# University Core and Graduation Requirements

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### Note
- **FOR UNIVERSITY CORE AND PROGRAM QUESTIONS CONTACT THE ADVISEMENT CENTER**
- "**THESE CLASSES FILL BOTH UNIVERSITY CORE AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (21–32 hours overlap)"**

## Graduation Requirements:

- Minimum residence hours required: 30.0
- Minimum hours needed to graduate: 120.0

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# Suggested Sequence of Courses

## Freshman Year

### 1st Semester
- First-year Writing or American Heritage: 3.0
- HIST 200 (FWSpSu): 3.0
- Religion Cornerstone course: 2.0
- HIST 261: 2.0
- General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives: 6.0
- **Total Hours**: 15.0

### 2nd Semester
- First-year Writing or American Heritage: 3.0
- HIST 217 (F): 3.0
- Religion Cornerstone course: 2.0
- REL 293R: 1.0
- General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives: 6.0
- **Total Hours**: 15.0

Students must complete Hist. 217 with a grade of C or higher in order to continue in the program.

## Sophomore Year

### 3rd Semester
- HIST 220 (FWSpSu): 3.0
- HIST 201 (FWSpSu): 3.0
- HIST 218: 3.0
- General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives: 6.0
- History elective: 3.0
- **Total Hours**: 15.0

### 4th Semester
- HIST 218 should be taken before Hist 280-282, 350-354

## Junior Year

### 5th Semester
- Social/Cultural elective: 3.0
- HIST (421-425) handwriting & documents: 3.0
- History methods/skills elective: 3.0
- General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives: 6.0
- **Total Hours**: 15.0

### 6th Semester
- History methods/skills elective: 3.0
- History elective: 3.0
- General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives: 9.0
- **Total Hours**: 15.0

## Senior Year

### 7th Semester
- HIST 439 (FW): 3.0
- HIST 490 (FWSpSu): 3.0
- General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives: 9.0
- **Total Hours**: 15.0

### 8th Semester
- HIST 496R (FWSpSu): 3.0
- General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives: 12.0
- **Total Hours**: 15.0

## Note
- Students are encouraged to complete an average of 15 credit hours each semester or 30 credit hours each year, which could include spring and/or summer terms. Taking fewer credits substantially increases the cost and the number of semesters to graduate.

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*FOR UNIVERSITY CORE AND PROGRAM QUESTIONS CONTACT THE ADVISEMENT CENTER*
REQUIREMENT 1 Complete 1 course
Complete the following in fulfillment of the university core first-year writing requirement. Note: Waivers based on advanced placement (AP) or other test scores do not apply to this requirement. Students with AP credit for ENGL 115 should take WRGT 150.

*WRGT 150 - Writing and Rhetoric 3.0

REQUIREMENT 2 Complete 2 courses
Complete the following in fulfillment of the university core civilization 1 and 2 requirements:

*HIST 201 - World Civilization to 1500 3.0
*HIST 202 - World Civilization from 1500 3.0

REQUIREMENT 3 Complete 2 courses
Complete the following (may be used as partial fulfillment of the university core doctrinal foundation and religion requirement):

REL C 261 - Introduction to Family History (Genealogy) 2.0
REL C 293R - Slavic Family History 1.0
You may take this course up to 1 time.

REQUIREMENT 4 Complete 1 course
Note: HIST 217 should be completed no later than the sophomore year or in the first semester/term after the major is declared. Majors should consult with the family history coordinator soon after declaring. Note 2: Students must complete HIST 217 with a grade of C or higher in order to satisfy this requirement.

HIST 217 - The Family Historian's Craft 3.0

REQUIREMENT 5 Complete 3 courses
Note: HIST 200 and 317 should be completed no later than the sophomore year or in the first semester/term after the major is declared. HIST 200 and 490 combined satisfy the University Core advanced written and oral communications requirement.

HIST 200 - The Historian's Craft 3.0
HIST 218 - The Family and the Law in American History 3.0
HIST 220 - The United States Through 1877 3.0

REQUIREMENT 6
HIST 220 must be completed as a college/university course and cannot be fulfilled with AP or other test scores. Contact your academic advisement center with questions.

REQUIREMENT 7 Complete 1 course

HIST 280 - Northern US Family, Local, and Social History Research Since 3.0
HIST 281 - Southern US Family, Local, and Social History Research Since 3.0
HIST 282 - Colonial US Family, Local and Social History Research 3.0

REQUIREMENT 8 Complete 3 courses

Note 1: HIST 280, 281, or 282 may be used to fulfill this requirement only if not fulfilling the above requirement. Note 2: HIST 390R must be a family history section.

HIST 280 - Northern US Family, Local, and Social History Research Since 3.0
HIST 281 - Southern US Family, Local, and Social History Research Since 3.0
HIST 282 - Colonial US Family, Local and Social History Research 3.0
HIST 350 - British Family, Local and Social History Research 3.0
HIST 351 - Germanic Family, Local, and Social History Research 3.0
HIST 352 - Scandinavian Family, Local, and Social History Research 3.0
HIST 353 - Southern European and Latin American Family, Local, and So 3.0
HIST 354 - Slavic Family, Local, and Social History Research 3.0
HIST 390R - Special Topics in History 3.0
HIST 396 - Historical Narrative: A Writing Workshop 3.0
HIST 434 - Computers in Family Historical Research and Publication 3.0

REQUIREMENT 9 Complete 1 course

HIST 420 - Latin Language Handwriting and Documents 3.0
HIST 421 - English Language Handwriting and Documents 3.0
HIST 422 - Germanic Language Handwriting and Documents 3.0
HIST 423 - Slavic Language Handwriting and Documents 3.0
HIST 424 - Handwriting and Documents in Latin and the Romance Language 3.0
HIST 425 - Scandinavian Language Handwriting and Documents 3.0

REQUIREMENT 10 Complete 1 course

HIST 439 - Seminar on Professional Family History Research 3.0

REQUIREMENT 11 Complete 3.0 hours from the following course(s)

You may take up to 6 credit hours.

HIST 496R - Academic Internship: History Teaching and Social Science 12.0

REQUIREMENT 12 Complete 1 course

Social and cultural history courses. Seek faculty advice in choosing electives.

HIST 232 - Introduction to the History of Christianity 3.0
HIST 244 - Jewish History: A.D. 70 to the Present 3.0
HIST 290 - Nature and History: The Earth’s Environmental Past 3.0
HIST 292 - Food and History 3.0
HIST 293 - World War II in History and Memory 3.0
HIST 305 - The Age of Enlightenment 3.0
HIST 310 - European Economic History 3.0

HIST 311 - The History of Film, Radio, and Television 3.0
HIST 312 - History of ideas 3.0
HIST 318 - European Women's History 3.0
HIST 319 - The Family in Europe 3.0
HIST 320 - Society in Europe 3.0
HIST 358 - Gender and History in Latin America 3.0
HIST 368 - Sport, Society, and American Culture 3.0
HIST 378 - History of American Families 3.0
HIST 379 - U.S. Religious History to 1860 3.0
HIST 380 - U.S. Religious History Since 1860 3.0
HIST 384 - United States Women's History 3.0

REQUIREMENT 13 Complete 1 course

Complete one course from list of history courses that (1) does not appear above and (2) relates to your selected geographical area of emphasis. Seek faculty advice in choosing electives.

HIST 231 - Introduction to East Asian History 3.0
HIST 238 - Ancient Near East to 330 BC 3.0
HIST 239 - Ancient Near East, 330 BC - 640 AD 3.0
HIST 240 - Middle East History to 1800 3.0
HIST 241 - Middle East History from 1800 3.0
HIST 242R - (Hist-NE 347R) Arab and Islamic Civilization 2.0
HIST 243R - (Hist-NE 349R) Jewish Civilization 2.0
HIST 247 - (Hist-CVC 304) Greek History 3.0
HIST 248 - (Hist-CVC 307) Roman History 3.0
HIST 250 - Europe 1500 to the Present 3.0
HIST 251 - Conquest and Colonization of Latin America 3.0
HIST 252 - Modern Latin America 3.0
HIST 261 - Modern Africa 3.0
HIST 276 - Exploration of Teaching - Social Science 4.0
HIST 294 - The Age of the French Revolution 3.0
HIST 295 - Latin America in the Age of Revolution, 1750-1850 3.0
HIST 299R - Academic Internship 6.0
HIST 300 - The Early Middle Ages 3.0
HIST 301 - The Late Middle Ages 3.0
HIST 302 - The Italian Renaissance 3.0
HIST 303 - The Reformation: Age of Turmoil 3.0
HIST 304 - The Expansion of Europe, 1400-1800 3.0
HIST 306 - Nineteenth-Century Europe 3.0
HIST 307 - Europe Since 1914 3.0
HIST 308 - The Mediterranean 3.0
### HIST 309 - European Revolutions Since 1500 3.0
### HIST 313 - Strategy in Peace and War 3.0
### HIST 314 - Fascism and Nazism in Europe, 1914-present 3.0
### HIST 315 - European Jews and the Holocaust 3.0
### HIST 316 - Modern Military History: Peace, Security, and American War-Making 3.0
### HIST 322 - Pre-Modern Britain 3.0
### HIST 323 - Modern Britain 3.0
### HIST 324 - France 3.0
### HIST 325 - Spain 3.0
### HIST 326 - The History of Mexico 3.0
### HIST 327 - Italy in the Modern World Since 1848 3.0
### HIST 328 - Modern Germany 3.0
### HIST 329 - The City in Brazil: An Urban History 3.0
### HIST 330 - Tsarist Russia 3.0
### HIST 331 - Soviet Union and Post-Soviet Russia 3.0
### HIST 332 - Scandinavian History 3.0
### HIST 333 - History of the Ottoman Empire 3.0
### HIST 334 - History of Ancient Iraq 3.0
### HIST 335 - Crusades 3.0
### HIST 336 - South African Liberation Movements 3.0
### HIST 337 - Pre-modern Korea 3.0
### HIST 338 - Modern Korea 3.0
### HIST 339 - African Social Change 3.0
### HIST 340 - Traditional China 3.0
### HIST 341 - China Since 1200 3.0
### HIST 342 - The Mongol Empire in World History 3.0
### HIST 343 - Early Japan: Shinto and Samurai, Courtiers and Courtesans 3.0
### HIST 344 - Modern Japan 3.0
### HIST 347 - Chinese Cultural History 3.0
### HIST 348 - Modern South East Asia 3.0
### HIST 349 - History of Asian Religions and Thought 3.0
### HIST 355 - History of Argentina 3.0
### HIST 356 - Brazil 3.0
### HIST 357 - The Indian in Latin American History 3.0
### HIST 359 - Inter-American Relations 3.0
### HIST 360 - American West to 1900 3.0
### HIST 361 - The American West Since 1900 3.0
### HIST 363 - The Spanish Frontier in North America 3.0
### HIST 364 - Utah 3.0
### HIST 365 - American South 3.0
### HIST 366 - Slavery and the Slave Trade in Africa and the Atlantic World 3.0

### HIST 367 - Slavery in the United States 3.0
### HIST 368 - Sport, Society, and American Culture 3.0
### HIST 369 - History of Travel and Tourism 3.0
### HIST 370 - Colonial America 3.0
### HIST 371 - Revolutionary America 3.0
### HIST 373 - Civil War Era, 1848-1877 3.0
### HIST 374 - U.S. History from 1890 to 1945 3.0
### HIST 375 - Joseph Smith in Mormon History and Historiography 3.0
### HIST 376 - U.S. History from 1945 to 2000 3.0
### HIST 377 - Growing Up in America: A History of Childhood and Youth 3.0
### HIST 379 - U.S. Religious History to 1860 3.0
### HIST 380 - U.S. Religious History Since 1860 3.0
### HIST 382 - Mormonism in the American Experience 3.0
### HIST 383 - African-American History, 1865 to Present 3.0
### HIST 385 - Latinos in the United States 3.0
### HIST 386 - American Indian History to 1830 3.0
### HIST 387 - American Indian History from 1830 to the Present 3.0
### HIST 389 - Mormonism Among Christian Theologies: A Comparative History 3.0
### HIST 391 - The Vietnam War 3.0
### HIST 392 - U.S. Constitutional History 3.0
### HIST 393 - U.S. Foreign Relations 3.0
### HIST 394 - Literature in American History 3.0
### HIST 396 - Historical Narrative: A Writing Workshop 3.0
### HIST 397 - Historical Literacies in United States History 3.0
### HIST 398 - 20th-Century American Economic Policy 3.0
### HIST 399 - Democratic Classroom Design for Social Studies 3.0
### HIST 430R - (Hist-Clscs) Topics in Ancient Greek History 3.0
### HIST 430R - (Hist-Clscs) Topics in Ancient Greek and Roman History 3.0
### HIST 430R - (Hist-Clscs) Topics in Ancient Roman History 3.0
### HIST 430R - (Hist-Clscs) Topics in Ancient Greek History 3.0
### HIST 431 - Public History 3.0
### HIST 437 - History of American Law 3.0
### HIST 467 - African American History 3.0
### HIST 495R - Directed Research 3.0
### HIST 496R - Academic Internship: Family, Local, and Social History 3.0
### HIST 499 - Research Seminar 3.0

### REQUIREMENT 14 Complete 1 course

**NOTE:** It is recommended that students select the section designated for family history majors only, offered annually.

- HIST 490 - Capstone Research Seminar 3.0

### THE DISCIPLINE:
History stands at the heart of a liberal arts bridge between the humanities and social sciences. Historical understanding is thus basic to the life of an educated human being. As such, it is the ideal major for the student who wants the broad educational background for entrance into professions such as law, government service, or business, or who wants a liberal arts education. History can also be valuable training for someone who plans to teach. In addition, the family history/genealogy major offers intensive training and prepares students for a variety of professions and community service. The combination of evidence analysis, technology, and paleography skills makes family history/genealogy a gateway discipline for multiple historical, genealogical, archival, library, and research professions.

### RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES:
Some students find opportunities to work as Teaching or Research Assistants for various faculty members up to 20 hours per week. Many family history majors are employed at the Center for Family History and Genealogy or the Religion 216 Lab. The Center offers hands-on genealogical research training in the construction and maintenance of its databases. The Religion 261 Lab provides teaching and administrative opportunities for more advanced students.

### INTERNSHIPS, CO-OP & PRACTICAL ED:
The program requires an Internship in Family History (496R) which provides practical experience in the field of Family History-Genealogy. In addition, employment at the Center for Family History and Genealogy or the Religion 261 Lab offers a variety hands-on teaching and research experiences.

### HONORARY SOCIETIES AND CLUBS:
Students may be eligible for membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the History Honor Society. Contact the History Department for information. Family history students are also encouraged to participate in the BYUSA Family History Club.

### FINANCING:
Many students work up to 20 hours per week. Some find employment in campus offices and some junior and senior students obtain teaching or research assistantships. Most of our students obtain summer jobs that make use of their training and interests. The Center for Family History and Genealogy has competitive grant money for family history internships. The History Department
and the College of Family, Home, and Social Sciences also have scholarship, prize, and grant money.

**CAREERS:**

Family history/genealogy is a growing and dynamic field with a variety of professional and volunteer paths. Genealogy is a multi-billion-dollar, international industry with a dizzying array of career opportunities. As graduates from the only BA degree in family history anywhere in the English-speaking world, the combination of liberal arts historical training and technical genealogical skills position students flourish in their careers and influence the direction the industry pursues in coming years.

For more information on careers in your major, please contact the University Career Center or the Liberal Arts Academic Advisement Center.

**MAP DISCLAIMER**

While every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, there are some student populations that could have exceptions to listed requirements. Please refer to the university catalog and your college advisement center/department for complete guidelines.

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