

# THINK AHEAD & THINK DEEPLY

For more than 135 years, Union College has inspired people to think ahead and think deeply. While we are not a community college, we are a college for the community. Studying history celebrates these roots, while encountering the world. Firmly rooted in Appalachia and Kentucky, our students explore the vital history of the nation, and engage diverse histories of peoples and cultures from around the world.

## WHY HISTORY?

At bottom the discipline of history is not specialized training for the current economy, but a durable investment in becoming a truly educated person.

Thus, careful study of the past asks students to understand the world from the perspective of others, evaluate competing claims in the light of evidence, logic, and context, and express their ideas with clarity and precision.

Yet, historical study also prepares men and women for

successful careers in a variety of fields. Our graduates enjoy success in:

- Education
- Law
- Business
- Health care
- Ministry
- Government
- and any other profession that privileges these habits of thought, insight, and diligence.

## HISTORY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- COMPLETION OF 120 SEMESTER HOURS, INCLUDING COMPLETION OF LIBERAL EDUCATION CORE & ALL HISTORY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS
- AT LEAST 39 SEMESTER HOURS MUST BE EARNED IN COURSES AT 300 LEVEL OR ABOVE & 30 OF LAST 36 CREDIT HOURS MUST BE EARNED AT UNION COLLEGE
- MAINTAIN OVERALL GPA OF AT LEAST 2.0
- FULL PARTICIPATION IN COLLEGE ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES

## ADMISSIONS PROCESS:

- Complete an application form
- Provide official transcripts of all attempted credit from high school & previously attended colleges
- Provide documentation of high school graduation or GED and official ACT score
- If applicable provide official documentation of military training, other specialized training and standardized examinations including DD-214 and CLEP/AP transcripts

## TUITION:

Application Fee	\$10
Undergraduate	\$345 per credit hour
Graduation Fee	\$50

## FINANCIAL AID:

Financial aid is available to Union college students. For more information: [www.unionky.edu/FAFSA](http://www.unionky.edu/FAFSA) or contact the Financial Aid Office at 606-546-1224 or e-mail us at [finaid@unionky.edu](mailto:finaid@unionky.edu)

**BACHELOR OF ARTS HISTORY**  
TOTAL 120 CREDIT HOURS



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## HISTORY PROGRAM (31 HOURS):

### Program Core (13 hours)

#### HIST 211

##### TOPICS IN GLOBAL HISTORY

A study of such topics in global history as the building and maintenance of empire, colonization and de-colonization, impact of industrialization and secularization on societies around the world, nationalisms and revolutionary movements, and religious and ideological antagonisms (e.g., Islam and the West). The reading and interpretation of primary sources of historical information receives special attention. Course may be taken for credit more than once provided that the topic of the course is different each time it is taken.

#### HIST 212

##### HISTORICAL RESEARCH & METHODS

Gathering and criticism of data; bibliographies and aids; problems in historiography, composition analysis, and the final monograph. Regardless of the monograph topic chosen by the student, this course does not count toward either the United States or non-United States requirement within the major. This course must be taken in conjunction with another history course.

#### HIST 301

##### READINGS IN US HISTORY

A course allowing students (History, History/Political Science Majors and History Minors) to explore subjects in history not covered in the regular courses. Prerequisite: HIST 211.

#### HIST 302

##### READINGS IN NON-US HISTORY

A course allowing students (History, History/Political Science Majors and History Minors) to explore subjects in history not covered in the regular courses. Prerequisite: HIST 211.

#### HUMN 477

##### PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

The senior Capstone seminar for History and Religious Studies majors (but any student may take the course).

#### HIST 475

##### SPECIAL TOPICS IN AMERICAN HISTORY

Topics that might be covered include, but are not limited to, such titles as Colonial America, the Early National Period, Industrial America in the Gilded Age, the Progressive Era and World War I, the Period between the World Wars, World War II, the United States since 1945, the Vietnam War, American Economic History, American Constitutional History, African-American History, and the American South.

#### HIST 476

##### SPECIAL TOPICS IN WORLD HISTORY

An intense, analytic study of a major problem or topic in world history. May be repeated for credit as long as the topic is different.

### ELECTIVE PROGRAM OFFERINGS:

#### HIST 235

##### KENTUCKY HISTORY

This course broadly surveys the people, places, and culture of Kentucky from the Civil War Era through the 21st Century. The emphasis is on major themes such as antebellum society, economic opportunity, industrial development, politics and politicians, sectionalism, Kentucky's role in national events, and the development of a distinctive Kentucky culture. This course tries to combine both traditional and newer approaches to examine the complex story of Kentucky's past.

#### HIST 311

##### AMERICAN HISTORY, 1550-1850

This course takes a comprehensive look at American history from its beginnings to the end of the Mexican War, giving special emphasis to the events, people, and ideas that have made America a distinctive civilization. This course is designed to lay a foundation for the further study of American civilization in history or any related discipline.

#### HIST 312

##### AMERICAN HISTORY, 1848-1919

This course broadly surveys the people, places, and culture of the United States from the war with Mexico in 1845 to the close of American involvement in World War I. The emphasis is on major themes such as economic opportunity, politics, sectionalism, race, Civil War, reconstruction, and Jim Crow, as well the Gilded Age, and the rise of Populism and Progressivism.

#### HIST 313

##### 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN HISTORY

History 313 offers students a chance to study the most fundamental transformations in modern American history, including but not limited to the reconstruction of the country after the Civil War, the growth of industry, the emergence of America as a world superpower, the expanding notion of citizenship, and the rise and fall of modern "liberalism" and "conservatism."

#### HIST 433

##### APPALACHIAN HISTORY

The course focuses on the social, cultural, and political history of the Southern Mountain Region, from the 17th century until the present. In addition to discussing and analyzing major events in the region's past, the course investigates major trends and themes which are vital to an understanding of the history of the region.

### COMPLETION OF LIBERAL EDUCATION CORE



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