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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTINUE MY FAMILY’S SUCCESSFUL EDUCATIONAL PATH. IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO REPRESENT THE NUMBER ONE HISTORY PROGRAM IN THE COUNTRY, AS WELL AS THE BEST DEPARTMENT ON CAMPUS.”

- India Bowden



“
CHANGE WILL NOT COME IF WE WAIT FOR SOME OTHER PERSON OR IF WE WAIT FOR SOME TIME. WE ARE THE ONES WE’VE BEEN WAITING FOR.”

- Barack Obama

THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY IS ESSENTIAL

to the core of liberal arts at North Carolina Central University. Our diverse population of faculty and students are involved in teaching and learning history through innovative research, exciting courses, student projects, digital humanities, public history, and service learning.

OUR AWARD-WINNING FACULTY OF 12 SCHOLAR-TEACHERS

offer instruction in African, African Diaspora, African American, American, European, Latin American, South Asian, and Public History. The department also offers a concentration in Hip Hop Studies and a minor in Women and Gender Studies, which allows students to deepen their interdisciplinary understanding of culture and identity.

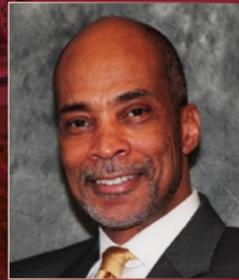
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**“NEVER LIMIT YOURSELF
BECAUSE OF OTHERS’
LIMITED IMAGINATION; NEVER LIMIT OTHERS
BECAUSE OF YOUR OWN LIMITED IMAGINATION.”**

- Dr. Mae Jemison

INTRODUCTION

STUDYING HISTORY @ NCCU

There is no limit to where a history degree can take you. One-third of all Fortune 500 CEO's have degrees in the Humanities, including some notable history majors: Robert Johnson of BET, Facebook co-founder Chris Hughes, Carly Fiorina of Hewlett-Packard. Supreme Court Justices Elana Kagan and Anthony Kennedy and former Attorney General Eric Holder hold history degrees. President Joe Biden majored in history as did Senator Cory Booker and comedians Sacha Baron Cohen and Steve Carrell. Former NBA commissioner David Stern majored in history, as did Kareem Abdul Jabbar. So, when someone asks you what you can do with a history degree, the answer is simple: anything I want.

North Carolina Central University's History Department is small, family-oriented, cohesive, and student engaged, with a diverse student population and faculty. We aim to maximize our students' potential, providing essential skills that will serve them throughout their lives—research, writing, speaking, and critical thinking.

The department has a long-established reputation for distinguished scholarship. We have produced more graduates who have gone on to earn the Ph.D. in history than any other historically black institution in the nation. More than 80 of our students have received doctorates in history from institutions such as Howard University, Ohio State University, UNC-Chapel Hill, Morgan State University, Northwestern University, the University of California at Berkeley, Rutgers University, Miami (Ohio) University, University of South Carolina, and University of Florida at Gainesville.

Recent NCCU History graduates have gone on to become historians, lawyers, teachers, State Department employees, librarians, museum curators, and stand-up comedians. Why? Because we teach you how to think and solve problems, how to express yourself clearly, and how to be flexible and adapt. A History degree prepares you for the jobs of today and provides the skills to excel in professions that haven't been created yet.

In our B.A. program, you will gain hands-on research experience—in the classroom, internships, and study abroad experiences. You will work with our award-winning faculty and with archivists and museum curators to develop innovative research projects, and you will have chances to present your findings at university and national conferences. In the end, you will be prepared to enter graduate and professional schools in history, women's and gender studies, law, or business. The world will be open to you.

Dr. Jim Harper, II

DR. JIM HARPER, II
DEPARTMENT CHAIR



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY @ NCCU

The Department of History offers a major and minor in history at the baccalaureate level. The primary mission of the department is to educate both undergraduate students in the search for truth through excellence in teaching, scholarly research, and service, thus developing students with knowledge, technological competence, aesthetic and ethical values to be successful in a global society. The Department will provide history majors and minors with an educational environment and experience that will prepare them to teach at the secondary school level, to pursue graduate study, or to find employment in law, government service, industry, and other public and private sectors.

The History BA introduces students to African, African Diaspora, African American, American, European, Latin American, and public history, preparing students to teach at the secondary school level, pursue graduate study, or find employment in law, government service, industry, and other public and private sector jobs. Students can concentrate in Hip Hop or minor in Women's and Gender Studies.

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“
**THE PATH TO YOUR SUCCESS
IS NOT AS FIXED
AND INFLEXIBLE AS YOU THINK.**”

- Misty Copeland

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

Students majoring in history must complete a minimum of 42 semester hours of courses:

History 1100, and 39 semester hours at the 2000 level or higher, including one seminar.

The history minor must complete a minimum of 21 semester hours of courses:

History 1100, and 18 semester hours at the 2000 level or higher, including one seminar in history.

The department also offers certification in secondary social studies. Students seeking teaching certification also must complete a minimum of **42 semester hours and the required education courses**. Students must have a **2.0 grade point average in their major and a 2.0 grade point average overall** to successfully graduate from the program.

“
**ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE
PROUD OF YOURSELF AND ALL
THE PROGRESS YOU'VE MADE.
ESPECIALLY THE PROGRESS NO
ONE ELSE CAN SEE.**”

- Unknown



GENERAL ED PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS



Non-departmental requirements

(must have a grade of 'C' or better):

Course may be used to fulfill a GEC Requirement

+ Course may be completed in addition to a GEC Requirement

General Education Requirements

Students must complete the General Education Requirements required by the University as detailed on the four-year course of study. (Refer to Degree Works to see your degree audit)

“
**NO MATTER WHAT,
WE ALWAYS HAVE THE POWER TO CHOOSE
HOPE OVER DESPAIR, ENGAGEMENT OVER
APATHY, KINDNESS OVER INDIFFERENCE,
LOVE OVER HATE.**”

- Cory Booker

DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS



“
**IT ALWAYS
SEEMS
IMPOSSIBLE,
UNTIL IT IS DONE.**”

- Nelson Mandela

Complete a minimum of 120 semester hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher. The last 30 credit hours must be completed at NCCU. 42 total credit hours in history.

1. History major requirements- complete the following:

- a. HIST 1100.
- b. HIST 2000 (must be taken in sophomore year).
- c. HIST 2210, 2220.
- d. HIST 2890.
- e. HIST 4310.
- f. Two European History courses (6 hours).
- g. Two African and or African American history courses (6 hours).
- h. One seminar course from HIST 4010, 4020, 4040, 4050, 4060, 4070 (must be taken senior year).
- i. At least 3 hours from any other 2000 level or higher undergraduate history course.
- j. In courses A-E and H students must earn at least a grade of “C”. “D” or “F” grades must be repeated

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Freshman and sophomore years complete the General Education Curriculum Requirement. See the "General Education" section in the university catalog.

History major requirements - complete the following:

- HIST 1100World Societies to 1650
- HIST 2000Historical Writing and Literature WI (must be taken in sophomore year)
- HIST 2210United States History to 1865
- HIST 2220United States History Since 1865
- HIST 2890Methods and Applications in History

*Two courses from the following areas. No more than one course in one area: African History, European, History, and Latin American History.

- HIST 2410African History to 1800
- HIST 2420African History Since 1800
- HIST 2610Latin American History: The Colonial Period, 1480-1820
- HIST 2620Latin American History: The National Period
- HIST 3010Problems in European History
- HIST 3040Topics in African History
- HIST 3070Topics in the African Diaspora
- HIST 3100Independent Readings in European History
- HIST 3115Europe, 1500-1815
- HIST 3118Europe, 1815-1914
- HIST 3145History of Russia to the Revolution
- HIST 3150History of England to 1688
- HIST 3160History of England since 1688
- HIST 3180History of France since the Enlightenment.
- HIST 3410Ancient Africa
- HIST 3420State Formation in Pre-Colonial Africa
- HIST 3430Africa Under Colonial Rule
- HIST 3440Africa Since Independence
- HIST 3450African Economic History
- HIST 3600Independent Readings in Latin American History
- HIST 3710Introduction to African Diaspora History
- HIST 4010Seminar in European History
- HIST 4040Seminar in African History
- HIST 4060Seminar in Latin American History
- HIST 4070Seminar in the African Diaspora
- HIST 4110Europe Since 1914
- HIST 4120European Diplomatic History, 1879 to the Present

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- HIST 4140The Revolutionary Era and Napoleon
- HIST 4150European Intellectual History
- HIST 4160The African Presence in Europe
- HIST 4170The New Europeans: Race and Ethnic Minorities in Contemporary Europe
- HIST 4400Independent Readings in African History
- HIST 4450History of the Making of Contemporary South Africa
- HIST 4470History of Pan-Africanism to 1963
- HIST 4610History of the Caribbean
- HIST 4620Latin American Revolution
- HIST 4630The African Presence in Latin America
- HIST 4640Latin American History Through Literature and Film
- HIST 4755Topics in African Diaspora History

*One of these seminar courses must be taken senior year HIST 4010, HIST 4020, HIST 4040, HIST 4050, HIST 4060, HIST 4070.

- HIST 4020Seminar in American History
- HIST 4040Seminar in African History
- HIST 4050Seminar in African American History
- HIST 4060Seminar in Latin American History
- HIST 4070Seminar in the African Diaspora
- HIST 4080Seminar in Public History

*At least 18 hours from any other 2000 level or higher undergraduate course.

- HIST 2000Historical Writing and Literature
- HIST 2080Problems in the History of Women to 1750
- HIST 2081Problems in the History of Women Since 1750
- HIST 2110Ancient History
- HIST 2120Medieval History
- HIST 2210United States History to 1865
- HIST 2220United States History Since 1865
- HIST 2310History of Hip Hop Comprehensive
- HIST 2320History of Hip Hop Audio
- HIST 2410African History to 1800
- HIST 2420African History Since 1800
- HIST 2510Introduction to Public History
- HIST 2610Latin American History: The Colonial Period, 1480-1820
- HIST 2620Latin American History: The National Period
- HIST 2910Histories and Societies of South Asia Prior to 1750
- HIST 3010Problems in European History

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- HIST 3020Problems in American History
- HIST 3040Topics in African History
- HIST 3070Topics in the African Diaspora
- HIST 3100Independent Readings in European History
- HIST 3115Europe, 1500-1815
- HIST 3118Europe, 1815-1914
- HIST 3145History of Russia to the Revolution
- HIST 3150History of England to 1688
- HIST 3160History of England since 1688
- HIST 3180History of France since the Enlightenment.
- HIST 3210American Military History
- HIST 3220Recent United States History
- HIST 3230American Urban History
- HIST 3250American Economic History
- HIST 3260American Labor History
- HIST 3310Hip Hop in Global Context
- HIST 3410Ancient Africa
- HIST 3420State Formation in Pre-Colonial Africa
- HIST 3430Africa Under Colonial Rule
- HIST 3440Africa Since Independence
- HIST 3450African Economic History
- HIST 3500Independent Readings in African American History
- HIST 3510African American History to 1865
- HIST 3520African American History Since 1865
- HIST 3522The Black Female Body in American Culture
- HIST 3523Black Feminist Thought
- HIST 3600Independent Readings in Latin American History
- HIST 3630History of Central America
- HIST 3710Introduction to African Diaspora History
- HIST 3900Internship in Historical Studies
- HIST 3910South Asia Under British Imperial Rule, 1750-1885
- HIST 3920The Unmaking of the British Empire in India, 1885-1947
- HIST 4010Seminar in European History
- HIST 4020Seminar in American History
- HIST 4040Seminar in African History
- HIST 4050Seminar in African American History
- HIST 4060Seminar in Latin American History
- HIST 4070Seminar in the African Diaspora
- HIST 4080Seminar in Public History

CONCENTRATION

- HIST 4110Europe Since 1914
- HIST 4120European Diplomatic History, 1879 to the Present
- HIST 4130Renaissance, Reformation, and European Expansion
- HIST 4140The Revolutionary Era and Napoleon
- HIST 4150European Intellectual History
- HIST 4160The African Presence in Europe
- HIST 4170The New Europeans: Race and Ethnic Minorities in Contemporary Europe
- HIST 4200Independent Readings in American History
- HIST 4210Foreign Relations of the United States
- HIST 4230Constitutional History of the United States
- HIST 4310History of North Carolina
- HIST 4400Independent Readings in African History
- HIST 4450History of the Making of Contemporary South Africa
- HIST 4470History of Pan-Africanism to 1963
- HIST 4510Modern African American History Since 1900
- HIST 4610History of the Caribbean
- HIST 4620Latin American Revolution
- HIST 4630The African Presence in Latin America
- HIST 4640Latin American History Through Literature and Film
- HIST 4755Topics in African Diaspora History
- HIST 4810Oral History-Theory
- HIST 4910Comparative Slavery
- HIST 4940Fiction, Film and South Asia's Past (cross-listed with English Department)

* In the list of courses students must earn at least a grade of "C". "D" or "F" grades must be repeated.

* A minimum GPA of 2.0 in the major and overall is required for graduation.

“
IN THE 21ST CENTURY,
THE BEST
ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAM AROUND IS A
WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION.”

- Barack Obama

MINOR IN HISTORY

1. History minor requirements- complete the following:

- a. HIST 1100
- b. HIST 2000 (must be taken in sophomore year)
- c. HIST 2210, 2220
- d. HIST 2890
- e. One seminar course from HIST 4010, 4020, 4040, 4050, 4060, 4070 (must be taken senior year).
- f. History elective.
- g. In courses A-E students must earn at least a grade of "C". "D" or "F" grades must be repeated.

• Concentration

Hip Hop (12 credit hours)

• Minor

Women's and Gender Studies



“
**ONE OF THE LESSONS THAT
I GREW UP WITH
WAS TO ALWAYS STAY TRUE TO YOURSELF
AND NEVER LET WHAT SOMEBODY ELSE
SAYS DISTRACT YOU FROM YOUR GOALS.”**

- Michelle Obama

PROGRAM NOTES

At least 36 credit hours of general electives are required.

HISTORY, COMPREHENSIVE SOCIAL STUDIES

1. Complete a minimum of 128 semester hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher. The last 30 hours must be completed at NCCU.
2. Freshman and sophomore years complete the General Education Requirements. See the "General Education" section in this catalog.
3. Complete the following courses:
 - a. POLS 2100 or 2120
 - b. SOCI 2000/2100
 - c. GEOG 1000 or 1100 or 2100
 - d. ECON 2200 or 2300
 - e. BIOL 1101 or 1201 or CHEM 1100 (Course cannot be used to satisfy GEC science requirement)
4. Education requirements:
 - a. GPA of 2.5 or higher for admission to teacher education
 - b. EDU 2600, 2800, 3000, 3010, 3030, 3120, 3150, 3170, 4010, 4126, 4226
 - c. A GPA of 2.0 is required for the major



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**I NEED TO BE
SURROUNDED
BY PEOPLE AS
PASSIONATE AND AS
DEDICATED AS I AM.”**

- Lauryn Hill



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