HISTORY

PROGRWM REQUIREMENTS

All students pursuing bachelor's degrees at Kent State complete a series of Kent Core requirements. History majors take courses in English composition, mathematics or logic, foreign language, humanities, fine arts, social sciences and basic sciences.

To fulfill the requirements for a major in history, students complete the following coursework:

- History of Civilization I
- History of Civilization II
- History of the United States: The Formative Period
- History of the United States: The Modern Period

In addition, two courses in U.S. history; two courses in European history since 1500; two courses in the fields of African, ancient, medieval, Latin American or Asian history; and the "Historians Craft," a writing intensive course. Students also complete a Senior Seminar in history with a capstone research project. Consult the Kent State course catalog for a complete listing of choices.

THE FACULTY

The Department of History has a reputation for excellence in teaching, research, publication and service to the university and community. Within recent years, a number of faculty members have been nominated by students for teaching awards, and three have won the highest honor given by the university, the Distinguished Teaching Award. In the past decade, the faculty have published nearly 50 books and 200 articles, as well as presented papers at 300 regional, national and international conferences. This dual activity of teaching and writing about history benefits the students, who are exposed to professors engaged in challenging existing paradigms, creating new narratives, as well as working with students on research projects that help develop critical thinking, problem-solving and writing skills.

SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS

The Department of History provides faculty and facilities for such programs as the Office of International Affairs, the Lyman L. Lemnitzer Center for NATO and European Union Studies and the public history programs. The department participates in other programs such as Latin American studies, Ancient, Medieval and Renaissance studies, and Jewish studies.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The study of history offers many career possibilities. It is a fine preparation for more specialized work leading to careers in law, government, diplomacy, labor relations, public administration, education, journalism, publishing, librarianship and business. Some students elect to complete a double major, teaming history with a more specifically career-oriented field such as journalism or telecommunications. Apart from the obvious careers of teaching and advanced historical scholarship, however, history majors have gone into work directly connected with historical analysis and interpretation. Archivists, for example, are historical specialists who collect historical documents and objects for museums, special libraries, governmental institutions and other organizations.

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