HISTORY

Undergraduate Study

Bachelor of Science in History (Course 21H)
The program leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in History
(http://catalog.mit.edu/degree-charts/history-course-21h) is
designed to encourage students to discover and reconstruct the past,
to confront and understand the complexity of past human behavior
for itself, and to inform their sense of the historical present. The
curriculum includes the selection of at least one subject taken from
the curriculum’s 21H undergraduate seminars. Students are expected
to take seven additional subjects of their own choice, selected in
consultation with a major advisor. These must include subjects
drawn from at least two geographical areas, as well as one pre-
modern (before 1700) and one modern subject.

During the junior year, the history major is required to take subject
21H.390 Theories and Methods in the Study of History, which is
intended to develop skills for independent research and writing,
followed in the senior year by 21H.THT History Pre-Thesis Tutorial
and 21H.THU History Thesis. Subjects 21H.390 Theories and Methods
in the Study of History and 21H.THU History Thesis satisfy the CI-
M component of the Communication Requirement. Supplementing
these requirements within the history curriculum is the stipulation of
three additional subjects in a second field of humanities, arts, and
social sciences that provide the perspectives of another discipline
on the history of human thought and behavior. This program is
intentionally flexible; the relatively large number of electives and
unrestricted time allows for the design of a course of study that
meets individual needs and interests.

Joint Degree Programs
Joint degree programs are offered in history in combination with
a field in engineering or science (21E, 21S). See the joint degree
programs (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/humanities-arts-social-
sciences/humanities/#undergraduate-text) listed under Humanities.

Minor in History
The goal of this minor is to lead the student from basic survey
subjects into more focused studies of individual countries or periods
of time, and to encourage thinking about broader analytical and
comparative issues in historical study.

The Minor in History consists of six subjects, which must include:

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Select five subjects as follows: 1

Select at least one 21H seminar, excluding 21H.390

| Total Units | 63-72 |

1 At least two temporal periods—one pre-modern (before 1700) and one
modern—must be covered by these five subjects. For a list of available
subjects, consult the History website (http://history.mit.edu/subjects).

2 Select from 21H subjects for which the first digit after the decimal is 3.

Minor in Applied International Studies
A range of subjects in history can fulfill requirements for the
interdisciplinary Minor in Applied International Studies
(http://catalog.mit.edu/interdisciplinary/undergraduate-programs/
minors/applied-international-studies). For more information, see
the program description (http://catalog.mit.edu/interdisciplinary/
undergraduate-programs) under Interdisciplinary Programs.

Inquiries
Further information on subjects and programs may be obtained from
the History Office, Room E51-255, 617-324-5134.