

BACHELOR OF ARTS
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

THE STUDENT MUST DO THE FOLLOWING TO RECEIVE A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE:

1. COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF 120 CREDIT HOURS OF STUDY, AT LEAST 60 OF WHICH OR AT LEAST THE LAST 30 CREDITS BEFORE GRADUATION ARE AT SOUTHERN VIRGINIA. NO MORE THAN 9 CREDIT HOURS WILL BE GRANTED FOR INTERNSHIP COURSES.
2. COMPLETE ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE SOUTHERN VIRGINIA CORE.
3. COMPLETE ALL REQUIREMENTS OF AT LEAST ONE MAJOR.
4. EARN A MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 2.00 ON ALL COURSE WORK TAKEN AT THE UNIVERSITY.
5. COMPLY WITH ALL UNIVERSITY STANDARDS, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES, FROM THE DATE OF MATRICULATION THROUGH THE DATE OF FINAL GRADUATION.

HISTORY

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS
(33 credit hours)

History, the disciplined study of the past, uses rigorous methods and diverse sources to understand the changes that occur over time. Historians seek to address the human need to know who we are and where we came from. They seek out the continuities between remote times and our own day, while imaginatively recapturing lost worlds vastly different from our own. History can focus on both ordinary people and on famous names. Studying ideas, belief systems, political institutions, and social and economic structures can help make events and facts more meaningful to people. History also entails understanding the writings, methods, and attitudes of earlier historians, whose views and narratives contributed to older and newer debates about the past. Far more important than merely mastering dates and details is the greater respect for the past and greater humility about the present gained by students of history. History students learn to appreciate the lesson that deliberate actions often have unanticipated consequences. They learn to see individual intentions and actions in context, and they question commonly-held assumptions about the naturalness or inevitability of our own ideas and ways of doing things. In seeking to understand the past, students of history hone their skills as writers, readers, researchers, and critical thinkers.

Program coordinator: Dr. Lora Knight

Major Requirements (33 credit hours)

Major Core (12 credit hours and senior examination):

HIS 210 Western Civilization I (GE) (3)
HIS 215 Western Civilization II (GE) (3)
HIS 303 Historical Methods (3)
HIS 498 Senior Paper (3)

Major Electives I: 3 credit hours from among the following:

HIS 223 American History to 1877 (3)
HIS 325R Topics in American History (Var.)
HIS 326 American Civil War and Reconstruction (3)
HIS 328 American Politics & Foreign Policy since WW II (3)
HIS 329 American History from 1877

Major Electives II: an additional 18 credit hours from among the following:

HIS 223 American History to 1877 (3)
HIS 253 Asian Civilization (3)
HIS 325R Topics in American History (Var.)
HIS 326 American Civil War and Reconstruction (3)
HIS 328 American Politics & Foreign Policy since WW II (3)
HIS 329 American History from 1877 (3)
HIS 331 History of Great Britain from 1066 to 1688 (3)
HIS 332 History of Great Britain from 1688 to present (3)
HIS 335R Topics in European History (Var.)
HIS 346 History of the Holocaust (3)
HIS 347 Gender in Modern Europe (3)
HIS 354 Japanese Cultural History
HIS 355R Topics in Asian History (Var.)
HIS 374 History and the Performing Arts (3)
HIS 375R Topics in History (Var.)
HIS 385R Directed Study in History (Var.)
HIS 475R Advanced Topics in History (3)

Minor Requirements (18 credit hours)

Minor Core (9 credit hours):

HIS 210 Western Civilization I (GE) (3)
HIS 215 Western Civilization II (GE) (3)
HIS 303 Historical Methods (3)

Minor Electives: 9 credit hours from among the major electives.