HISTORY (BA [INTERNATIONAL HONOURS] IN HISTORY)

The Joint Degree Program in History

St Andrews and William & Mary offer similarly demanding and prestigious undergraduate programs in their Departments of History. Undergraduates studying history through the joint degree program will benefit from the complementary attractions of these two high-quality programs. St Andrews has great strengths in the study of medieval and early modern Europe, in the history of Scotland, England, and the British Empire, and in Middle Eastern studies. William & Mary has a robust concentration in the history of early America, nineteenth and twentieth-century America and Europe, with strong offerings in early modern Europe, Latin America, Africa, and Asia. In addition to the opportunity to concentrate intensively in a particular field at our two universities, students in the joint degree program find their experience enhanced by exposure to two different pedagogical approaches, as the lecture- and discussion-based courses at William & Mary contrast effectively with the quite traditional approach of small seminar-based courses at St Andrews. Students culminate their education with a significant research project geared towards producing a sophisticated work of high-caliber scholarship.

Requirements for Degree

Note: HIST is the prefix for History courses at W&M; HI, ME, MH, and MO are prefixes used for History courses at St. Andrews.

Major Computing Requirement:

Fulfilled by the HIST 490C Senior Colloquium or HIST 491C Senior Colloquium required by the major.

Major Writing Requirement:

Fulfilled by the HIST 490C Senior Colloquium or HIST 491C Senior Colloquium required by the major.

Required Credit Hours

- A minimum of 54 credits.
- Credit Requirements During Honours Years (Years 3 and 4)
  - Students must earn at least 60 (W&M)/240 (StA) credits in Years 3 and 4 combined.
  - Of the 60/240, students must earn 30 (W&M)/120 (StA) credits at each university.
  - With the approval of the Programme Directors and major advisors at both institutions, students may apply up to six (6) 300- or 400-level credits taken at W&M during the summers before Years 3 and 4 toward the total required Honours credits.
  - Of the 60/240, students must earn at least 52.5 (W&M)/210 (StA) credits at the 300(0)-400(0) level in Years 3 and 4 combined. Normally, no more than 7.5/30 credits below the 300(0) level may be earned. No courses below the 300(0) level will be used for St Andrews classification.
    - Of the 60/240 total credits, at least 45 (W&M)/180 (StA) credits must be in the major at the 300(0)-400(0) level.
      - Of the 45/180 major credits, at least 22.5 (W&M)/90 (StA) must be at the 4000 level at St Andrews or at the equivalent level at W&M. Some 300 level courses at W&M will count towards this requirement. See the major advisor for a list.

Core Requirements

- Two courses in American history[1], which together offer significant chronological coverage (6 credits at W&M; 40-60 credits at St Andrews).
- Two courses in European or Scottish history, which together offer significant chronological coverage (6 credits at W&M; 40-60 credits at St Andrews). Students are strongly encouraged, though not required, to take courses in both European and Scottish history.
- Two courses in history regions outside Europe and the United States, which together offer significant chronological coverage (6 credits at W&M; 40-60 credits at St Andrews).
- One upper-level class designated as a colloquium at W&M. Each colloquium has the letter "C" directly after its course number (for example, HIST 490C Senior Colloquium). Students will ordinarily take this in years 3 or 4.
- A historical methods course, to be taken in Spring semester of the second year (at St. Andrews, HI 2001: "History as a Discipline;" at W&M, HIST 301 The Historian's Craft, "The Historian's Craft.")
- All joint degree students complete a fourth-year capstone experience which involves extensive, independent, faculty-mentored research. For students spending their fourth year at W&M, this normally takes the form of a one-semester Independent Study (3 W&M credits) or two-semester Honors Thesis (6 W&M credits), though in some cases a second capstone seminar (HIST 490C Senior Colloquium/HIST 491C Senior Colloquium) may be substituted. For students spending their fourth year at St Andrews, the capstone experience is typically a one-semester Honours Project (30 credits at St Andrews), though in some cases students may pursue the Honours Dissertation or Recording the Past project.
- In addition, the Joint Degree in History requires two or more semesters of foreign language study, in a language other than the student's native language. Given offerings at the two institutions, these languages include Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Latin, Russian, and Spanish.

[1] Significant chronological coverage refers to one course in early chronology [pre-c.1800] and late chronology [post-c.1800].

Additional Language Information

- Students must complete successfully at least two courses in a single language. (All courses must be taught in the target language-no courses in translation).
- Language courses taken prior to matriculation into the Joint Degree Programme do not count toward this requirement.
- Courses must build on each other and, if students are continuing with a language studied in high school, must begin at/above the level completed prior to matriculation into the Joint Degree Programme.
- Students are strongly encouraged, though not required, to continue language study beyond the required courses in order to build toward genuine linguistic and cultural fluency, and are particularly encouraged to explore courses at and above the 300-/3000 level. Honours-level language courses taken during years 3 and/or 4 of the program may be counted toward the required honours-level courses in the major.

Course Specific Requirements

Joint Programme students are required to complete the university's foreign language, writing, quantitative, and major computing proficiencies and a first-year seminar (COLL 150). All William & Mary home students in their first year, and host students from StA at W&M in their second year, will take a COLL 150 and a 1-credit course in the Fall that will prepare them for the academic culture at W&M. W&M first year home students will also take, in the Spring semester of their first year, a 1-credit course that will prepare them for their first year abroad.

Knowledge objectives:

Every student must take a total of nine credits explicitly labelled COLL 200, with at least one course in each of the three knowledge domains of not less than three credits. In addition, students must take one additional course, of not less than three credits, in each of the three knowledge domains of ALV, CSI, and NQR, for a minimum total of 9 credits.

Knowledge Objectives and Proficiency Requirement Guidelines

College Board Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate examinations, and college-level coursework completed post-high school graduation may be used to satisfy Knowledge Domain objectives (not COLL 200), Foreign Language Proficiency, and Mathematics Proficiency. Note that the credit does not count towards the degree, even if it is used to fulfill these requirements.
The COLL 150 and COLL 200 requirements must be met at W&M.
All other requirements may be met with either W&M or StA coursework.

Recommended Progression

The above requirements need not be met through a particular progression, though given typical and regular course offerings at W&M and St Andrews (for example, American History at W&M and European/Scottish History at St Andrews), the following is recommended for a W&M Home Student:

First Year at W&M

- One course in American History Early Chronology (example: HIST 121 American History to 1877)
- One course in American History Later Chronology (example:HIST 122 American History since 1877)
- A 300-level HIST course in non-Western History (example: HIST 331 Modern Japanese History)
- Two language courses (example: ITAL 101 "Introductory Italian 1" and ITAL 102 Elementary Italian II).

Second Year at St Andrews

- One course in Scottish or European History Early Chronology (example: ME2003)
- One course in Scottish or European History Later Chronology (example: MO2008)
- A course in non-Western History (example: MH2002)
- A history methods course (HI2001)

Years Three and Four (Honours)

- If students spend their 3rd year at W&M they must take a required History Colloquium (example: HIST 490C Senior Colloquium "American Revolution").
- In year 4, a fourth-year capstone experience is required. At W&M, this normally takes the form of a one-semester Independent Study (3 W&M credits) or two-semester Honors Thesis (6 W&M credits), though in some cases a second capstone seminar (HIST 490C Senior Colloquium/HIST 491C Senior Colloquium) may be substituted. At St Andrews, the capstone experience is typically a one-semester Honours Project (30 credits at St Andrews), though in some cases students may pursue the Honours Dissertation or Recording the Past project.
- Additional courses in years 3 and 4 will be used to satisfy the required credit hours for years 3 and 4 outlined at the top of this catalog.