

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 Academic Advisor 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 a minimum of 60 semester credits (64 for the Associate degree). Community college students seeking a bachelor's degree in history are strongly encouraged to complete an Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree before transferring.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

1. Students pursuing history as a major are advised to take non-history courses to fulfill the GECC Humanities and 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.

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 academic advisor in planning their program. Students planning on careers as high school history or social science teachers need to meet with an academic advisor.

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

- Academic Advising, 815-835-6354
- Richard Eichman, Professor of History/English, 815-835-6380

Total Hours Required - 66-67 Hours

Suggested Program

First Semester - 17-18 Hours

- **Electives/Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
 - Humanities 3 Semester hour(s)
 - Math 3-4 Semester hour(s)
 - ENG 101 - Composition I (3 Semester Hours)
 - FYE 101 - First Year Experience (1 Semester Hours)
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- HIS 131 - Western Civ to 1648 (3 Semester Hours)

Second Semester - 16 Hours

- **Electives/Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
 - Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
 - ENG 103 - Composition II (3 Semester Hours)
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- HIS 132 - Western Civ Since 1648 (3 Semester Hours)
- PSC 163 - Am Government & Politics (3 Semester Hours)

Third Semester - 16-17 Hours

- **Electives/Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- Electives 3 Semester hour(s)
- ***Life Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- COM 131 - Intro to Oral Communication (3 Semester Hours)
- HIS 221 - American History to 1865 (3 Semester Hours)

Fourth Semester - 16-17 Hours

- **Humanities/Foreign Language 4 Semester hours
- ***Physical Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- Personal Development 3 Semester hour(s)
- Social/Behavioral Sciences 3 Semester hour(s)
- HIS 222 - American History Since 1865 (3 Semester Hours)

Footnotes

- *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 an academic advisor for more information.
- ***One lab science required.