Associate in Arts (652)

Students wanting to major in history may have a choice of earning a B.A. or a B.S. degree, depending on the school they attend. History majors normally pursue a B.A. degree, but students should consult their counselors on the differences between degrees. A history major may also pursue a program leading to state certification as high school (6-12) history teachers. To transfer as a junior, students must complete 64 semester credits. Community college students seeking a bachelor's degree in history are strongly encouraged to complete an Associate in Arts (A.A.) or Associate in Science (A.S.) degree before transferring.

Students who have already chosen the university to which they plan to transfer should consult that institution's catalog or department advisor and an SVCC counselor or academic advisor in planning their program. Students planning on careers as high school history or social science teachers need to meet with a counselor or academic advisor.

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College
Counseling Office, 815/835-6354;
Richard Eichman, Associate Professor of History/English, 815/835-6380.

History - IAI Recommended Baccalaureate Curriculum

Suggested Program

First Semester - Sem/Hrs: 17

- **Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- Humanities 3 Semester hour(s)
- Math 3 Semester hour(s)

- ENG 101 - Composition I 3 Semester hour(s)
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- * HIS 131 - Western Civilization to 1648 3 Semester hour(s)
- FYE 101 - First Year Experience 1 Semester hour(s)

Second Semester - Sem/Hrs: 16

- Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)

- ENG 103 - Composition II 3 Semester hour(s)
- GOV 163 - American Politics and Government 3 Semester hour(s)
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- * HIS 132 - Western Civilization Since 1648 3 Semester hour(s)

Third Semester - Sem/Hrs: 16-17

- Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- ****History Electives 3 Semester hour(s)
- ***Life Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)

- HIS 221 - American History to 1865 3 Semester hour(s)
- SPE 131 - Introduction to Oral Communication 3 Semester hour(s)

Fourth Semester - Sem/Hrs: 15-17

- Foreign Language
  or
- Humanities/Fine Arts 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- **Physical Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- ****HIS Electives 3 Semester hour(s)
- Personal Development 3 Semester hour(s)

- HIS 222 - American History Since 1865 3 Semester hour(s)

Total Credits: 64-66

Footnotes

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*Since schools divide historical periods differently across courses, students should complete course sequences at the same school.

**B.A. degree may require competency in a single foreign language through the third or fourth college semester. B.S. degree may require more courses in mathematics, statistics and/or computer science. Consult a counselor or academic advisor for more information.

***One lab science required.

****Additional history courses (such as third-world or non-Western civilization) may transfer for history major credit depending upon the school. Students should select courses in consultation with an advisor.

Important to Note:

1. Students pursuing history as a major are advised to take non-history courses to fulfill the GECC Humanities and in the GECC Social and Behavioral Sciences general education requirements. Consult with your advisor frequently as you take courses in General Education. These courses may impact your major/area plan of study (this is especially important when pursuing a major in History Education).
2. Students who have decided upon a minor field are encouraged to complete one or more courses in the minor. Students planning to seek high school (6-12) teacher certification are encouraged to complete one or more professional education courses recommended for the Associate of Arts in Teaching specialty program. Students should select courses in consultation with an advisor.
3. As disciplines within the History major are writing intensive, students pursuing the major may want to consider taking history courses which have a significant writing requirement (approximately 15 pages in total of writing). This will assist students with requirements as they work towards their bachelor's degrees at universities.

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