

**Department of History
Honors Program
History**

The Honors Program is intended to recognize those *History majors* who have demonstrated a sustained level of excellence in their studies.

Admission to the Honors Program in History

A student must have

- a minimum of **12** credits earned in History,
- a GPA of at least 3.25 in History courses,
- a minimum overall GPA of 3.0.

Honors Advising and Committee

Either the Director of Undergraduate Studies or the Department Chair will advise Honors students. Once assigned an advisor, the student should meet with his/her advisor at least once a semester to monitor progress using the special honors advising form. Honors students will also be assigned a faculty committee of three, chosen by the Chair and the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

Honors Coursework

To graduate with honors in History a student must designate and then complete four regularly scheduled upper-level courses with at least a 3.5 average.

In these 4 courses a student must:

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| course #1 | produce, in at least one of these designated classes, one substantial historiographic essay. |
| course # 2, 3, 4 | in the other three courses, the student must produce papers of at least 25 pages; one of these papers must be based on primary sources |

**At the discretion of the course instructor and with the approval of the student's advisor and honors committee, the student may substitute a substantial alternative project for each of the remaining two papers.

Students may **not** designate a course for Honors after it has begun. For this reason, it is imperative that students consult with their instructors, designating courses for honors and discussing the major paper or project to be completed. Once a course has been designated as an honors course the student and faculty member must complete an honors course contract which must be approved by the student's advisor.

Evaluation

The instructor of record in each of the designated classes will provide a written evaluation of the student's role in the class to include the following criteria as defined in the College's statement on Honors Programs:

- * active participation in the learning process
- * ability to critically evaluate arguments or evidence
- * ability to write in an integrative fashion

During the last semester the student must submit a portfolio containing each of the major papers and/or evidence of alternative projects. In addition the student must make a presentation to the honors committee. This presentation can be a synthesis of the student's overall work in the designated four courses or the presentation of one of the major projects or papers. Presentations can take traditional form but might also include a community presentation, video, etc. The form of presentation must be approved by the student's honors committee. The honors committee will review the written work and evaluate the presentation to determine whether or not the work is of sufficient quality for the student to be accorded the Honors designation. The decision of the committee is final.