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HISTORY

The Department of History course offerings are designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the historical forces that have affected and shaped the world's civilizations. Regardless of the career paths Rhodes students choose after graduation, an understanding of historical processes is a valuable tool in their attempts to understand the world in which we live. Rhodes History majors, some 35-40 each year, have chosen careers in secondary and university education, museum work, law, business, foreign service, government service and social services.

Curriculum

Major:

Bachelor of Arts, History

Interdisciplinary Majors:

History and International Studies
Latin American Studies
Russian Studies
Urban Studies

Minors:

African American Studies
American Studies
Asian Studies
Chinese Studies
History
Latin American Studies
Russian Studies
Women's Studies

History majors may take courses in United States, European, Asian and Latin American history with specific courses offered in such topics as the U.S. South, Ancient Rome, the History of Childhood, Modern Europe, Medieval India, the Vietnam War, or the World Since 1945. The college also offers a number of interdisciplinary programs of interest to history students. See the listings above.

Each year, history students edit and publish *The Rhodes Historical Review*, a journal of articles and reviews written by students.

Faculty

Michael R. Drompp, Professor of History and Dean of Postgraduate Studies, Ph.D., Indiana University. Specialties: *East Asian history, China and Japan, Inner Asian history.*

Lynn Zastoupil, J. J. McComb Professor of History; Ph.D., University of Minnesota. Specialties: *Modern Britain, modern India, European intellectual history, British Empire.*

Dorothy C. Garceau-Hagen, Associate Professor of History; Ph.D., Brown University. Specialties: *American women, gender in the American West, Native American history.*

Timothy S. Huebner, Associate Professor of History; Ph.D., University of Florida. Specialties: *U.S. South, Nineteenth century, U.S. Constitutional/legal history.*

Michael LaRosa, Associate Professor of History; Ph.D., University of Miami. Specialties: *Contemporary Latin America, Colombia, church history.*

Gail S. Murray, (Chair), Associate Professor of History; Ph.D., University of Memphis. Specialties: *Colonial, Revolutionary and Early America, Southern women's history, U.S. Childhood.*

Jeffrey Jackson, Associate Professor of History; Ph.D., University of Rochester. Specialties: *Modern Europe, Cultural history, French history.*

Charles McKinney, Assistant Professor of History; Ph.D., Duke University. Specialties: *African-American history, Civil Rights studies, Twentieth century U.S. social history, Oral history.*

Robert Saxe, Assistant Professor of History; Ph.D., University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. Specialties: *Modern U.S. history, Political history, War and History.*



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Frank M. Buscher, Visiting Professor of History;
Ph.D., Marquette University. Specialties: *Modern European history, modern German history, modern Russian and Soviet history.*

Outside the Classroom

History students participate in directed internships with off-campus organizations such as historical archives, museums, private businesses and non-profit organizations. Recent internships have been offered with Memphis Heritage, the National Civil Rights Museum and various community preservation projects and historical foundations. At Rhodes, most student internships are not paid jobs, but course credit is earned. Most internships last one semester and take the place of one course.

Graduates

While some history majors take full-time jobs immediately following graduation, many choose to enter graduate programs in history, business and law. Graduate schools attended by recent graduates include Harvard, Vanderbilt, Emory, University of Texas, University of Virginia, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Washington and Lee, University of Mississippi and University of Washington. Students who have assumed full-time jobs following their graduation have held positions as secondary school teachers, social workers, bank officers, congressional aids and librarians. Some have also pursued careers in international relations, journalism and medicine.

For more information

Please contact the Department of History at (901) 843-3662 or Admissions at 1-800-844-5969. Information is also available via the internet at www.rhodes.edu. You can also explore the History Department Web page at rhodes.edu/academics/4966.asp