

**SPECIAL REPORT
OF THE
ACADEMIC MATTERS COUNCIL**

concerning

**REVISION OF THE
HISTORY MAJOR
(#5226)**

**Presented at the
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The Academic Matters Council recommends approval of this proposal.

Briefly describe the Proposal

This proposal is to have History 116 clearly paired with either History 110 World History and/or History 112 World Religions as one option in the Introductory Survey Pair required by History majors.

Please describe the existing program requirements, listing all required courses and available electives, as well as any additional requirements, and continuation or admissions policies.

History 116 History of Japan is not offered to students as an option for filling their required Intro Survey although we do offer Western Thought, China, Latin America, Africa, Science. We

do not have a pre 1500 History of Japan at this time so are requesting the added pair for Japan to be History 110 (World) or History 112 (World Religions) with History 116 History of Japan.

Please describe the requirements that you are proposing, listing course requirements, elective options, as well as any additional requirements, and continuation or admissions policies.

Introductory Survey pair addition: "History 110 or 112 and History 116"
No other changes

Please provide the rationale for these revisions.

Japan should be included as an option for students taking their Intro classes in History.

Academic Requirements Review

See attached.

Resources

If this proposal requires no additional resources, say so and briefly explain why. If this proposal requires additional resources, explain how they will be paid for. For proposals involving instruction, indicate how many new enrollments are expected and whether the courses have room to accommodate them.

No additional resources; We do need History 110 and History 112 to be recoded by Registrars once the proposal is approved.

MOTION: That the Faculty Senate approve the Revision of the History Major, as presented
10-19 in Sen. Doc. No. 19-022.

History Major Checklist

Name: _____ ID: _____ Date: _____

Part I: Complete 12 courses, at least 3 units each, distributed as follows:

A. Two Semester Introductory Survey - Complete one pair

- History 100 and 101 (Western Thought)
- History 110 or 112 and 111 (World History)
- History 114 and 115 (China)
- History 120 and 121 (Latin America)
- History 130 and 131 (Middle East)
- History 110 or 112 and 161 (Africa)*we will adjust your ARR. Let us know*
- History 180 and 181 (History of Science)

1)_____ 2)_____

B. Two Courses, any level, from History 100 to History 499.

3)_____ 4)_____

C. Seven courses:

EITHER any seven upper-level courses numbered 200-499,
OR any six upper-level courses (200-499) plus one 100-level course in African, Asian, Latin American, Middle Eastern or World History. (110,111,112,114, 115, 116, 120, 121, 130, 131, 160, 161)

5)_____ 6)_____ 7)_____ 8)_____ 9)_____ 10)_____ 11)_____

D. One Junior-Year Writing Seminar. History 450

We do not accept the Junior Year Writing from other departments, even for double majors.

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Part II: Area Requirements. Appropriate courses used for requirements A, B, C and D above may also count as fulfilling the Area Requirements, E and F, and G.

E. One course in Pre-1500 History: _____

F. Two courses on Africa, Asia, and Latin America, the Middle East or the World: 1) _____ 2) _____

G. One Integrative Experience Course (primary major only): _____

H. History Department Orientation attended: _____

Notes:

- A GPA of 2.0 is required in the courses used to satisfy requirements A, B, C, D, E, F, and G above.
- History courses taken pass/fail or with a grade lower than C- do not count toward major requirements.
- Majors must take a minimum of 4 upper-level courses in the UMass Amherst or 5-Coll History Depts.
- Certain courses in departments other than History, as approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies, may count toward the major, but the maximum number of such courses is 3 with no more than 2 from a single department. List available upon request.
- Departmental Internships are pass/fail and do not satisfy major requirements.
- Questions on the foreign language requirements go to the HFA College Advisors.

What Skills Will I Acquire as a History Major at UMass? You will be gain:

Critical thinking skills

Oral presentation skills

Writing skills

Experience in working with PHD faculty

Independent thinking skills

Ability to process, analyze, & evaluate information
from your research.

How to declare or find out more about the History Major or Minor:

Come to 611 or 613 Herter. We will explain the history major or minor requirements, talk to you about your plans, and look over what courses you have completed. We can then sign you into the history major or secondary major or minor! (Minors must be completed before we can update SPIRE)

To set up an appointment, contact:

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History Department Undergraduate Advising: Fall 2017 Hours

- Dir. of Undergrad Studies: Prof Joye Bowman, Herter 611 advising@history.umass.edu IPO pre approvals; Course selection; Grad school prep; all advising questions welcome! Fall office hours: Tuesdays 1:00-2:30, Wednesdays 1:00-3:00, Thursdays 11:15-12:15;
- Honors Coordinator: Prof. Jason Moralee, Herter 629, jmoralee@history.umass.edu; Honors program; Department honors; writing a thesis; Any honors questions for honors or non honors students. Office hours: Tuesdays 10:00-1:00 & appointment.
- Internships and Career Advisor: Mark Roblee, Herter 622, internships@history.umass.edu Resume writing, career and internship advice, cover letters, all career / internship questions. Office hours: Tuesdays through Fridays 2:00-5:00 & appointment.
- Undergraduate Program Assistant Suzanne Bell, Herter 613 undergrad@history.umass.edu Course selection, information on the requirements of the history program, questions about campus programs. Office hours: 9-4:30 Monday through Friday (appointments suggested)
- Peer Mentors: 612 Herter. See <http://www.umass.edu/history/peer-mentors> Contact Suzanne for specific office hours of each mentor.