

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

Student Name:

Advisor Name:

Dartmouth ID:

Advisor Signature:

Class:

	HIST Course #	HIST Course Title	Term
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	Modifying Dept & Course #	Modifying Course Title	Term
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<b>AALAC (1 req'd)</b>
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<b>EUR (1 req'd)</b>
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<b>US (1 req'd)</b>
1.
<b>INTER (1 req'd)</b>
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<b>Senior Seminar-HIST 96 (1 req'd)*</b> Must be taken on campus
1.
<b>Chronological Courses (2 pre-1800)</b>
1.
2.
* HIST 98 (Honors Seminar) and the London Archives Seminar (HIST 96.34) may not count as a culminating experience for modified majors. Modified majors must take a minimum of one HIST 96 on campus.

**A Modified Major** will be approved only if the student provides a convincing written rationale for the intellectual coherence of the proposed program of study. This should be produced at least two terms prior to graduation. *Typically, modifications will not be approved in the last two terms of a student's enrollment.*

**Requirements:** The Modified Major consists of the successful completion of twelve courses, eight of them in History, and four from one or more modifying departments/programs. If the four modifying courses are in a single department/program, your Modified Major plan and rationale must be approved by the Vice Chair of the History Department and the Chair of the modifying department/program. If the four modifying courses are drawn from more than one department/program, your plan and rationale for a Modified Major need to be approved only by the Vice Chair of the History Department. The requirements in History need to 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 below); (2) Europe (designated *Major Dist: EUR* in the course listing below); (3) Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean (designated *Major Dist: AALAC* in the course listing below); or (4) Interregional and Comparative (designated *Major Dist: INTER* in the course listing below).

Your eight History courses must contain at least one course from each of the following areas:

- a. United States
- b. Europe
- c. Africa, Asia, Latin America & Caribbean
- d. Interregional

2. **Chronological Distribution:** Your eight History courses must contain at least two pre-1800 courses. In the course listing, courses fulfilling the pre-1800 requirement are designated <1800.
3. **Seminars or Colloquia:** Modified majors must complete one course involving advanced historical practice which will represent the culminating experience. Most students meet this requirement by enrolling in HIST 96, a small course (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. [HIST 98](#) (Honors Seminar) and the London FSP *may not* count as a culminating experience for Modified Majors.

**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 professor teaching the seminar they wish to take in order to inquire about the enrollment process and to be placed on the waitlist.**

4. **Field of Concentration:** All Modified 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 graduating in or before 2016 are required to identify at least four 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 Modified Major:**

- 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 Modified 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 Modified 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.