



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Harper College

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Western Michigan University History and Public History Curriculum Guide

Introduction - Students can choose from three majors within the history department. This guide will help you choose courses and focus on History or Public History:

- **History** - this major provides well-rounded preparation for many occupations;
- **Public History** - this major provides professional and technical training for occupations in museums, archives, historic sites and organizations, government programs, and consulting;
- **Secondary education** – this program meets State of Michigan certification requirements for teaching in grades six through twelve. In this major, students will need to speak to advisors in the College of Education for teaching requirements and in the College of Arts and Sciences for the history requirements. There is a separate transfer guide for Secondary Education History majors. Click on your college and then go down to Major Guides and click on “Sec Ed History”.

General requirements for History majors:

- History majors must take a minimum of 36 credits from introductory, intermediate, and advanced level courses (see the history department website, through the “Academics” link in WMU’s main website);
- Public history majors must complete a minimum of 66 credits in history and approved electives from other departments (see above website);
- Students must attain a “C” (2.0) grade, or higher, in each course required for the major, or minor, including cognates;
- Required cognates must be completed by history majors. These may be discussed with the major advisor at WMU (Joshua Koenig – see contact information below).

Courses that History majors can take at Harper:

WMU courses

HIST 1000 or 1010

HIST 2100 or 2110

Intermediate History (6 credits)

Harper courses

HST 141 or 142

HST 111 or 112

The choices must be approved by Joshua Koenig (see below).

Courses that Public History majors can take at Harper:

HIST 1000 or 1010

HIST 2100 or 2110

HST 141 or 142

HST 111 or 112

Intermediate History (6 credits)

The choices must be approved by Joshua Koenig (see below).

General education requirements:

- Please see the WMU [general education program transfer guide](#) for information about all of the courses that you can take at Harper that will count for the requirements at WMU. Courses in the history major will usually fulfill two of your distribution Areas. Please consult with your WMU A & S advisor;
- The history majors are administered through the WMU College of Arts & Sciences (A & S). All students graduating from the College of Arts & Sciences must meet the world language proficiency by completing two semesters (6-8 hours) of the same foreign language or American Sign Language, or passing WMU's proficiency by exam. Please contact the College of Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Advising Office at (269) 387-4366 with any questions.
 - If the student's first language is not English, then the student is exempt from this requirement. Determination of eligibility for this exemption is based on whether the student was required to take the TOEFL test for admission, and can be verified through the WMU departments of Spanish or World Languages and Literatures.
- A & S requires a critical thinking course to be chosen from Proficiency 4c. See the general education transfer guide cited above.

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