

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY

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As a history major, you take a broad range of courses that introduce you to aspects of history from a wide variety of perspectives and time periods. All history majors must take at least two courses in American history, two courses in European history, and two courses in world history. Students also take a required course in historical writing, and majors take a junior level seminar on historiography that introduces them to the actual production of historical knowledge and the creation of historical narratives and interpretive frameworks. In addition, all history majors have an experiential learning expectation that can be filled through a study abroad experience, an internship in history, or by taking the Introduction to Public History course. In their senior year, all history students write a senior thesis that gives them a chance to put into practice everything they have learned throughout their work in the major. The remainder of the required 36 credits in history is made up of history electives chosen by students based on their interests in consultation with their adviser. Through a history major at Quinnipiac, you will gain a broad understanding of past events, plus critical thinking skills and writing expertise, all of which will prepare you for a number of careers, from curator of a museum exhibit on Middle Eastern art to grant writer for a large teaching hospital. If you have a talent for languages, you could become an intelligence officer with the FBI, or you can choose to continue your education with a graduate degree in education, law or medicine.

Students normally apply for admission to the major during their sophomore year. Applications must be made to, and approved by, the chairperson. Acceptance is usually approved for all applicants in good standing academically.

Continuation in the major is dependent upon a satisfactory level of performance in all courses, with special reference to work in history. In addition to the CAS requirements, students majoring in history must take 6 credits of European history courses, 6 credits of American history courses, 6 credits of global history courses, four elective courses (300 level or above), and several specified history classes including HS 201, HS 303 and HS 408.

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## BA in History Curriculum

Students majoring in history must meet the following requirements for graduation:

Code	Title	Credits
	University Curriculum <sup>1</sup>	46
	College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum <sup>2</sup>	21-24
	History Core Requirements <sup>3,4,5</sup>	
	European History	6
	American History	6
	Global History	6

Select four electives 300 level or above	12	
HS 201	Historical Writing	3
HS 303	Historiography	3
HS 408	Seminars in History	3
<b>Free Electives</b>		<b>14-17</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>120-126</b>

- All students must complete the University Curriculum (<http://catalog.qu.edu/academics/university-curriculum/>) requirements.
- Students must complete the College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum (<http://catalog.qu.edu/arts-sciences/cas-curriculum/>) requirements specific to their major. See details below.
- No more than three courses may be at the 100 level.
- The minimum requirement (36 credits) must be met with a grade of C or better in all courses.
- Some courses will fill more than one requirement. Students take a total of 36 history credits.

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## College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum

The College of Arts and Sciences offers bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees. As the home of the liberal arts at Quinnipiac, CAS encourages students to pursue a balanced program of study across multiple disciplines. In pursuit of that goal, CAS imposes additional requirements beyond the University Curriculum.

All CAS students (both bachelor of science and bachelor of arts) must complete one foreign language through the 102-level. Foreign language classes may also count toward the UC Personal Inquiry II requirement.

Additionally, students earning a bachelor of arts must fulfill separate requirements for breadth and depth of study:

For the breadth requirement, students must complete at least 3 credits in each of the four CAS disciplinary areas other than the area of the student's major. These areas are: fine arts, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences. For example, a student majoring in political science—a social science discipline—would complete at least 3 credits each in fine arts, humanities and natural science. A course taken to fulfill the CAS breadth requirement may not simultaneously fulfill any UC requirement.

For the depth requirement, students must complete at least 9 credits within a single subject area other than that of the major. (A "subject area" is identified with a catalog subject code, such as PL, CJ, WS, MA, etc.) CAS depth courses may also count toward UC requirements.

Students pursuing a bachelor of science, a double major, or certain accelerated degree programs are exempt from the CAS breadth and depth requirements, but must complete the foreign language requirement.

## Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will achieve the following competencies:

- Critical thinking:** Analyze, synthesize and evaluate historical information from multiple sources.

2. **Inquiry and analysis:** Distinguish between fact and fiction by employing a full range of techniques and methods used to gain historical knowledge while understanding that there is no one historical truth.
3. **Effective communication:** Produce a polished and thoroughly researched written work of history that engages with both primary sources and the secondary literature.
4. **Diversity and cultural awareness:** Become familiar with multiple cultures and diverse people from around the world and in different time periods.
5. **Oral communication:** Convey their historical knowledge verbally through public presentations.
6. **Historical knowledge:** Develop an understanding of the general chronology of the past and demonstrate an understanding of cause and effect in history.

## Admission Requirements: College of Arts and Sciences

The requirements for admission into the undergraduate College of Arts and Sciences programs are the same as those for admission to Quinnipiac University.

Admission to the university is competitive, and applicants are expected to present a strong college prep program in high school. Prospective first-year students are strongly encouraged to file an application as early in the senior year as possible, and arrange to have first quarter grades sent from their high school counselor as soon as they are available.

For detailed admission requirements, including required documents, please visit the Admissions (<http://catalog.qu.edu/general-information/admissions/>) page of this catalog.

## Seamless Transfer Agreement with Gateway Community College (GCC), Housatonic Community College (HCC) and Norwalk Community College (NCC)

Under this Transfer Agreement, GCC, HCC and NCC graduates will be guaranteed admission into a bachelor's degree program with third year (junior) status at Quinnipiac University on the condition that they:

- Graduate with an associate in arts, an associate in science in business, College of Technology engineering science, nursing or an allied health degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (this may be higher in specific programs).
- Satisfy all other Quinnipiac University transfer admission requirements and requirements for intended major.

Quinnipiac University agrees to accept the general education embedded in these associate degree programs in accordance with Quinnipiac preferred choices for general education as meeting all the requirements of its undergraduate general education except for the Integrative Capstone Experience and where courses are encumbered by the major (e.g., General Chemistry for the Disciplinary Inquiry Natural Science requirement for a Biochemistry major).

## Suggested Transfer Curriculum for BA in History

A minimum of 60 credits is required for transfer into the BA in History program. Below is a recommended plan of study for the first two years prior to matriculation at Quinnipiac University.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
English I		3
United States History I		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
English II		3
United States History II		3
Elective		3-4
Elective		3-4
Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15-17</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
Elective		3-4
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15-16</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>60-63</b>