



University Profile

The University of Saint Francis was founded in 1890 and has a rich heritage of offering quality education. Rooted in the Catholic and Franciscan traditions of Faith and Reason, the University of Saint Francis engages a diverse community in learning, leadership and service.

The campus has 108 acres of rolling lawns and trees with 19 buildings and four residence halls that surround beautiful Mirror Lake.

Personal attention to students is what makes a USF education so meaningful and enriching to its approximately 2,000 students.

The USF Advantage

The History major is tightly interwoven into the fabric of the university community. All majors will benefit from USF's commitment to broadening students' awareness of issues that affect the local, national and global community. As a Franciscan institution of higher learning, USF also encourages students to apply their major in ways that can effect positive change in the wider community in areas like social justice, diversity and conflict resolution. A History major is perfectly positioned to accomplish this and much more with a USF education.

History Faculty

Faculty members are dedicated to outstanding teaching and cooperative learning. Small class size optimizes interactions between students and professors. Students truly come to know their professors and work closely with them on a wide range of projects. Our faculty are engaged in important research that informs their teaching with the newest developments in their field. Furthermore, we strongly encourage majors to broaden their education beyond the classroom and participate in several possible internship opportunities.

The History Program

The study of history promotes the appreciation of understanding the diversity of the human experience. The USF history program specializes in an interdisciplinary, historically-centered approach to research and scholarship, resulting in a broad understanding of the foundations of the modern world by examining trends, patterns and themes from the past.

The study of history also enhances and sharpens the research, writing and communication skills that form the basis of a liberal arts education. A major in history leads to a variety of diverse career paths that suit many interests. Graduates with majors in history are likely to obtain work in government service, legislation, political lobbying, law, business, museum and archival work, education, information management, and writing or editing books, journals and film. Students holding a B.A. in History often pursue graduate study. More information regarding careers in history can be obtained through the American Historical Association at <http://www.historians.org/pubs/Free/careers/Index.htm>.

Beyond survey courses, for those seeking a general overview of the United States or World history, the department offers a myriad of specialized history courses that encompass various cultures wherever on earth your interests lie. Some courses include:

American History

- Native American History
- American Frontier and West
- African American History
- Women in American History
- American Environmental History
- Colonial and Revolutionary America
- Sectionalism and the Civil War
- Vietnam War

European/World History

- Early Modern Europe
- History of Modern Germany
- Russian History
- Comparative Genocide
- The Age of World Wars
- The Cold War
- Middle Eastern History
- History of East Asia

History Major

A successful career in this field begins with a firm grounding in the Liberal Arts through the university-wide General Education curriculum. The major's core courses stress student learning in diverse areas with a geographic focus like the United States, Europe or the non-Western World, and thematic approaches including social, cultural and political history. This broad array of courses allows students to shape their major while being broadly prepared for a wide range of professional fields after graduation.

Students pursuing graduate studies are strongly encouraged to complete two years of college-level courses in one foreign language. In addition, the History Major Thesis Option gives the USF student a competitive advantage with completion of two specialized research courses: 1) Historiography and Research and 2) Senior Thesis. Students are also encouraged to complete an appropriate internship.

History Major Courses

HIST 100 level survey courses	6
HIST 200 level courses	9
American History 300 level or above	9
European/World History 300 level or above	9

Elective courses allowing a student to pursue a minor or a double major in another discipline. A minor in history is also available for students in other programs.

Secondary Education Social Studies/Mild Intervention Major

In conjunction with the Department of Education, the Department of History and Social Sciences offers History, Political Science, Geography, Psychology, and Sociology courses to satisfy state-mandated requirements for teacher certification in Social Studies at the secondary level. Students must complete required general education courses, professional education courses from the Department of Education and three fields of study in Social Studies.

Coursework for the Secondary Education degree consists of a core of Social Studies plus courses in one primary field and two supporting concentrations in the academic areas of History, Economics, Psychology, and Sociology.

Curriculum General Education

Placement Courses

- Computer Literacy
- English
- Reading
- Math

General Education Courses

- iConnect
- English Composition
- Speech
- History
- Society and the Environment
- Social Responsibility
and Leadership
- Physical Education
- Philosophical Ethics
- Math
- Science
- Social Sciences
- Fine Arts
- Literature
- Theology
- Religion
- Senior Capstone Course

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and work study. Over 95 percent of undergraduate students receive some form of financial assistance; most receive more than one type of aid. Early estimator packages are available for dependent students during the fall at www.sf.edu/financialaid.

All students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA). Priority deadline is no later than March 10.

For More Information

Contact the Office of Admissions at 260-434-3279 or 1-800-729-4732 or visit our website at www.sf.edu.