ABOUT THE B.A. IN HISTORY

The Bachelor of Arts in History from St. John’s University equips students with excellent research, writing, and communication skills, as well as a comprehensive understanding of the issues and events that shape today’s global society.

Both in and out of the classroom, award-winning faculty members share their knowledge of the world’s major civilizations and the evolution of globalization. Course offerings include the histories of the Americas, Europe, Africa, and Asia, from ancient to contemporary times.

The core class studies the past and present, providing an in-depth survey of history’s great civilizations. Faculty members introduce their students to modern interpretations of American history and contemporary global debates. The sophomore seminar incorporates research skills while using New York City as a laboratory to study the past. The senior seminar gives students the opportunity to create an exit project using their research, writing, and communications skills. It may be structured as a formal research paper, or digital, public, or pedagogical project.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A B.A. IN HISTORY?

Studying history helps students develop the analytical and communication skills necessary for success in most fields, including business, law, journalism, public policy, and teaching. Historians follow an array of career paths, including education, law, journalism, politics, communications, technology, business, research, art, advertising, finance, urban and regional planning, forestry, and medicine. With the introduction of digital history, opportunities are also growing in fields such as television, online media, and information technology.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

History majors learn to research and analyze large amounts of information in order to present cogent arguments pertaining to complex issues. These skills prove extremely valuable for graduates as they begin and advance their careers.

Faculty members mentor students in professional strategies and help students take advantage of internship and work experience in archives, libraries, museums, nongovernmental organizations, arts councils, historical societies, and businesses in and around New York City.

Global Studies programs complement the history major with an international, experiential dimension. These programs include Discover the World: Europe, which allows students to study in three countries in just one semester, as well as semester-length study on the Rome and Paris campuses. For more information about study abroad, please visit stjohns.edu/global-studies.

Especially motivated students may enter the five-year combined B.A./M.A. History program, saving one year in earning both degrees. For more information, please visit stjohns.edu/academics/schools-and-colleges/st-johns-college-liberal-arts-and-sciences/programs-and-majors.
MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The Bachelor of Arts in History offers a rigorous and exciting environment to develop practical expertise and intellectual abilities, as well as habits of critical thinking and the advanced writing, research, and communication skills that are attractive to employers in the private and public sectors. Our students have gone on to postgraduate studies in history, medicine, business, education, library science, and museum and arts management and education. Our faculty members use cutting-edge teaching methodologies and are internationally known for their research. As a global and technologically advanced university, we embrace the vibrancy and intellectual opportunities that New York City has to offer. We invite you to join us.

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SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

St. John’s University strives to place an outstanding higher education within the financial reach of all qualified applicants. Each academic year, the Office of Student Financial Services awards more than $500 million in aid to students who demonstrate financial need. The Office of Undergraduate Admission also awards highly competitive academic scholarships.

For more information about scholarships and financial aid, please visit stjohns.edu/admission-aid/tuition-and-financial-aid.