

Academic Programs

Associate in Arts Degree with a Concentration in History (652)

The history concentration will prepare students to transfer to a four-year institution to earn a bachelor's degree in history.

Transfer Considerations

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. Transfer guides for some universities are available at svcc.edu/transfer.

1. 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 (9-12) history teachers.
2. 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).
3. Students should complete the American History (HIS 221 and 222) and Western Civilization (HIS 131 and 132) Sequences prior to transfer as these courses are foundational prerequisites at most colleges.
4. 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 recommended professional education courses. Students should select courses in consultation with an advisor.

Competitive Admissions

Since admission is competitive, completing the recommended courses does not by itself guarantee admission.

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

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

Minimum Total Credit Hours - 66 Hours

Suggested Program

First Semester - 17 Hours

- **Electives/Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- Humanities 3 Semester hour(s)
- Math 3 Semester hour(s)
- ENG101 - Composition I (3 Semester Hours)
- FYE101 - First Year Experience (1 Semester Hours)
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- HIS131 - Western Civ to 1648 (3 Semester Hours)

Second Semester - 16 Hours

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

- ENG103 - Composition II (3 Semester Hours)
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- HIS132 - Western Civ Since 1648 (3 Semester Hours)
- PSC163 - 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)
- COM131 - Intro to Oral Communication (3 Semester Hours)
- HIS221 - 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)
- HIS222 - 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.