

HISTORY HONORS AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Texas A&M University's Honors Programs offers the opportunity for successful and highly motivated students to pursue university-wide academic study that challenges their interests and abilities. History Honors allows undergraduates majoring in history to participate in a planned curriculum of honors study pertinent to their major field. Students pursuing History Honors are encouraged also to pursue University Honors. Completion of the requirements for History Honors will also satisfy the majority of the requirements for University Honors. Note: Students completing History Honors may also choose to complete the requirements for Foundation Honors by fulfilling any remaining requirements for that honors distinction, such as a three-hour honors American or Texas History course as specified by the core curriculum.

Departmental Requirements to Graduate with History Honors

To achieve History Honors, students must complete the following 21 hours of Honors classes:

[1] Nine (9) hours of Core Curriculum courses, as follows:

Three (3) hours in either humanities, visual/performing arts, or social science. Three (3) hours in either physical/biological sciences or mathematics/logical reasoning. Three (3) hours from a liberal arts core curriculum area - communication, humanities, visual/performing arts, or social science.

[2] Nine (9) hours in History, including at least six (6) hours at 300/400 level.

Students may use 6 hours of Honors Independent Study (HIST 497) leading to a senior thesis, preferably through the University Undergraduate Research Fellows Program - students choosing this option are exempt from HIST 481.

[3] Three (3) additional hours anywhere in the degree plan.

Note: A maximum of 7 credits from AP/IB examinations or from honors transfer credit may be approved by the University's Honors Programs office to apply to requirements of various honors plans, including History Honors. For details, see the Honors Handbook online at <http://honors.tamu.edu/honors/general/Handbk.pdf>.

HONORS RECOGNITION & GRADUATION WITH HONORS

All completed honors course work taken at Texas A&M is designated as such on a student's permanent transcript, showing that the student has taken part in this enhanced curriculum. After graduation, a student transcript will designate that a student has achieved the distinction of History Honors, as well as any university-wide honors distinctions and/or the College of Liberal Arts honors distinction the student has completed.

ADMISSION TO THE HONORS PROGRAM IN HISTORY

Admission requirements for this Program are the same as those of the University's Honors Programs office. Current and potential history majors whose overall GPR is 3.5 or above are encouraged to consult with the faculty advisor in charge of coordinating the Program Honors in the Department of History as early as possible in their academic career to plan their course sequence. To graduate with History Honors, a student must graduate with a 3.5 cumulative GPR and a 3.25 GPR in honors courses.

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