

HISTORY



HISTORY THAT MATTERS

The Department of History follows the latest historical practices in how it educates students and prepares them for life and work after college. We believe that all students should grasp the fascinating histories and cultures of the diverse peoples and processes that created our ever-changing world.

Students learn to think through the ways in which histories and societies change over time, and their implications for our current dilemmas as national and global citizens. In this era of intensifying human interactions, technology, and mobility, history students gain a solid sense of their own past and identities, and the equally rich distant pasts of others. This working knowledge enhances how they will engage their own multiple and changing paths in life.

PROGRAMS

- Bachelor of Arts in History
- Minor in History
- Minor in Health, Science, and Environment
- Social Studies Teacher Education Program

SKILLS YOU WILL ACQUIRE

- Highly developed analytical and critical thinking skills
- Ability to conduct and share research
- Technical writing and rhetorical skills
- Didactic, presentation and public speaking skills
- Knowledge of global cultures
- Ability to convey information clearly, concisely and tactfully
- Time management
- Ability to find solutions to intricate problems





Grisell Ovalles '20, BA History

"I chose the History major at Stony Brook because I love to read and write. The Department of History is so inviting, and the professors are willing to lend a helping hand and help you develop your strengths inside and outside the classroom. I loved the Department and felt truly challenged as a History major."

History majors learn how to conduct historical research, and to develop convincing arguments based on the evidence they uncover. As they progress in the program, students design their own curriculum by choosing one of five possible thematic concentrations in the areas of:

- Arts, Ideas & Culture
- Empires, Violence & Global Connections
- Health, Science & Environmental Change
- Law, Politics & Social Justice
- Race, Religion, Gender & Sexualities

A SAMPLING OF OUR COURSES

- The Crusades
- Drugs in Global History
- The Global 1960s
- Latinos in U.S. History
- Postcolonial South Asia
- Wealth and Inequality in Early America

ALUMNI CAREERS

The variety of achievements and jobs of our graduates is astonishing!

- Associate Director of Strategic Engagement and Programs for College Board
- Director, Corporate Counsel for Otsuka Pharmaceutical Companies (US Operations)
- Deputy Chief of Staff to Sen. Richard Blumenthal
- Senior Publisher at Cambridge University Press
- Senior Court Attorney in NYS Supreme Court

CAREERS TO EXPLORE

- Education at all levels
- Legal professions, as attorneys and judges
- Writers, researchers, and communicators
- Governmental and nongovernmental organizations
- Self-employed entrepreneurs and business consultants
- Museum Professionals and Public Historians



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