

HISTORY (PH.D.)

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2024 through summer 2025. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
Research Competencies ¹		
	Research Competency/Languages	
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Code	Title	Hours
Historiography/Interpretation Courses		
HIST 501	Historical Methods	3
HIST 502	Historiography	3
HIST 711	Development of Western Freedoms	3
HIST 901	Doctoral Historical Research	3
HIUS 530	American Christian Heritage	3
HIUS 713	American Entrepreneurship Since 1900	3
Total Hours		18

Code	Title	Hours
Professional Studies Courses		
HIST 701	Historical Professions	3
HIST 820	Teaching History	3
	<i>Choose one of the following:</i>	3
HIST 705	Local History Research	
HIST 706	Digital History	
HIST 799	Internship	
Total Hours		9

Code	Title	Hours
History Specialization ¹		
	History Elective ²	3
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	History Elective ²	3
Total Hours		9

¹ Student may not apply more than 15 total credit hours of 500-600 level coursework to the History Specialization and External Field or History Elective sections.

² Choose a 500-900 level course from one of the following disciplines: HIUS, HIEU, HIST, or HIWD

Code	Title	Hours
External Field or History Elective Courses ¹		
	Elective	3
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Code	Title	Hours
	Elective	3
Total Hours		9

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Code	Title	Hours
Comprehensive Reading Courses ^{1,2}		
Choose three of the following courses:		
HIUS 911	Comprehensive Examination and Readings in Early America	3
HIUS 912	Comprehensive Examination and Readings in Modern America	3
HIEU 913	Comprehensive Examination and Readings in Early Modern Europe	3
HIEU 914	Comprehensive Examination and Readings in Modern Europe	3
Total Hours		12

¹ Other Comprehensive Readings courses may be substituted with approval of the History Graduate Program Director

² No Comprehensive Examination & Reading Course may be taken more than twice

Code	Title	Hours
Dissertation Courses		
HIST 980	Historiographical Research	3
HIST 987	Dissertation Research I	5
HIST 988	Dissertation Research II	5
HIST 989	Dissertation Research III	5
HIST 990	Dissertation Defense	0
Total Hours		18

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 72 hours
- A maximum of 50% of a post-graduate and doctoral degree may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA
- No grades lower than a B- may be applied to the degree
- Degree must be completed within 7 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Graduation Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Online Format Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
HIST 501	Historical Methods	3
HIST 502	Historiography	3
HIST 701	Historical Professions	3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
HIUS 530	American Christian Heritage	3
History Specialization ^{1,2}		3
History Specialization ^{1,2}		3
Hours		9
Second Year		
First Semester		
History Specialization ^{1,2}		3
Field Study/History Elective ²		3
Field Study/History Elective ²		3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
Professional Studies Elective ⁴		3
HIST 711	Development of Western Freedoms	3
Field Study/History Elective ²		3
Hours		9
Third Year		
First Semester		
HIST 820	Teaching History	3
HIUS 713	American Entrepreneurship Since 1900	3
Hours		6
Second Semester		
HIUS 911	Comprehensive Examination and Readings in Early America ³	3
HIUS 912	Comprehensive Examination and Readings in Modern America ³	3
Hours		6
Fourth Year		
First Semester		
HIEU 913	Comprehensive Examination and Readings in Early Modern Europe ³	3
HIEU 914	Comprehensive Examination and Readings in Modern Europe ³	3
Hours		6
Second Semester		
HIST 901	Doctoral Historical Research	3
Hours		3
Fifth Year		
First Semester		
HIST 987	Dissertation Research I	5
Hours		5

Course	Title	Hours
Second Semester		
HIST 988	Dissertation Research II	5
Hours		5
Sixth Year		
First Semester		
HIST 989	Dissertation Research III	5
HIST 990	Dissertation Defense	0
Hours		5
Total Hours		72

¹ Choose a 500-900 level course² from one of the following disciplines: HIUS, HIEU, HIST, or HIWD

² Students may not take more than 15 total hours at the 500-600 level for History Specialization and Field Study/History Elective courses

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⁴ Choose one course from the following: HIST 705, 706, or 799

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