

History Department Major Worksheet – Prior to and up to Class of 2023

Student Name:

Advisor Name:

Dartmouth ID:

Advisor Signature:

Class:

	Course #	Course Title	Term
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AALAC (2 req'd)
1.
2.
EUR (1 req'd)
1.
US (1 req'd)
1.
INTER (1 req'd)
1.
Senior Seminars (2 req'd)*
1.
2.
Chronological Courses (either 2 pre-1700 or 3 pre-1800)
1.
2.
3.
* At least one senior seminar must be taken on campus. HIST 98 (Honors) may count as a senior seminar, but if the student also successfully completed HIST 96.34 (London Archives), they must also take an on-campus seminar in addition to HIST 98.

The Standard Major in History comprises the successful completion of at least ten (10) History courses that meet the following requirements:

1. Geographic Distribution

For the purposes of the major requirements applicable to the class of 2023 and earlier, most courses fall into one of four areas: (1) United States (designated *Major Dist: US* in the course listing); (2) Europe (designated *Major Dist: EUR* in the course listing); (3) Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean (designated *Major Dist: AALAC* in the course listing); or (4) Interregional and Comparative (designated *Major Dist: INTER* in the course listing).

Your ten History courses must include, at a minimum:

- a. one course in the history of the United States;
- b. one course in the history of Europe
- c. two courses in the histories of Africa, Asia, Latin America & Caribbean
- d. one Interregional or Comparative history course

2. Chronological Distribution

Your ten History courses must contain, at a minimum, two pre-1700 or three pre-1800 courses. In the course listing, courses fulfilling the pre-1700 requirement are designated <1700, while <1800 designates those fulfilling the pre-1800 requirement.

3. Seminars or Colloquia

All Standard Majors in the department must complete two courses involving advanced historical practice, one of which will represent the culminating experience. Most students meet this requirement by enrolling in two HIST 96s, which are small courses (normally capped at 12) that allow students to work closely with a faculty member and to produce a final project that represents either original research in primary sources or (with colloquia) a historiographical contribution to the existing scholarly literature. Those who complete the London FSP or the Honors Seminar ([HIST 98](#)), need to complete only one 96, which represents the culminating experience for the major. Careful advanced planning regarding enrollment in 96s is necessary for two reasons. First, the capped enrollment means that several 96s will have more students wishing to take the course than available space. In these cases, the department and the instructor will prioritize enrollment. Second, work at the advanced level is most rewarding when it builds upon previous exposure to a field. You should work with your adviser to consider which seminars can best represent this sequencing model that follows exposure to a topic in introductory and upper-level classes.

Enrollment in seminars is by instructor permission only. This permission is issued by the professor teaching the course. When completing this worksheet, students should contact the professors teaching the seminars they wish to take in order to inquire about the enrollment process and to be placed on the waitlist.

4. Field of Concentration

All majors are encouraged to identify an area of concentration within the broad field of History. Establishing a critical mass of classes each related to a geographic, chronological or thematic concentration will enhance a student's ability to develop expertise and make connections. (All students in the Class of 2016 and before are required to identify at least five History courses related to a field of concentration. One of these must be a culminating experience in the form of a HIST 96.)

Limits and Exclusions to the Major in History:

- At least five History courses must be taken in residence at Dartmouth College, one of them being HIST 96.
- [HIST 7](#) (First-Year Seminar) and [HIST 99](#) (Honors Thesis) may not be counted toward the Standard Major.
- Students may not use more than three seminars and colloquia (HIST 96) and two independent study courses ([HIST 97](#)) in satisfying the requirements of the Standard Major.
- Major GPA is figured on *all* History courses taken.
- The Department will consider approving transfer credits for History majors and non-majors only for History courses taken at institutions with which Dartmouth College has institutional exchange programs (see Regulations section of the ORC).
- Only transfer students may receive credit for courses taken at other colleges or universities prior to matriculation at Dartmouth.