

DEPARTMENT FACULTY

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DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION

The Department of History prepares students for graduate study, employment in a variety of professional fields, and thoughtful living. It offers a broad history curriculum with a Western emphasis, drawing upon Christian perspectives, and offering unique educational opportunities.

Rigorous coursework challenges students to grow in their ability to think critically, research effectively, and write clearly. These skills prepare them for internships locally and nationally as well as for graduate and professional study.

MAJORS

History – The Bachelor of Arts degree in history combines 42 credit hours of core history classes and nine hours of electives in history or religion. After completing major and core requirements, students will be able to research and analyze a variety of historical theories and movements.

History major leading to (7-12) certification in Secondary Education Social Studies – Students fulfill courses unique to the history major while taking other social science courses. In addition to the 89 credit hours of major coursework, students participate in hands-on teaching situations during field experiences and student teaching.

MINORS

History – Students must complete an 18 credit hour program, choosing six classes in American or European history or other history electives. This minor integrates well with a variety of other disciplines such as sociology, political science and economics.

Classical Studies – Students must take 21 credit hours from a combination of English, Greek, history, philosophy, political science, and Latin classes.

Classical Christian Education – Students take 23 credits in Classical Studies courses plus special courses in the history of education as well as a seminar and internship in Classical Christian Education.

Medieval Studies – Students take 21 credits, consisting of a core in Medieval History, English, and Philosophy courses, and other electives in these fields as well as music, Latin, Romance languages, and religion.

SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL AREAS OF INTEREST

The department's chapter of the History honorary Phi Alpha Theta sponsors speakers, picnics, dinners, movies and other interesting activities. The faculty are active scholars who present papers at national and regional conferences and publish books and articles. Each summer, students have the opportunity to participate in a major archeological conservation project in the Mediterranean region through the Archeological Conservation Institute. The institute is sponsored by the prestigious Centro di Conservazione Archeologica headquartered in the Sabine Hills outside of Rome. The program prepares students for work in public history, museum studies, art conservation, and archeological field work.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

All history majors take HIST 400 which gives students the opportunity to write a 25-page paper based largely on primary sources. They also write shorter research papers for other history courses. Each year select students present papers at a regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference. History majors also occasionally present papers at the national Phi Alpha Theta Conference and the Conference on Faith and History and work closely with faculty on research projects.

INTERNSHIPS

Most students intern during the summer following their sophomore or junior year. One of our professors serves as an internship coordinator to help students find internships. Students intern at a wide variety of museums, historical sites, businesses, and not-for-profit organizations.

CAREER AND GRADUATION OPPORTUNITIES

Many history majors go on to graduate work in history, law, religion, national security studies, or library science. Some work in such fields as public history, journalism, editing, business and education. Others join the military or work for the C.I.A., F.B.I. or Secret Service. Still others work for congressmen and state representatives in Washington, D.C., their home districts or state capitals or work for think tanks, private non-profit organizations or public agencies.

Grove City College offers a broad range of historical topics from ancient history to Constitutional law, to modern African history and Civil War history. I have been able to take a variety courses to expand my knowledge of history across a diverse spectrum of interests.

– Katemarie Guglielmello '13



Grove City College is a highly ranked, nationally recognized private liberal arts and sciences college that equips students to pursue their unique callings through an academically excellent and Christ-centered learning and living experience distinguished by a commitment to affordability and promotion of the Christian worldview, the foundations of a free society and the love of neighbor. Established in 1876, the College is a pioneer in independent private education and accepts no federal funds. It offers students degrees in 60 majors on a picturesque 180-acre campus north of Pittsburgh, Pa. Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, Grove City College is routinely ranked as one of the country's top colleges by U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review and others based on academic quality and superior outcomes.

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