

HISTORY (COURSE 21H)

History Section (<https://catalog.mit.edu/schools/humanities-arts-social-sciences/history/#undergraduatetext>)

Bachelor of Science in History

General Institute Requirements (GIRs)

The General Institute Requirements include a Communication Requirement that is integrated into both the HASS Requirement and the requirements of each major; see details below.

Summary of Subject Requirements	Subjects
Science Requirement	6
Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS) Requirement [between three and six subjects can be satisfied by subjects in the Departmental Program]; at least two of these subjects must be designated as communication-intensive (CI-H) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.	8
Restricted Electives in Science and Technology (REST) Requirement	2
Laboratory Requirement (12 units)	1
Total GIR Subjects Required for SB Degree	17

Physical Education Requirement

Swimming requirement, plus four physical education courses for eight points.

Departmental Program

Choose at least two subjects in the major that are designated as communication-intensive (CI-M) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.

Required Subjects	Units
Select one 21H seminar subject (excluding 21H.390) ¹	9-12
21H.390 Theories and Methods in the Study of History (CI-M)	12
21H.THT History Pre-Thesis Tutorial	12
21H.THU History Thesis (CI-M)	12
Restricted Electives	
Select a coherent program, in consultation with a major advisor, of seven subjects from the history curriculum ²	81-84
Units in Major	126-132
Unrestricted Electives ³	84-90
Units in Major That Also Satisfy the GIRs	(36-72)
Total Units Beyond the GIRs Required for SB Degree	180

The units for any subject that counts as one of the 17 GIR subjects cannot also be counted as units required beyond the GIRs.

- ¹ Select from among 21H subjects for which the first digit after the decimal point is 3. See the History website (<http://history.mit.edu/subjects>) for additional information.
- ² The seven subjects must be drawn from two geographical areas and include one pre-modern subject (before 1700) and one modern subject.
- ³ This chart has been calculated based on an overlap of 36 units (three subjects) between the HASS General Institute Requirement and the departmental requirements. Students who develop a program of study with more overlap will be able to select more unrestricted electives to meet the number of total units beyond the GIRs required for an SB degree.