

## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

### ADVISING FAQ

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- ◆ **How many hours do I need to be advised by the History Department?** *46 or more hours. Less than that, you will be advised by the Academic Advising Center - AAC Room 1st Floor*
- ◆ **Why do I need to be advised by the History Department?**  
*Advising should help you understand your degree plan and course selection, and provide you with mentoring*
- ◆ **How many degree plans does the History Department have and what are they?** *Three*
  1. *regular history major*
  2. *history with secondary education minor (also referred to on the UTEP degree plan site as “8-12 History” since it leads to certification in high school history) and*
  3. *social studies composite with secondary education as the minor (leads to certification in high school history, government, geography and economics)*
- ◆ **What if I need additional help deciding between history with the secondary education minor and social studies composite with secondary education minor, whom may I contact?**  
*Keith Ereksun – [kaereksun@utep.edu](mailto:kaereksun@utep.edu) or David Vasquez – [vasdavid@utep.edu](mailto:vasdavid@utep.edu)*
- ◆ **What is the difference between the older degree plan (pre-2007) and the new 120-hour plan?**  
*The older plan for the Social Studies Composite counted the two political science courses that are required in the major towards the 18 hours of Block Electives. The new 120-hour plan does not. However, it does reduce the required number of Block Electives to 15 hours.*
- ◆ **Can I change to the new degree plan?** *Yes*
- ◆ **When should I request an official degree plan and where?**  
*Once you accumulate 60 hours. Stop by the College of Liberal Arts Dean’s Office, LART 343*
- ◆ **How often should I request an update the official degree plan?**  
*Every two semesters*
- ◆ **When I meet with my history advisor, what should I bring?**  
*Bring your official degree plan, if you have one.*

#### CORE CURRICULUM, ALL DEGREE PLANS:

- ◆ **Can World History (HIST 2301 or 2302) be used to fulfill the Humanities requirement in the core curriculum?**  
*Yes*

#### CORE CURRICULUM, SOCIAL STUDIES COMPOSITE MAJORS

- ◆ **Can GEOG 1310 (Cultural Geography) be used to fulfill the Social/Behavioral part of the core?** *Yes*
- ◆ **Can GEOG 1306 (Physical Geography) be used as part of the science sequence in the core?** *Yes, but you also need to take the lab that goes with GEOG 1306.*

#### LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

- ◆ **Can I place out of the first year of language?** *Possibly. If you have substantial knowledge of a language, take the placement exam at the Testing Center in the Academic Advising Center. If you plan on fulfilling the requirement with Spanish & you use Spanish in the home, you MUST take the Spanish placement exam before enrolling. There are also intensive language options that combine two years into one.*
- ◆ **For more information on the language requirement, where do I go?** *Languages & Linguistics Department – LART 137.*

#### HISTORY MAJOR

- ◆ **What are the requirements for the History Major?** HIST 2301, 2302, 4325 and 21 hours of other upper-division history in at least three different geographic fields.
- ◆ **When should I take HIST 4325?** It is recommended that you take several upper-division history courses as it is considered more or less a capstone course. However, you do not need to wait until the final semester. It is also recommended that you try to take a topic that is of interest to you. **4325 is not offered during the summer.**
- ◆ **Can history majors take a history course that is cross-listed with a different subject, register for it under the other subject and count it as a block elective?** No. A history course, cross-listed with another subject is still considered history and is technically not eligible as a block elective, since block electives are supposed to be outside of your major (and minor).

## HISTORY MINOR

- ◆ **What if I have not chosen a minor and where do I go to find out what minors are available?** Do not leave this decision to the very end! If you need advice about an appropriate minor, you may consult your advisor. See the Undergraduate Catalogue for minor requirements in different departments.

## 8-12 HISTORY MAJOR/SECONDARY EDUCATION

- ◆ **How is the 8-12 history major with secondary education different from the regular History Major?** HIST 3317 (History of Texas) & HIST 4330 (Teaching History/Social Studies) are both required. There are fewer upper-division electives.
- ◆ **I'm trying to register for HIST 4330 and it is giving me a pre-requisite error message, what is the pre-requisite?** SCED 3311.
- ◆ **Do I have to be a senior to take HIST 4330?** Technically, yes, but we changed the restriction. You can sign up for it as a junior.
- ◆ **When should I take HIST 4330?** Before your internship semester.

## SOCIAL STUDIES COMPOSITE MAJOR/SECONDARY EDUCATION

- ◆ **What are the requirements?** Two geography classes, two economics, and two political science classes (see degree plan). It also requires 2301 & 2302 (World History), 3317 (Texas), 2 upper-division US History classes, 1 more upper-division in US or World History, 4325 & 4330 (see above for questions about HIST 4330)
- ◆ **Are there limited opportunities to take POLS 4318 & 4357?** Yes and you need to take one.
- ◆ **Where do I find out more about secondary education and this degree plan?** [www.utep.edu/history](http://www.utep.edu/history), then "Programs," then "Teacher Education"

## THE MINOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

- ◆ **Which classes do I need to take?** SCED 3311, SCED 3312, and RED 3342 (sequence need not be followed)
- ◆ **After taking the classes, what do I do next?** You must formally apply to the Teacher Education program through David Vasquez ([vasdavid@utep.edu](mailto:vasdavid@utep.edu)). Then you can take the rest of your classes, including the internship.
- ◆ **I have questions about certification exams, internship course, or job placement, who may I ask?** Keith Erekson – [kaerekson@utep.edu](mailto:kaerekson@utep.edu) or David Vasquez – [vasdavid@utep.edu](mailto:vasdavid@utep.edu)

## LIBERAL ARTS BLOCK ELECTIVES

- ◆ **What are Liberal Arts block electives?** These are junior and senior level classes outside of your major and minor.
- ◆ **How do I search for them?** In Goldmine, go to classes to add and select a subject (or all subjects if you want a comprehensive list), and select the relevant block elective in "attribute".