

Bachelor of Arts in Military History

The Bachelor of Arts in Military History is designed for students seeking greater understanding of military historiography studies in the context of a general liberal arts education. The online bachelor's program is designed differently than many military history programs because it focuses primarily on armed conflict and how their outcomes shaped civilizations throughout history. This history major also emphasizes critical and analytical thinking, and effective research and writing skills. Graduates with military history degrees can be found in historical preservation careers as curators, archivists, or educators, or in other professions requiring strong communication skills.

Many university faculty members teaching these courses are published historians or military leaders who bring unique perspectives and relevant research into the classroom. You'll also connect and interact online with other students who share your enthusiasm for history.

Degree Program Objectives

In addition to the institutional and degree level learning objectives, graduates of this program are expected to achieve these learning outcomes:

- Demonstrate knowledge of key historical facts, values, and ideas that have shaped civilizations throughout history.
- Analyze primary sources in their historical context.
- Analyze secondary sources and identify various approaches to historical interpretation through critical reading.
- Evaluate historical arguments based on primary sources and the historical method.
- Demonstrate ability to conduct independent historical research in primary and secondary sources and complete a major research paper.

Degree at a Glance

Code	Title	Semester Hours
	General Education Requirements	30
	Major Required	21
	Select one of the following concentrations:	30
	General Concentration (p. 3)	
	American Military History (p. 3)	
	Final Program Requirements	6

Elective Requirements	33
Total Semester Hours	120

Degree Program Requirements

General Education Requirements (30 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Arts and Humanities (6 semester hours)¹		
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
ARAB100	Arabic I	
ARAB101	Arabic II	
ARTH200	Art Appreciation	
ARTH241	Film and Literature	
DSIN141	Image Enhancement using Adobe Photoshop	
FREN100	French I	
FREN101	French II	
GERM100	German I	
GERM101	German II	
JAPN100	Introduction to Japanese	
LITR215	Literature of American Encounters, Revolution, and Rebellion	
LITR218	From Abolition to #MeToo: Literature of the American Civil Rights Movement	
LITR222	Pivotal Figures in Early British Literature	
LITR225	British Literature from Wordsworth through the Wasteland	
LITR231	Leadership in World Literature: Antiquity to the Early Modern Period	
LITR233	Literature of the Newly Globalized World: The Individual's Struggle to Adapt	
MUSI200	Music Appreciation	
MUSI250	World Music and Cultures	
PHIL101	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL110	Critical Thinking	
PHIL200	Introduction to Ethics	
PHIL202	Philosophy of Science	
PORT100	Introduction to Brazilian Portuguese	
RELS201	Introduction to World Religions	
RUSS100	Russian I	
SPAN100	Spanish I	
SPAN101	Spanish II	
STEM270	Thinking and Acting Ethically	
Civics, Political and Social Sciences (6 semester hours)¹		

Select 2 courses from the following:	6
ANTH100 Introduction to Anthropology	
ANTH202 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
CHFD220 Human Sexuality	
COMM211 Social Media and Society	
COMM240 Intercultural Communication	
ECON101 Microeconomics	
ECON102 Macroeconomics	
EDUC200 Humane Education: A Global Interdisciplinary Perspective	
GEOG101 Introduction to Geography	
HOSP110 Practical Food Safety and Awareness	
IRLS210 International Relations I	
LITR212 Forgotten America—Under Represented Cultures in American Literature	
LITR235 Four Points of the Compass: Culture and Society Around the World	
POLS101 Introduction to Political Science	
POLS210 American Government I	
PSYC101 Introduction to Psychology	
SOCI111 Introduction to Sociology	
SOCI212 Social Problems	
SOCI220 American Popular Culture	
STEM280 Exploring Society and Cultures via Science Fiction	

Communication: Writing, Oral, and Multimedia (9 semester hours)

COMM120 Information and Digital Literacy	3
ENGL110 Making Writing Relevant	3

Select 1 course from the following: 3

COMM200 Public Speaking	
ENGL101 Proficiency in Writing	
ENGL115 Argumentation and Rhetoric	
ENGL210 Introduction to Literature	
ENGL220 Technical Writing	
ENGL221 Scientific Writing	
ENGL226 Effective Business Communication	
HRMT101 Human Relations Communication	
IRLS200 Information Literacy and Global Citizenship	
ITCC231 Introduction to Information Technology Writing	
MGMT100 Human Relations	

History (3 semester hours)

Select 1 course from the following: 3

HIST101 American History to 1877	
HIST102 American History since 1877	
HIST111 World Civilization before 1650	

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HIST121 Western Civilization before The Thirty Years War	
HIST122 Western Civilization since The Thirty Years War	
HIST221 African-American History before 1877	
HIST222 African-American History since 1877	
HIST223 History of the American Indian	
HIST270 History of Science	
STEM185 The History and Context of STEM	

Mathematics and Applied Reasoning(3 semester hours)

Select 1 course from the following: 3

ACCT105 Accounting for Non Accounting Majors	
ENTD200 Fundamentals of Programming	
MATH110 College Algebra	
MATH111 College Trigonometry	
MATH120 Introduction to Statistics	
MATH125 Math for Liberal Arts Majors	
MATH225 Calculus	

Natural Sciences (3 semester hours)

Select 1 course from the following: 3

BIOL180 Introduction to Biology	
BIOL181 Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology	
CHEM180 Introduction to Chemistry	
ERSC180 Introduction to Meteorology	
ERSC181 Introduction to Geology	
EVSP180 Introduction to Environmental Science	
PHYS180 Introduction to Physics	
SPST180 Introduction to Astronomy	
STEM100 Introduction to STEM Disciplines	

Total Semester Hours 30

¹ All literature courses require successful completion of ENGL101 - Proficiency in Writing or ENGL110 - Making Writing Relevant.

Major Required (21 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
MILH201	Introduction to Military History	3
MILH202	Survey of American Military History	3
MILH221	War From Antiquity to 1700	3
MILH222	War from 1700 to the Present	3
HIST300	Research Methods in History	3
MILH303	Readings in Military Leadership	3
MILH304	Readings in Military Philosophy	3
Total Semester Hours		21

Students must choose a concentration for this degree program and may select from a General Concentration or a Concentration in American Military History.

General Concentration (30 semester hours)

Students who pursue the General Concentration will learn about the "big picture" through exposure to five historical perspectives. They will learn critical and analytical thinking, and effective writing and research methods. Students study the philosophies, personalities, strategies, leadership, and other factors that influenced the world. Topics cover Ancient and Classical Military History, American Military Campaign Histories, Diplomacy and Peacekeeping, Strategy and Operations, and Current Issues and Future Trends.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Identify a broad knowledge of the historical literature that pertains to the topics of study included in the degree program and locate the linkage between historical studies and allied disciplines.
- Interpret historical forces that have shaped social change and contemporary human problems and discern an understanding of the historical experiences that go beyond a single time period and national or cultural experience.
- Analyze historical material and make judgments, to establish causal relationships between facts, to find order and patterns, and to answer why and how - not just simply report.
- Analyze the contributions of the major military philosophers and leaders to the understanding of military history.
- Examine the dynamics of diplomacy and peacekeeping as they have existed throughout history and in the present.
- Discuss the major military events, technologies, and nations that shaped our past and contemporary world.
- Examine the operational art and warfare options practiced in historical and modern scenarios.

Concentration Requirements (30 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
MILH362	Ancient Military History	3
MILH363	17th and 18th Century Military History	3
MILH364	Medieval Military History	3
MILH365	The Napoleonic Wars and the Long Peace	3
MILH355	World War I	3
MILH360	World War II	3
HIST415	The Cold War	3

MILH370	The Korean War	3
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
HIST308	History of European Colonialism	
MILH320	The American Revolution	
HIST406	Civil War And Reconstruction, 1861-1877	
MILH371	The Vietnam War	
MILH480	Special Topic: Military History ¹	
MILH490	Independent Study: History ¹	
Total Semester Hours		30

¹ Students will need permission from the Department Chair to take this course.

Concentration in American Military History (30 semester hours)

A student enrolled in the Concentration in American Military History is recommended to take HIST101 - American History to 1877 and HIST221 - African American History before 1877 as part of their General Education Requirements.

Students who pursue this concentration will focus on American Military History from Colonial America to the present. Students study the philosophies, personalities, strategies, leadership, and other factors that influenced American Military History. Topics focus on military operations but also cover foreign policy and domestic political, economic, and social components of early America to the Persian Gulf War.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Identify causes of America's break from the British Empire.
- Compare and contrast the philosophy of early American leaders.
- Analyze the reasons America pushed westward and what that expansion entailed.
- Identify and give examples of the causes of the Civil War as well as differentiate the outcomes of that war in the North and the South.
- Assess the social, economic, and political situation in America leading up to the 20th century.
- Identify the causes of the Great Depression and recognize the attempts that were made to bring America out of it.
- Analyze America's reasoning for joining both World Wars as well as identify military policy and strategy that contributed to eventual victory.
- Elaborate on the political background of the Cold War and what factors led to diplomatic struggles between the United States and the Soviet Union.

- Integrate the cultural revolution of the 1960s and what was happening in Vietnam.
- Identify major political, cultural, and economic developments from the 1980s to the 21st Century.

Concentration Requirements (30 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
HIST402	Colonial America	3
MILH320	The American Revolution	3
HIST405	Antebellum America, 1846-1861	3
HIST406	Civil War And Reconstruction, 1861-1877	3
MILH355	World War I	3
MILH360	World War II	3
MILH370	The Korean War	3
MILH371	The Vietnam War	3
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
HIST403	The Early Republic, 1783-1815	
HIST404	Jacksonian America, 1815-1846	
HIST407	The Gilded Age, 1877-1900	
HIST408	The United States: 1900 to Second World War	
HIST409	The United States: WW II to the Present	
HIST480	Special Topic: History	
HIST490	Independent Study: History	
MILH480	Special Topic: Military History ¹	
MILH490	Independent Study: History ¹	
Total Semester Hours		30

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Final Program Requirements (6 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
HIST491	Writing a Research Proposal	3
MILH498	Senior Seminar in Military History (to be taken as the last course before graduation) ¹	3
Total Semester Hours		6

¹ Prerequisite: HIST491 - Writing a Research Proposal. Senior Standing and completion of all major courses prior to enrollment. May not be taken concurrently with HIST491.

Elective Requirements (33 semester hours)

Select any courses that have not been used to fulfill major requirements. Credits applied toward a minor or certificate in an unrelated field may be used to fulfill elective credit for the major.