The history degree focuses on content in the U.S., Europe and “wider world” geographic areas with a goal of understanding the human past from the perspective of the people who lived it. Students will examine the key concepts of historical significance, continuity and change, and historical empathy, with graduates of the program skilled in historical comprehension, analysis, research, and interpretation.

Degree Outcomes

• Learn skills such as critical thinking, communications (speaking and writing), analytic reasoning, and research that transfer to many different job settings.
• Prepare for a career in public service at the local, state, and federal levels, as well as the private and nonprofit sectors.
• Graduates often work as teachers, in museums and archives, and in the expanding field of historical preservation.
• Receive preparation for specialized training in fields such as law and journalism; many graduates proceed to graduate programs at universities around the country.

The Student Experience

• Develop the skills to locate, organize, and evaluate information; analyze the global context of situations and decisions; recognize the role of the United States in the world; and understand cultural diversity.
• Study with distinguished, award-winning faculty with national and international reputations.
• Participate in the Historical Society (activities include social gatherings, career development, and job placement seminars) and the Phi Alpha Theta International history honor society.
• Pursue internships with organizations including museums and historical sites.
• Attend networking events that put students in direct contact with alumni in a variety of fields.