

HONORS IN HISTORY PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The Honors in History Program recognizes undergraduate history majors for superior academic achievement, both in their work as history majors and in their overall academic performance at the University. Students who apply for and are awarded Honors in History will receive an “Honors in History” designation on their official academic transcript.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Undergraduate history majors who have completed 30 credit hours in history, including at least 6 hours in writing intensive or 4000-level history courses, and have accumulated 90 credit hours overall may apply for Honors in History. At least half of all credit hours and all writing-intensive and 4000-level history courses must be completed at Western Michigan University.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Students receiving Honors in History must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Completion of 30 credit hours in history with a minimum of 6 hours in writing intensive or 4000-level history courses. Students must have a GPA of 3.75 for these history courses.
- Completion of 90 credit hours overall with a GPA of 3.50.
- Positive recommendation from a faculty mentor.
- Submission of a substantial writing sample that shows capacity for original thought in the interpretation, analysis, and effective communication of historical information.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply, students submit an application form, a current unofficial transcript, and a writing sample that shows capacity for original thought and appropriate skills in the interpretation, analysis, and communication of historical information. Students also submit a letter of recommendation or an “Honors in History” evaluation rubric from a faculty mentor. In addition, the application file should include a list of all writing-intensive and 4000-level courses completed and the grade received. All application materials must be submitted to the Director of Undergraduate Studies at the beginning of the last semester prior to graduation.

AWARDING HONORS IN HISTORY

A committee of Department of History faculty will consider all applications for Honors in History. If the student applicant is eligible for the Honors designation, the Department will notify the student in writing and instruct the University Registrar to enter the Honors in History designation on the student’s transcript. If, as the student completes course work at Western Michigan University, his/her GPA falls below the required minimum for Honors in History, the designation will be revoked.

MORE INFORMATION

Students may get more information about the Honors in History Program along with application materials at the Department of History Advising Office, 4451 Friedmann Hall.