduate.

HI 325 Topics in European History - 3 Hours

An examination of selected topics in the social, intellectual, political, and cultural development of Europe from the Middle Ages to the present. May be repeated for credit if topic concentration differs. Topics have included British history, the Enlightenment, Nazi Germany, and World War II. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

HI 340X History of Christianity - 3 Hours

A survey of the history of the Christian church from the New Testament to the present. Approximately equal time is spent on the early, medieval, Reformation, and modern periods. Offered fall semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Cross-listed with BRS 340X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate and Florida undergraduate.

HI 357X Christian Classics - 3 Hours

This interdisciplinary, team-taught honors seminar will investigate significant primary works on the nature of religious spirituality from a variety of Christian traditions from the second century to the present. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Cross listed with ENG 357X and PH 357X.

HI 358X Christianity and Darwinism - 3 Hours

This interdisciplinary, team-taught honors seminar will investigate the relationship between Christianity and Darwinism since the latter's inception in the mid-nineteenth century. Cross listed with BIO 358X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

HI 359 Topics for Honors Students - 3 Hours

Selected topics not taught under specific course titles. Depending on the topic, the course will be designated as falling under one or more departments. May be repeated for credit if the topic differs. Offered spring semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

HI 372 History of Ideas in America - 3 Hours

Social and religious institutions and patterns of thought that have been significant in American civilization from the colonial era to the present. Offered fall semester of odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

HI 373 African American History - 3 Hours

Seminar on the history of African Americans from colonial times to the present. Major themes include African background, the experience of slavery, the antebellum free black community, the politics of freedom, leadership, religion, civil rights, urban black life, and the issues surrounding race. For both majors and non-majors interested in the history of the black experience. Offered spring semester of odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

HI 375 Topics in American History - 3 Hours

An examination of selected topics in the social, economic, political, and cultural development of the United States from the colonial era to the present. May be repeated for credit if topic concentration differs. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, Florida undergraduate.

HI 376 Twentieth-Century American Cultural History - 3 Hours

A study of cultural change in twentieth-century America. Major themes include the relationship of cultural change to socio-economic developments; the rise and influence of mass media; youth culture; changing conceptions of selfhood, morality, and commitment; and the religious overtones and undertones throughout. Offered fall semester of even-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

HI 430 Seminar in Early Modern Europe - 3 Hours

A study of European political, economic, religious, and intellectual development from 1500 to 1815. Major themes include the Reformation, Revolution, and Napoleon. Seminar format includes a major semester-long research project. Offered Fall 2023 for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

HI 450 Independent Study - 1-4 Hours

Research and specialized studies designed to meet the needs of individual students. Prerequisite: consent of the instructor. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

HI 471 Seminar in Colonial and Revolutionary America - 3 Hours

A study of the most formative period in our nation's history, from European contact to the framing of the Constitution - a period of contest, drama, promise, failure, and achievement. The British colonies are a main focus - but we benefit also from recent scholarship's emphasis on the roles of native Americans, Africans, and other European colonizers (Spanish, French, Dutch) in areas that would later form part of our country. Seminar format includes a major semester-long research project. Offered fall semester of even-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

HI 480 Topics Seminar in History - 3 Hours

An examination of selected topics in American, European, or world history. Seminar format includes a major semester-long research project. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.