

# MAJOR IN HISTORY

(35-38 credits)

## Notes:

- All majors are required to write a 2-3-page "Exit Essay" as a requirement for graduation.
- Only grades of C- or above will count for major courses.
- At least half of the courses in the major plan must be taken at New Paltz.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>United States History Courses (3 Credits)</b>		
Select one upper-division (300-400 level) course.		3
<b>World History Courses (9-10 Credits)</b>		
Select three courses, each focused on a different geographic region (Asia, Middle East, Europe, Africa, Latin America). Two courses may be upper or lower division (100-400 level); the third must be upper division (300-400 level).		9-10
<b>Method Courses (8 Credits)</b>		
HIS300	Historian's Craft	4
HIS492	Seminar in History	4
<b>History Electives (15-17 Credits)</b>		
Select five courses, of which three must be upper division (300-400 level).		15-17
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>35-38</b>

## Senior Thesis with Honors in History

For Liberal Arts majors, History provides qualified students an opportunity to research and write a thesis under the direction of a member of the department. Successful completion of the 6-credit thesis with a minimum grade of B+ in each semester enables students to graduate with Honors in History, a distinction that appears on the College transcript. Candidates for the program need a 3.50 average in History course work, a minimum of 24 credits in History, and approval of the chair of the Department of History. Application must be made during the pre-registration of the last semester of the junior year. For further details, consult with the department chair.