

History Major

Total Major Hours: 36
Suggested Hours Per Semester: 14-16

Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2026-2027

The catalog is the final authority on CATC and major requirements; this is intended as a tool for planning purposes. Student course sequencing may vary depending on course offerings and other variables.

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| <p>Fall Semester 1</p> <p>HIST 102¹, HIST 103¹, or 200-level history course</p> <p>CORE 101: First Year Seminar CORE 131: H. Human Flourishing (1) First-Year CATC options-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ COMM 101: Oral Comm (2) ▪ ENGW 103: First-Year Writing ▪ Language Core Competency or Thematic Core Course | <p>Spring Semester 1</p> <p>HIST 102 or 103¹, if not taken before, OR Major Elective^{1,2}</p> <p>First-Year CATC Options Language Core Competency BITH 211/ARCH 211: Old Testament</p> | <p>Summer 1</p> <p>Consider study abroad, internship, or research options – Wheaton-In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock)⁴, Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, independent study, or summer research</p> |
| <p>Fall Semester 2</p> <p>HIST 201 Why History?^{1, F} Major Elective Course^{2, 4} History Category Elective (i.e., Field Requirement)³</p> <p>Thematic Core or Core Competency Courses (4-8) BITH 213/ARCH 213: New Testament</p> | <p>Spring Semester 2</p> <p>Major Elective Course^{2, 3, 4} History Category Elective (i.e., Field Requirement)³</p> <p>Thematic Core Course BITH 315: Christian Thought* Advanced Integrative Seminar*</p> | <p>Summer 2</p> <p>Consider study abroad, internship, or research options – Wheaton-In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock)⁴, Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, independent study, or summer research</p> |
| <p>Fall Semester 3</p> <p>HIST 201 Why History?¹, if not complete Major Elective Course^{2, 3, 4} History Category Elective (i.e., Field Requirement)^{2, 3, 4}</p> <p>Consider Semester Off-Campus/Abroad Advanced Integrative Seminar, if not already taken*⁴</p> | <p>Spring Semester 3</p> <p>Major Elective Course^{2, 3, 4} History Category Elective (i.e., Field Requirement)^{2, 3, 4}</p> <p>Consider Semester Off-Campus/Abroad Advanced Integrative Seminar, if not already taken*⁴</p> | <p>Summer 3</p> <p>Consider study abroad, internship, or research options – Wheaton-In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock)⁴, Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, independent study, or summer research</p> |
| <p>Fall Semester 4</p> <p>HIST 494 Christianity/Historical Study* Major Elective Course² History Category Elective (i.e. Field Requirement)³</p> <p>Complete CATC Coursework</p> | <p>Spring Semester 4</p> <p>HIST 494 Christianity/Historical Study* Major Elective Course² History Category Elective (i.e. Field Requirement)³</p> <p>Complete CATC Coursework</p> | <p>Summer 4</p> |

Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:

*Course has a prerequisite

Offered every other year

¹ History courses that meet the CATC Thematic Core tags: HIST 102 (HP and GP), HIST 103 (HP and DUS), HIST 201 (HP). Many 300-level history elective courses carry a CATC theme. A maximum of 3 Thematic Core tags can count toward the major and CATC requirements. See also footnote 4.

² At least **16 elective hours** are required and must include courses numbered 300 or above. No more than eight hours of cross-listed courses may apply to the major. May take **either** HIST 102 or HIST 103 to satisfy elective credit in the History Major. First-Year students should register for 100 or 200 level courses.

³ History Majors must take at least one 4 credit course (200-400 level) in each of these **four** fields: American, European, Global Studies (Asia, Africa, Latin America, Middle East, Indigenous history), and History of Christianity. The History of Christianity course can also fulfill one of the geographical field requirements.

⁴ The following Advanced Integrative Seminars (AIS) can meet the History elective requirement: CORE 312: Native Chicago – American Indians in the Midwest, CORE 317: Media Revolutions from Gutenberg to Google, CORE 383: Christianity in Korea, and CORE 391: Sports and Christianity in America. Students may take only one AIS course during their time at Wheaton College. Max themes for major apply to AIS courses. See footnote 1.

-General Education courses taught by other departments, even if they contain the Historical Perspectives (HP) Tag, are designed to meet Christ at the Core (CATC) general education credit. These courses may not be used to satisfy History major requirements.

-The 36-hour history major must include at least 16 hours of coursework at the 300-level or higher.

-History Majors are encouraged to consider these opportunities that also satisfy elective credit in the major: Independent Studies (2-4 hours), Internships (4 hours), and Honors in History (8 hours).