

ADVANCED OUTCOMES IN THE MAJOR AREA

DISCIPLINE: HISTORY

A student's advanced level work in history/humanities focuses on the development of critical thinking ability. She becomes increasingly adept at using the systematic analytical frameworks of the discipline to research and interpret historical phenomena and to communicate that understanding effectively to a variety of audiences. But she also becomes critical of those very same frameworks as limited, culturally conditioned constructs rather than as universally valid formulas. Out of this dialectic merges her commitment to a personal vision of human meaning that appreciates and integrates multiple cultural perspectives. She approaches issues of human knowledge and understanding as matters of personal and professional significance rather than as academic exercises.

Discipline Outcomes	Advanced Level Abilities	
	Primary Focus	Related Focus
1. Identifies culturally grounded assumptions that have influenced the perception and behavior of people in the past and identifies those that influence her own perception and behavior.	Analysis, 5 Valuing, 5	
2. Identifies and critiques the theories, concepts, and assumptions that historians have used to create coherent interpretations of the past.	Analysis, 5	
3. Identifies, analyzes and communicates the implications of values and valuing orientations that underlie her own and other historians' choices of subjects for study, their theoretical approaches to these subjects and their interpretations of these subjects.	Analysis, 5 Communication, 5 Valuing, 5 Valuing, 6	
4. Independently and effectively uses theories and frameworks to formulate research questions, carry out primary and secondary research, and then organize, synthesize, and communicate her interpretations of historical phenomena.	Analysis, 6 Communication, 6 Valuing, 6	

<p>5. Takes responsibility for her interpretations of the past by explaining and defending them publicly in a variety of personal and professional contexts.</p>	<p>Analysis, 6 Communication, 6 Valuing, 6</p>	
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Advanced Level Courses required for the Major (taken collectively this set of courses in various combinations contributes to the achievement of the outcomes of the major):

Required

<p>HUM 350 Studies in Cultures and Civilizations HS 355 Critical Perspectives on the American Past HS 375 Historical Analysis HS 383 Internship Seminar HS 399 Formal Introduction to Advanced Work HS 451 Gender in the Early Modern World HUM 410 Senior Humanities Seminar</p> <p>PLUS</p> <p>Students choose 1 of the following: HS 411 Topics in American History HS 412 Topics in European History HS 413 Topics in World History HS 475 Senior Seminar in History</p>
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Advanced Ability Units Required for the Major:

<p>Analysis, 5 Analysis, 6 Communication, 5 Communication, 6 Valuing, 5 Valuing, 6</p>
