

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at VCU		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		SATISFIED BY		BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
UNIV 101	1-2	SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation		HIST 300	3	
UNIV 111-112	3	ENG 111 College Comp I	UNIV 111 is waived and students receive 3 credits for UNIV 112.	Junior Seminar (choose from HIST 401 through HIST 422)	3	
UNIV 200	3	ENG 112 College Comp II		HIST 490 or HIST 493	3	
General Education	3	Any UCGS Art, Humanities, or Literature course (Block II)		Upper-level HIST (301-499 except 490 or 493)	15	The history major requires students to take one course (three credits) from at least five of the following seven geographic specialties: 1) history of the United States, 2) history of Europe, 3) history of Africa, 4) history of Asia, 5) history of Latin America, 6) history of the Middle East and 7) history of the Caribbean. This geographic distribution requirement may be satisfied by any course taken for HIST credit, at any level.
General Education	3	Any UCGS Art, Humanities, or Literature course (Block II)	Must be from different category than previous course	Upper-level electives (300- or 400-level)	21	Consider a minor or second major
General Education	3	Any UCGS Social & Behavioral Science (Block III - not History)		Open electives	15	
HIST 101 or HIST 1XX	3	HIS 101 Western Civ Pre-1600 CE or HIS 111 World Civ Pre-1500 CE				

General Education	4	Any UCGS Natural Sciences (Block IV)				
General Education	3-5	Any UCGS Math (Block V)	.			
HIST 102 or HIST 1XX	3	HIS 102 Western Civ Post-1600 CE or HIS 112 World Civ Post-1500 CE, completing sequence begun with HIS 101 or 111				
General Education	3-4	Any UCGS transfer course				
HIST elective	6	Select two: HIS 121 United States History to 1877 HIS 122 United States History Since 1865 HIS 141 African-American History I HIS 142 African-American History II HIS 203 History of African Civilization HIS 231 Introduction to Latin American History HIS 254 History of Modern East Asian Civilizations				
VCU equivalents	6-8	Foreign language 101-102 (or transfer electives if eligible for a language waiver).	The foreign language requirement may be waived for students who have completed three or more years of foreign language study in high school.			
VCU equivalents	11-16	Additional transfer electives.	Select any additional courses from UCGS or courses that could potentially apply to a minor or second major at VCU.			
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60		

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

This degree program is covered by VCU's Guaranteed Admission Agreement.

By meeting the following criteria, you are guaranteed admission to the BA in History:

- Earn a transfer associate degree.
- Earn a minimum GPA of 2.5 for your associate degree. VCU will recognize the cumulative GPA as recorded on the VCCS transcript and not recalculate based on multiple course attempts.
- Complete a minimum of 30 credits at VCCS institution.
- Earn grades of "C" or higher in all community college courses.

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** <https://transfer.vcu.edu/>.
- **Admission Application:** By March 15 for fall admission and November 1 for spring at <https://www.vcu.edu/admissions/apply/>.
- **Financial Aid:** <https://semss.vcu.edu/our-services/financial-resources-and-guidance/>.
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** March 1 for fall semester at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.
- **Letter of Interest form:** <https://ugradadmissions.vcu.edu/register/letterofinterest>.

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Complete your English courses and start your math sequence in your first year.
- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at www.TransferVirginia.org.
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and the VCU Transfer Center (<https://transfer.vcu.edu/>) in your first semester.

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

The B.A. in History exposes students to a multidimensional analysis of the human past. Faculty members seek to impart to students an awareness of the forces of change and continuity; good judgment as to the appropriateness (or inappropriateness) of analogies between one set of historical circumstances and another; an appreciation of the need for skepticism and informed judgment in historical studies; and an understanding of the role of biases and frames of reference in historical research. As such, the study of history not only has the intrinsic appeal of any disciplined intellectual inquiry, but also leads to personal and social awareness within the rich tradition of the liberal arts. The B.A. in History provides students an ideal preparation for a wide range of careers and further professional study, and it constitutes an indispensable basis for active citizenship.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** The completion of a transfer associate degree results in all lower-division general education requirements being met when you transfer to VCU.

- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** The completion of an associate degree concurrent with high school results in 60 credits of coursework applied towards your degree and VCU's general education courses will be satisfied. High school students must apply to VCU as freshman applicants for orientation and engagement purposes.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** VCU accepts AP, IB, Cambridge, CLEP, DANTES, and military credits.
- **Catalog Year:** VCU will honor the degree requirements of the VCU Undergraduate Bulletin in effect at the time of the student's first post-high school enrollment into an appropriate associate degree at the two-year institution. Students must stay enrolled at their community college and take no more than four years to complete their associate degree. Students must also enroll at VCU within one year of completing their associate degree.

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Located in downtown Richmond, within two hours of the beach, the mountains and Washington DC, VCU provides top-ranked academic programs, research opportunities and an urban setting so students can live and learn in the real world.
- VCU is a large, public research institution dedicated to the success and well-being of students and the Richmond community.
- Diversity, inclusion and equity are deeply ingrained core values at VCU. If you are looking to connect with a broad range of people, come join us!

Learn more about our college at www.TransferVirginia.org.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Completing your associate transfer degree satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the likelihood you will complete your bachelor's degree?
- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college could exhaust your financial aid there and reduce your future financial aid at VCU?

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at www.TransferVirginia.org

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

VCU History has been a forerunner department in professional development. We have one of the oldest internship programs in the US, and have now developed cutting-edge professional development courses for our majors (HIST 309, HIST 450, and HIST 460.) Our alumni are thriving across the fields of government, law, education, and business.

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

If you apply through general application instead of through the Guaranteed Admission Agreement, you will be considered for admission with all other transfer applicants.

Learn more about applying at www.TransferVirginia.org.

DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

The History major frequently supports students who complete a second major, or one to two minor programs. Students are also encouraged to study abroad. All majors have the opportunity to complete an off-campus internship as their capstone. History majors who also complete the Minor in Teacher Preparation for Historians are well-positioned to complete a Masters in Teaching in Secondary Social Studies in just one extra year of study. History is also in the process of creating a 4+1 program, which would allow some students to complete the MA in History with just one extra year of study.

OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

All students must complete at least one VCU “REAL” experiential learning activity in order to graduate from VCU. Examples of REAL activities include: internships, research, and service learning. This requirement may be satisfied by completing a 300-level (or higher) REAL course or through an approved REAL co-curricular experience.

Learn more at <https://real.vcu.edu/>.