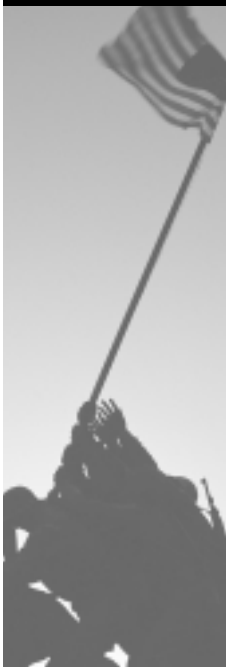


THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

RUTGERS NEWARK

Rutgers-Newark
HISTORY





Number of students in program	52
Average size of upper-level classes	34
Number of undergraduate courses	100

Why Study History?

You might think that studying history means memorizing names and dates. But the study of history is a rich, challenging exploration of the past that develops analytical thinking, writing, and interpretation skills. The major in history gives students a broad grasp of world history and the cultural backgrounds of many segments of contemporary society. Through studying history students gain a better understanding of themselves and their communities while also developing a broad range of skills relevant to the professions.

Why Study History at Rutgers University-Newark?



Our program offers students the opportunity to study with award-winning scholars in small classes. It combines the best features of a research institution - access to distinguished scholars who can motivate and supervise advanced study - with the benefits of a small private college, namely individual attention in small classes and individually tailored programs of study.



What Can One Do With a History Major?

Students learn methods of historical research and exposition that may be applied not only by the professional historian but also by those interested in pursuing careers in teaching, government, law, the media, and other fields.

Majoring in history is an excellent preparation for law school. Apart from learning about the historical evolution of the law, students develop skills needed for law school and professional practice by learning to conduct research, write well-organized papers, and develop original and convincing arguments.

The focus on these skills also makes history a good major for anyone who plans to work in communications, print journalism, government, or the private sector. Many corporations view good writing skills

as essential qualities for job applicants. As firms become increasingly global, many have also begun to favor job applicants with knowledge of the history and culture of regions outside the United States.

History majors may also choose a career in teaching. A major in history can be combined with certification in teaching. Students who successfully complete a program preparatory to teaching may apply for state certification through the Department of Education.

Finally, history majors will be prepared to continue on to graduate study in history or related fields. Graduates of the department have in the past gone on to master's or doctoral study at top-ranked institutions.

About Our Department

The History Department at Rutgers University-Newark runs a joint B.A. in History with history faculty at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). The Federated Department has 23 full-time faculty members, including many nationally and internationally prominent historians who combine the talents of distinguished scholars with the dedication of gifted teachers. Five faculty members have received teaching awards in recent years.

The faculty have expertise in a wide range of subfields within history. Some examples are:

African-American history
American cultural history
Women's history
Legal history
Twentieth-century American history
History of medicine
Environmental history
Chinese history
History of Islamic civilizations
African history
Twentieth-century Europe

A large number of elective courses are offered every semester, and history majors are able to take courses both at Rutgers and NJIT to fulfill major requirements. Here are some examples of electives offered on a regular basis:

American Legal History
Creation of the Americana Republic
History of Women in the United States
America in the 1960's
United States Foreign Policy in the Era of the Cold War
History of South Africa
The Classical World: Greece and Rome
History of the Middle Ages
Modern China
History of Russia and the Soviet Union
Comparative Economic History

Major Requirements:

All majors in history develop, with the assistance of a faculty member, a course of study that meets the needs of the student. The courses identified and the rationale for their selection must be intellectually coherent; course work outside the student's area of specialization must be included. Since many history majors decide to go on to graduate school, proficiency in at least one foreign language is useful, though not required.

42 credits are required for the major including:

6 credits in History of Western Civilization

24 credits in history, fifteen at the 300 level or above. Of these credits, 15 will be in a geographic or thematic field defined by the student and his or her adviser; nine will be in courses outside the field of concentration.

6 additional credits related to the course of study, as approved by the adviser. These credits may be in history or in anthropology, art, classics, economics, history of education, literature (English or a foreign language), music, philosophy, political science, psychology, sociology, or statistics.

Senior readings seminar (3 credits) and senior research and writing seminar (3 credits). This capstone experience allows students to work closely with a faculty member in reading and discussing advanced materials, and developing an original research project. The course is designed to serve as excellent preparation for graduate or professional school, or for jobs requiring independent work and initiative.

Minor Requirements:

The minor offers students with other majors an opportunity to pursue the study of history. The following are required:

History of Western Civilization (6 credits)
15 credits of history electives

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Major Requirements listed in this brochure are subject to final department approval.

