

HISTORY, CERTIFICATE

WHY STUDY HISTORY AT UW-MADISON?

History is so much more than memorizing names and dates. Are you interested in technology? Religion? The environment? Human rights? If you have a question, History can help you find an answer.

The certificate in history at UW-Madison is a great option for people who are interested in studying (<https://history.wisc.edu/undergraduate-program/history-careers/why-history/>) *change*. History asks, "How did the world get to be this way?" and "What factors might influence where the world is heading now?" Studying history helps us understand and grapple with complex questions and dilemmas by examining how the past has shaped – and continues to shape – global, national, and local relationships between societies and people. The skills that history students develop are used in a wide range of careers (<https://history.wisc.edu/undergraduate-program/history-careers/>) and prepare students for graduate or professional study in fields such as law, business, medicine, public policy and much more.

The certificate in history requires five courses, which may be taken from both *History* and *History of Science* and may include one AP or Transfer course (see the Requirements tab on the right for more details). Students can explore the certificate by taking History or History of Science courses that also count toward other degree requirements such as Ethnic Studies, Humanities and Social Science Breadth, and Com-B (HIST 201: The Historian's Craft). The certificate in history pairs well with any major in L&S and helps to provide historical context to many areas of study. This context can deepen and enhance understanding of your major and how your area of study fits into today's world.

Please email the undergraduate program team (undergraduateprogram@history.wisc.edu) with any questions about the certificate in history. You can also set up an appointment with one of our advisors by using the History Department Starfish (<https://wisc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/dl/instructor/serviceCatalog.html?bookmark=service/64599>) page.