

History

The Department of History at Winthrop University offers you a robust and diverse curriculum and opportunities to pursue independent research projects, internships, and other “hands-on” experiences. As a Winthrop history major, you develop skills in research, writing, argumentation, data interpretation, and critical thinking. The history major prepares you for success in M.A. and Ph.D. programs, law and professional schools, and a variety of careers. The curriculum allows you to study abroad and to delve into specialized fields, such as 20th Century United States, Civil War & Reconstruction, Latin America, China, Europe, the Mediterranean, and Medieval studies.



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An outstanding feature of our department is our terrific cohort of more than one hundred undergraduate and graduate history majors, all of whom bring a great diversity of interests and skills to the program and share a commitment to learning the discipline. Our majors pursue individual research projects, internships, and study abroad, but also collaborate to bring history-related speakers and events to campus. As professors, we draw inspiration from our majors and eagerly work with them to help them succeed and achieve their goals.

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Quick Facts

25

students per class on average

100%

of history majors design research projects and produce original works of historical scholarship

top 10

history program in South Carolina

Degree Programs

Bachelor of Arts in History
Minor in History
Master of Arts in History

Co-curricular experiences open to all History majors

- Minors in African American Studies, International Studies, Legal Studies, Medieval Studies, Peace Studies, Women's & Gender Studies
- Study Abroad
- Undergraduate Research
- Internships

“As a Winthrop history major, I learned the various issues historians encounter when conducting original research, which has made my transition to graduate school smoother.”

Aaron G. Fountain Jr., '14

Extra-curricular activities open to all History majors

- Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society
- Organizing Speakers and Events
- Social Studies Club
- Model United Nations

Freshman Class Schedule

ACAD 101	Introduces first-year students to the concepts, resources, and skills necessary for successful higher learning and facilitates the student's adjustment to the learning academy.
WRIT 101	Introduces students to college-level, thesis-driven, research-based writing. Focus on planning, organizing, and developing persuasive essays.
HIST 113	World Civilizations since 1750: Study major developments of the "modern" world, including industrialization, wars, peace, race, class, gender, and power relationships.
HIST 211	United States History to 1877: Delve into the political, diplomatic, economic, social, intellectual, and ethnic advances through Reconstruction with attention to development of the Federal Constitution. Good preparation for upper-division seminars.
SOCIAL SCIENCE or HUMANITIES ELECTIVE	Take an introductory survey in one of the social sciences or humanities and broaden your learning perspective. Examples include Art History 175, Anthropology 201, Geography 101, Peace Studies 200, Political Science 201, and Sociology 201.

"The history program at Winthrop gave me the opportunity to see history in a whole new way. Through intriguing class discussions, thought-provoking assignments, and informative field trips, history wasn't just something I read about, it was **something I was able to experience.** A favorite memory is Dr. Eddie Lee's History of South Carolina class, when we went to Kings Mountain to see where the Revolutionary War was fought. It was an experience I will never forget."

- Sh'Kur Francis '15

Scholarship and Other Opportunities

Fred Hembree History Scholarship – Awarded annually to at least one undergraduate history major with excellent academic achievement.

Jason Silverman History Scholarship – Awarded to a history major with excellent academic achievement.

John Winthrop Endowed Scholarship – Will be awarded to support full-time students majoring in history.

For More Information: www.winthrop.edu/cas/history

Potential In History Careers

Writers and editors
Journalists and documentarians
Lawyers and paralegals
Teachers and professors
Librarians and archivists
Museum curators and researchers
Community organizers and clergy
Legislative and corporate staff
Think tanks, foundations, and non-profits



"The Winthrop history program offered me a well-rounded education in U.S., Latin American, and European histories. These core classes coupled with the senior research capstone seminar to strengthen my critical thinking, writing, and research skills."

- Joy Rudd '16

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