



# MAJORING IN HISTORY

Federated Department of History at Rutgers University–Newark and  
the New Jersey Institute of Technology

# What Can I Do with a Degree in History?

Skills transferrable to many careers:

- Written and spoken communication skills
- Data collection and analysis skills
- Archival research skills

Common careers pursued by graduates of our program:

- Social Studies Teacher, College Professor
- Public History: Museum Curator, Archivist
- Lawyer
- Consultant, Analyst
- Public Administration, Community Organizing, NGOs

# History Major

- 36 credits in history courses
- Eligibility to participate in teacher certification program through the Department of Urban Education
- Capstone, one-semester research seminar, focuses on local history and offers the chance to research and write about issues of social justice, heritage and diversity, and community engagement
- Opportunity to study for a Masters in History while still completing your B.A.
- Opportunity to intern with local archives, museums, and cultural institutions

# Required Course: Perspectives in History

- Focus on reading and interpreting primary sources from a specific era
- Satisfies Writing Intensive course requirement
- Flexible timing—may be taken during any undergraduate semester
- Sample course topics include:
  - Living in Nazi Germany
  - The Newark Uprising
  - Race in Colonial Latin America

# Required Course: Research Seminar

- Learn to do hands-on archival work in local collections
- Study the roots of contemporary social justice issues, including local histories of segregation, urban renewal, police brutality, etc.
- May be taken either Junior or Senior year
- Satisfies Writing Intensive course requirement
- Upcoming course topics include:
  - Nature & Culture in the Post-WWII United States
  - Newark Neighborhoods: Migration, Urban Renewal, and Diversity
  - Sexuality and Gender from the Brick City to the Big Apple

# B.A./M.A. Program

- Beginning in Senior year, may take up to 12 credits of graduate courses to count towards an M.A.
- Pay undergraduate tuition rate for M.A. courses taken during Senior year
- Courses fulfill requirements for both B.A. and M.A.
- Open to students with at least 12 credits in history courses

# Minors in History

History Minor – 18 credits

History-related Minors – 18 credits (can “double-dip” with courses for History Major)

- Ancient and Medieval Civilizations
- Asian Studies
- Film Studies
- Legal Studies
- Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies

# For More Information

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