B.A. in History

Next Steps

**Freshman Highlights**

- Classes to take: entry level HIS
- Schedule time to meet with an academic advisor in the Students First Office to develop a 4-year plan
- Apply to participate in special interest housing
- Sign up early for tutoring and Supplemental Instruction through Student Success Center
- Log into SpartanCareers to view jobs and start your career
- Check out undergraduate research opportunities
- Review the ExploreIT! Shadow Program

**Sophomore Highlights**

- Classes to take: HIS 391
- Meet with your faculty advisor to ensure you are on track in completing your GEC requirements
- Visit Students First Office to estimate your GPA and review your degree evaluation
- Visit Career Services Center to talk with a Peer Career Ambassador. Time to get your major confirmed and resume started
- Attend Career Services Major Events
- Begin to develop your professional network

**Junior Highlights**

- Discover leadership opportunities through clubs and organizations
- Check out opportunities—Office of Leadership & Service Learning
- Visit Career Services Center to complete your resume, practice interviewing, learn about graduate school, and/or prepare your internship search action plan
- Attend Career Fairs and Employer Information Sessions
- Continue to build your professional network by speaking with faculty, employers, and alumni
- Complete a Course Overload Form in Student First Office if you need to register for more than 18 hours

**Senior Year Highlights**

- Take Senior Capstone Class: HIS 511
- Meet with your faculty advisor to finalize your plans
- Apply for graduation via University Registrar - watch out for deadlines
- Take the “Senior Check Up” to see what skills or experiences you should make use of at Career Services
- Start applying to jobs and graduate programs
- Attend Career Fairs
- Network, network, network

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Where It Can Take You

Sample Work Functions
Those who study this major generally direct their skills, experience, and knowledge towards the following career areas:
- Archaeologist
- Lawyer
- Political Consultant
- Writer
- Editor
- Foreign Service
- Consultant
- Teacher
- Biographer
- Journalist
- Travel Manager

Sample Work Settings
Here is a sample of work settings (or work environments) that might interest someone with this educational background:
- Archives
- Banks
- Business Corporations
- Universities & Colleges
- Think Tanks
- Consulting
- Planning Departments
- Publishing
- Travel Agencies
- Research Foundations
- Federal & State Government
- K-12 Education
- Non Profit Organizations
- City/State Government

How to Get There
Try on this major
There are several courses within the History department that any UNCG student can take as a way to "try on" the major and determine if it is a good fit for you. Talk with your advisor if you are interested in "trying on" this major:

Most 200 and 300 level history courses are open to all students.

When to take coursework
Students pursuing a degree in History are required to take several different General Education Core (GEC) and College Additional Requirements (CAR) courses during their freshman and sophomore years. To ensure that you stay on track to graduate, talk with your advisor about registering for the following courses:
- HIS 391 — either semester sophomore year
- ENG 101 — first semester freshman year

In addition to the above courses, the History department requires that declared majors complete 9 semester hours of HIS coursework at the 200-level across three different focus areas (Western Europe, United States, and the Wider World) before taking HIS 391. See the full list of course options here.

Campus Organizations & Clubs and Professional Associations
- UNCG Historical Society
- Lloyd International Honors College
- Living-Learning Communities
- Residential Colleges
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Special Interest Housing
Special interest housing communities are residential-based programs designed to enhance the overall undergraduate student experience by fostering one-on-one relationships between faculty, staff, and students in a close knit residence hall environment. Students are encouraged to explore intellectual, cultural, and social interests through experiential activities often linked to the academic curriculum. Students learn with friends, while gaining real-world experience all where they live. Special interest housing options include:
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Sample Graduate Programs
Students graduating from this undergraduate program also look at continuing their education in these sample programs:
- Planning and Development
- Law School
- History
- Museum Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Medical School
- Business Programs
- Education
- Urban Studies
- Archives

Sample Salary Information
Salary information below represents median trends for sample job titles, wage data, and may not account for variables including geography. For more complete information, check out the O*Net and the national salary surveys. Here are the median salaries for professionals in the field:
- Business Manager: $85,870
- Lawyer: $102,000*
- Professor: $62,050*
- Intelligence Specialist: $74,300
- Political Scientist: $102,000*
*additional education may be required

GPA & Other Requirements
Once you declare a History major and select your academic concentration, you want to be sure you are aware of the various GPA and program requirements. Knowing these in advance will help you stay on track each semester and in planning out your long-term goals.

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<th>GPA &amp; Program Requirements</th>
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<td>History (BA)</td>
<td>- An average grade of C or higher in your history courses</td>
<td>Students must be admitted to Teacher Education program. Students may apply at the end of their sophomore year. More information can be found in the Secondary Teacher Education Handbook.</td>
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<td>History with Social Studies Teaching Licensure*</td>
<td>- Minimum Major GPA of 2.75  - Achieve minimum score on Praxis I, ACT or SAT  - Completed Background Check</td>
<td>Students must take HIS 430: Historical Methods for Social Studies Teachers instead of HIS 391</td>
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*This licensure program relies heavily on early and adequate advising. It is the student's responsibility to meet as soon as possible with both his/her major advisor and the secondary education advisor in the School of Education Office of Student Services.

Sample Minors/Double-Majors
Often, UNCG students may be interested in pursuing a second major or a minor to complement their major. If this is of interest to you, be sure to discuss it with your advisor early on. Some possible minors or majors to consider include:
- Biology
- Political Science
- Women's and Gender Studies
- Sociology
- African American Studies
- English
- Philosophy
- Anthropology