FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST
Undergraduate Programs

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Department History

College Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Program Name
Concentration in Public History

☑ **New Program***
☐ **Change Program***

Effective Date
(TERM & YEAR)
Fall 2026

Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.

The Department of History is seeking to introduce a new Concentration, oriented to community engagement

The Concentration in Public History is particularly suited for majors with interest in this area who are seeking to apply their historical expertise and training in both the private and public sector. Courses in the concentration invite students to learn about the role of historians in the many fields of public history. Local museums, National Parks, government agencies, and corporations all have projects that require research to design and to implement, all of which require historians with the specialized knowledge, training, and practical experience. The courses in this concentration will expose students to the field but also offer concrete training in skills such as working with others, researching and publishing historical projects with and for the public, and utilizing digital tools to investigate and showcase various research projects.

See attached detailed description

*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.

Faculty Contact/Email/Phone

Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation

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Public History Concentration (12 credit hours)

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Core

AMH 3065 Introduction to Public History

Electives (3 courses)

HIS 3086 Historic Preservation
AMH 4302 Material Culture to 1860
AMH 4303 Material Culture from 1860
HIS 3080 Introduction to Archives
HIS 4074 Oral History
HIS 4944 Internship in Public History

HIS 4935, HIS 3150, or any Special Topics course which focuses on Public History.

History

Faculty:

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History majors use the study of the past to make sense of a complicated world. Developing insights into past human experiences prepares students for a wide variety of fields, including law, teaching, public history, business, government, communication and even medicine. Professions and professional schools in today's world look for applicants who have broad interests and backgrounds and analytical and verbal skills rather than narrow field specialization. History is a flexible and broad discipline and majors learn how to think critically, evaluate evidence and write with clarity and strength. Students interested in the Bachelor of Arts degree may pursue the traditional major or the major and one concentration. Concentrations available include Africana History, ~~British History~~, Legal History, Public History, and Religious History as detailed below. An undergraduate Honors Program in History program and a minor in History are also available. Two combined programs are offered, which allow students to earn a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. In the graduate area, the department offers a Master of Arts degree.

Prerequisite Coursework for Transfer Students

Students transferring to Florida Atlantic University must complete both lower-division requirements (including the requirements of the General Education Curriculum) and requirements for the College and major. Lower-division requirements may be completed through the A.A. degree from any Florida public college, university or community college or through equivalent coursework at another regionally accredited institution. Before transferring and to ensure timely progress toward the baccalaureate degree, students must also complete the prerequisite courses for their major as outlined in the Transition Guides.

All courses not approved by the Florida Statewide Course Numbering System that will be used to satisfy requirements will be evaluated individually on the basis of content and will require a catalog course description and a copy of the syllabus for assessment.

Link to Combined B.A./M.A. Programs

Link to Master's Program

History

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Africana History Concentration

~~British History Concentration~~

Legal History Concentration

Public History Concentration

Religious History Concentration

(Minimum of 120 credits required)

In addition to other requirements as stipulated by the University and the College, the student pursuing a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History will be required to complete a minimum of 42 credits, including two 3-credit survey courses in World history (WOH) and U.S. history (AMH) (e.g., either WOH 2012 or WOH 2022 and either AMH 2010 or AMH 2020), a course in historical methods (HIS 3150) and senior seminar (HIS 4935) selected from courses listed in the tables below.

Basic Courses (12 credits)

One of the following WOH courses

Course Title	Course Number	Credits
History of Civilization 1	WOH 2012	3

or

History of Civilization 2	WOH 2022	3

One of the following AMH courses

Course Title	Course Number	Credits
U.S. History to 1877	AMH 2010	3
or		
U.S. History since 1877	AMH 2020	3

Both of the following capstone courses

Course Title	Course Number	Credits
RI: Historical Methods	HIS 3150*	3
RI: ~~Senior Seminar~~ Research Seminar	HIS 4935	3

* History majors are required to take HIS 3150 before completing 90 credits toward graduation. HIS 3150 is also a prerequisite for HIS 4935.

The remaining coursework must include a minimum of 30 credits of 3000-level-or-above courses, including:

United States History (6 credits)

Course Title	Course Number	Credits
American Capitalism since 1890	AMH 3371	3
History of American Technology	AMH 3372	3
The American South	AMH 3400	3

History of Florida	AMH 3420	3
Work and Workers in U.S. History	AMH 3500	3
History of American Immigration and Ethnicity	AMH 3530	3
U.S. Constitutional History	AMH 3550	3
History of U.S. Women	AMH 3560	3
African-American History to 1877	AMH 3571	3
African-American History since 1877	AMH 3572	3
American Environmental History	AMH 3630	3
Colonial North America	AMH 4110	3
The American Revolution	AMH 4133	3
The Age of Jefferson and Jackson	AMH 4150	3
Civil War and Reconstruction	AMH 4170	3
U.S. in the Era of World War I and World War II	AMH 4231	3
U.S. since 1945	AMH 4270	3
America in the 1960s	AMH 4273	3
American Material Culture to 1860	AMH 4302	3
American Material Culture from 1860	AMH 4303	3
History of U.S. Drug and Alcohol Use	AMH 4315	3
American Politics since 1750	AMH 4350	3
Shopping, Travel and Leisure	AMH 4377	3
Urban History of the United States	AMH 4460	3
Diplomatic History of the U.S.	AMH 4512	3
Law in U.S. History	AMH 4558	3
History of African-American Women	AMH 4574	3
The Civil Rights Movement	AMH 4575	3
American Sports History	AMH 4611	3

Religion in America	AMH 4620	3
America and the Sea	AMH 4694	3
Special Topics in American History	AMH 4930	3

European History (6 credits)

Course Title	Course Number	Credits
20th-Century Europe since World War II	EUH 3206	3
Modern Eastern Europe	EUH 3320	3
20th-Century Europe to World War II	EUH 3343	3
History of Modern France	EUH 3451	3
History of Modern Germany	EUH 3462	3
History of Modern Russia	EUH 3570	3
Women in European History	EUH 3619	3
Medieval History	EUH 4120	3
Renaissance Europe (1350–1500)	EUH 4140	3
Reformation Europe (1500–1650)	EUH 4144	3
Early Modern Europe (1650–1789)	EUH 4200	3
19th-Century Europe	EUH 4233	3
History of Greek Civilization	EUH 4403	3
History of Roman Civilization	EUH 4411	3
Hitler and Nazi Germany	EUH 4465	3

Germany since Hitler	EUH 4466	3
Medieval England	EUH 4500	3
Modern Britain	EUH 4502	3
Tudor-Stuart England	EUH 4511	3
British Empire	EUH 4530	3
Modern Ireland	EUH 4538	3
History of European Sexuality	EUH 4684	3
Special Topics in European History	EUH 4930	3

Latin American History (6 credits)

Course Title	Course Number	Credits
Colonial Latin American History	LAH 3100	3
Latin American Independence	LAH 3133	3
Modern Latin American History	LAH 3200	3
Women in Latin American History	LAH 3721	3
Indians in Latin American History	LAH 4131	3
History of Mexico	LAH 4430	3
History of the Caribbean	LAH 4470	3
History of Cuba	LAH 4480	3
Cold War in Latin America	LAH 4741	3
Special Topics in Latin American History	LAH 4930	3

World History (6 credits)

Course Title	Course Number	Credits
History of African Diaspora	AFH 3512	3
Special Topics in African History	AFH 4930	3
Islamic History	ASH 3222	3
Modern Middle East	ASH 3223	3
The Ottoman Empire	ASH 3233	3
History of East Asia	ASH 3300	3
Women in Asian History	ASH 3384	3
The Crusades	ASH 4210	3
Modern Iran	ASH 4242	3
History of Modern China	ASH 4404	3
History of Modern Japan	ASH 4442	3
History of Modern India	ASH 4550	3
Indian Civilization	ASH 4560	3
History of Eastern Ideas	ASH 4600	3
History of Chinese Thought	ASH 4602	3
Zen and Buddhism	ASH 4603	3
Islamic Intellectual History	ASH 4624	3
Asia and the West	ASH 4630	3
Special Topics in Asian History	ASH 4930	3

History Electives (6 credits; may be taken from the above courses or may include the following)

Course Title	Course Number	Credits
Introduction to Public History	HIS 3065	3
Introduction to Archives	HIS 3080	3
Historic Preservation	HIS 3086	3
History of Human Rights	HIS 3204	3
Introduction to Public History	HIS 3065	3
History of Christianity to 1500	HIS 3432	3
History of Christianity since 1500	HIS 3434	3
History of Science	HIS 3462	3
Oral History	HIS 4074	3
Aerospace History	HIS 4322	3
History of Western Ideas	HIS 4345	3
Religion in the Atlantic World	HIS 4435	3
Magic and Superstition in the Atlantic World	HIS 4437	3
Slavery and Abolition in the Americas	HIS 4451	3
Directed Independent Study	HIS 4906	3
Special Topics	HIS 4930	1-3
Internship in Public History	HIS 4944	1-3
History Study Abroad	HIS 4957	1-6
Senior Thesis in History	HIS 4970	3
World War II	WOH 4244	3
Gandhi and Hitler	WOH 4405	3

Electives Cross-Listed with Jewish Studies

Course Title	Course Number	Credits
Introduction to Judaism	JST3004	3
History of Anti-Semitism	JST 3402	3
Classical Jewish Civilization	JST 3403	3
Modern Jewish Civilization	JST 3404	3
American-Jewish History 1492-1990	JST 4415	3
The Jews of Spain and the Middle East	JST 4417	3
Ancient Israel	JST 4424	3
The Holocaust	JST 4701	3

Transfer students planning on a History major are expected to have completed one course each of survey-level history courses in U.S. history and World history before entering FAU. Otherwise they will have to take AMH 2010/2020 and/or WOH 2012/2022 in addition to 30 credits of upper-division work. No grade below "C" in a history course will count as fulfilling requirements for the major, and no history course may be taken under a pass/fail option.

Concentrations within the History Major

Students interested in pursuing more specialized study in the areas of Africana history, Public history, Legal history or Religious history may wish to complete one of the concentrations below.

Students still fulfill all requirements for the History major as stipulated above, but to complete a concentration they need to include the following courses in their program.

Africana History Concentration

Students must take both core courses and choose three courses from the list of elective courses.

Core Courses

Course Title	Course Number	Credits
African-American History to 1877	AMH 3571	3
African-American History since 1877	AMH 3572	3

Elective Courses (choose three courses)

Course Title	Course Number	Credits
History of the African Diaspora	AFH 3512	3
Special Topics in African History	AFH 4930	3
American Immigration and Ethnicity	AMH 3530	3
Slavery and Abolition in the Americas	AMH 4451	3
History of African-American Women	AMH 4574	3
The Civil Rights Movement	AMH 4575	3
American Sports History	AMH 4611	3
History of the Caribbean	LAH 4470	3

~~Any~~ HIS 4935, HIS 3150, any Senior Seminar, or any Special Topics ~~or 5000-level graduate~~ course that focuses on Africana history.

~~British History Concentration~~

~~Students must take the three core courses below and choose two from the list of elective courses.~~

~~Core Courses~~

~~Course Title~~	~~Course Number~~	~~Credits~~
~~Medieval England~~	~~EUH 4500~~	~~3~~
~~Modern Britain~~	~~EUH 4502~~	~~3~~
~~Tudor-Stuart England~~	~~EUH 4511~~	~~3~~

~~Elective Courses (choose two courses)~~

~~Course Title~~	~~Course Number~~	~~Credits~~
~~Colonial North America~~	~~AMH 4110~~	~~3~~
~~History of Modern India~~	~~ASH 4550~~	~~3~~
~~British Empire~~	~~EUH 4530~~	~~3~~

~~Any Senior Seminar, Special Topics or 5000-level graduate course in British history.~~

~~Legal History Concentration~~

~~Students must choose 15 credits from the core and elective courses in the following list.~~

~~Core Courses (choose three courses)~~

~~Course Title~~	~~Course Number~~	~~Credits~~
~~The American Revolution~~	~~AMH 4133~~	~~3~~
~~The Age of Jefferson and Jackson~~	~~AMH 4150~~	~~3~~
~~Medieval England~~	~~EUH 4500~~	~~3~~
~~Tudor-Stuart England~~	~~EUH 4511~~	~~3~~

~~Elective Courses (choose two courses)~~

~~Course Title~~	~~Course Number~~	~~Credits~~
~~History of Florida~~	~~AMH 3420~~	~~3~~
~~History of American Immigration and Ethnicity~~	~~AMH 3530~~	~~3~~
~~American Environmental History~~	~~AMH 3630~~	~~3~~
~~The Civil Rights Movement~~	~~AMH 4575~~	~~3~~
~~Special Topics (such as History of Law in America or History of Prisons in America)~~	~~AMH 4930~~	~~3~~
~~History of Human Rights~~	~~HIS 3204~~	~~3~~

Legal History Concentration (12 credits)

Students must choose 12 credits from the Core and Elective Courses in the following list:

Core (1 course)		
Law in U.S. History	AMH 4558	3
Electives (3 courses)		
U.S. Constitutional History	AMH 3550	3
The American Revolution	AMH 4133	3
Civil War and Reconstruction	AMH 4170	3
U.S. since 1945	AMH 4270	3

America in the 1960s	AMH 4273	3
American Politics since 1750	AMH 4350	3
The Civil Rights Movement	AMH 4575	3

HIS 4935, HIS 3150, or any Special Topics course which focuses on Legal History.

Public History Concentration (12 credit hours)

Students must choose 12 credits from the Core and Elective Courses in the following list:

Core

Introduction to Public History	AMH 3065	3

Electives (3 courses)

Historic Preservation	HIS 3086	3
Material Culture to 1860	AMH 4302	3
Material Culture from 1860	AMH 4303	3
Oral History	HIS 4074	3
Introduction to Archives	HIS 3080	3
Internship in Public History	HIS 4944	3

HIS 4935, HIS 3150, or any Special Topics course which focuses on Public History.

~~**Religious History Concentration (15 credits)**~~

~~Choose at least15 credits from the following list of courses:, with at least one course taken in all four areas: U.S., Asian, Judaic and European history.~~

~~Course Title~~	~~Course Number~~	~~Credits~~

~~Religion in America~~	~~AMH 4620~~	~~3~~
~~Islamic History~~	~~ASH 3222~~	~~3~~
~~Indian Civilization~~	~~ASH 4560~~	~~3~~
~~History of Eastern Ideas~~	~~ASH 4600~~	~~3~~
~~Reformation Europe (1500-1650)~~	~~EUH 4144~~	~~3~~
~~History of Christianity to 1500~~	~~HIS 3432~~	~~3~~
~~History of Christianity since 1500~~	~~HIS 3434~~	~~3~~
~~American-Jewish History 1492-1990~~	~~JST 4415~~	~~3~~

~~Any Senior Seminar, Special Topics or 5000-level graduate course in religious history~~

Religious History Concentration (12 credits)

Students must choose 12 credits in the following list:

Courses (4 courses):

Religion in America	AMH 4620	3
Islamic History	ASH 3222	3
Indian Civilization	ASH 4560	3
History of Eastern Ideas	ASH 4600	3
History of Chinese Thought	ASH 4602	3
Zen and Buddhism	ASH 4603	3
Islamic Intellectual History	ASH 4624	3
Medieval History	EUH 4120	3
Renaissance Europe (1350–1500)	EUH 4144	3
History of Roman Civilization	EUH 4411	3
Introduction to Judaism	JST 3004*	3

** The courses in Jewish Studies do not count toward the requirements for the History major, but may be part of the required college electives for the B.A. degree.*

HIS 4935, HIS 3150, or any Special Topics course which focuses on Religious History.