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History at Northeastern University emphasizes the study of local and regional histories as well as of the global exchanges between nations, regions, and cultures. Knowledge of the past is also about building the future. In a world marked by increasing exchange between peoples, cultures, and societies, history is key to understanding contemporary issues such as the future of democracy, the nature of citizenship and rights, the origins and conduct of war, the foundations of racial and ethnic conflict and tolerance, and poverty and prosperity. At the same time, history teaches crucial skills in analytical thinking, research processes, writing, oral expression, and multimedia presentation.

History majors take three core seminars on historical research and choose from a broad range of courses in historical themes, periods, and regions. The program emphasizes undergraduate research in the major and trains students to conduct research in archives and primary sources and to write research papers. Honors study is strongly encouraged for eligible students, and students are encouraged to take advantage of numerous options for study abroad. Advanced undergraduates have the opportunity to participate in individual directed study with members of the faculty on topics of mutual interest.

Cooperative education placements, fieldwork, internships, and other experiential learning activities are also available. History majors have worked on co-op in law firms, an art auction house, the State Department, the Massachusetts State House, Newton Public Schools, and the Massachusetts State Archives, among many other institutions.

Undergraduates who plan to teach in public schools may combine history with education courses that can lead to state certification in Massachusetts. History students are also encouraged to take Dialogue of Civilizations courses that engage students in short-term study abroad during the summer.

The department offers a broad-based major in history, with both Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts options, and participates in numerous interdisciplinary programs: Asian studies; cinema studies; environmental studies; international affairs; Jewish studies; Latino/a, Latin American, and Caribbean studies; and women's, gender, and sexuality studies.

The Department of History offers qualified undergraduates the opportunity to pursue a BA/MA or BS/MA degree in five years, with the approval of the department. Students with a minimum 3.330 cumulative grade-point average and minimum 3.500 GPA in required history courses may apply for admission to the PlusOne BA/MA or BS/MA program in history.

### Academic Progression Standards

Same as university-wide standards described under "Academic Status (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/progression-standards/#status>)."

### PlusOne Program (MA) in History

History majors at the end of their sophomore year or the beginning of their junior year may qualify for application to the PlusOne program that combines the BA with the master's degree in history. Students interested in this option should consult with the graduate program director as soon as they think they might be interested in pursuing the master's degree.

### Programs

#### Bachelor of Arts (BA)

- History (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/history/history-ba/>)
- History and Asian Studies (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/history/history-asian-studies-ba/>)
- History and Criminal Justice (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/history/history-criminal-justice-ba/>)
- History and Cultural Anthropology (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/history/history-cultural-anthropology-ba/>)
- History and Economics (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/history/history-economics-ba/>)
- History and English (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/history/history-english-ba/>)
- History and Philosophy (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/history/history-philosophy-ba/>)
- History and Political Science (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/history/history-political-science-ba/>)
- History and Religious Studies (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/history/history-religious-studies-ba/>)
- Environmental Studies and History (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/science/marine-environmental/environmental-studies-history-ba/>)

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- International Affairs and History (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/international-affairs/international-affairs-history-ba/>)
- Media and Screen Studies and History (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/media-screen-studies-history-ba/>)

### **Bachelor of Science (BS)**

- History (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/history/history-bs/>)
- Computer Science and History (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/computer-information-science/computer-information-science-combined-majors/computer-science-history-bs/>)
- History and Economics (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/history/history-economics-bs/>)

### **Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (BSME)**

- Mechanical Engineering and History (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/engineering/mechanical-industrial/mechanical-engineering-history-bsme/>)

### **Minor**

- History (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/history/history-minor/>)

### **Accelerated Programs**

See Accelerated Bachelor/Graduate Degree Programs (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/accelerated-bachelor-graduate-degree-programs/#programstext>)