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THE CAREER

Historians are professionally-trained scholars who research, analyze and interpret the decisions and actions of the past in order to better understand prior choices, present circumstances and future possibilities. They explain and share their findings in books, articles, essays and presentations. Historians usually specialize in a particular locale, time period or field of study (social, political, economic, diplomatic or cultural history).

This social science enhances a person's ability to think, reason and communicate effectively as well as systematically organize, evaluate and interpret information. Because employers value these traits, those seeking a career in history have a variety of options available to them.

History majors can pursue jobs in education, government, research, museums, galleries, market analysis, business, journalism, archival service and management. The majority of these fields, however, require at least a bachelor's degree, if not a master's or doctorate for more specialized positions.

PROFESSIONAL TRAITS

Those pursuing a career in this field should:

- Be committed to ongoing historical study
- Have solid problem-solving, critical-thinking communication skills
- Demonstrate high academics ethics
- Be collaborative and actively engaged in society
- Have systematic work habits

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

By 2020, the number of historian jobs nationwide is expected to increase by 18%, per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. As of May 2012, the median annual earnings for these professionals was \$52,480.

The four largest industries employing historians and their median salaries were:

Federal Executive Branch	\$88,470
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	\$53,020
State Government	\$52,490
Local Government	\$37,430

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students must have completed:

- ✓ High school diploma or the equivalent (documentation must be sent to the registration office)
- ✓ Application for admission
- ✓ A placement test as specified by the college (please note: some coursework requires minimum placement results)

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

East Central College requires each transfer student complete a 42 hour general education block. General education at ECC is organized around the institution's common learning objectives and coursework. A student is required to demonstrate skills in each of the following three areas:

- **Communicating:** Improve written and oral communication skills; adapt and apply communication to academic and professional purposes, audiences and contexts; demonstrate the use of technology to analyze and communicate information; and use active listening and reading skills.
- **Creative/Critical Thinking:** Improve the application of relevant knowledge and theory to new ideas, positions or solutions; assess and analyze concepts and data; formulate meaningful questions; and interpret and evaluate evidence and arguments.
- **Ethics and Social Responsibility:** Develop cross cultural awareness and an understanding of global interconnectedness; apply multiple worldviews, analyze ethical choices and consequences; and understand the core values and accountability of citizenship in a democratic society.

THE PROGRAM

ECC students who earn their Associate of Arts degree in History, are prepared to enter an undergraduate major leading to further training and careers in this field. Students have several course options and electives available. Assuming appropriate placement scores, history is a two-year degree, with flexibility to customize the program toward the student's chosen career.

This academic plan consists of the 42-credit hour general education core required of all transfer degrees plus the necessary electives in history, civilization, geography and political science. In addition, the college provides various student activities, organizations and practicum experiences related to the discipline.

TRANSFER OPTIONS

This curriculum is intended for students planning to transfer to a four-year institution. Many of the credits, particularly the general education electives earned with this degree, are accepted as transfer credits by four-year colleges and universities. These decisions are made solely by the bachelor degree-granting institution.

Students seeking to transfer should communicate often with their faculty advisors and the East Central College transfer advisor. They should also make early contact with the four-year institution of their choice regarding the transferability of ECC credits and coursework.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

AA program (60 credit hours)

This program of study is for a full-time student; part-time study is also available. Please contact an academic advisor for full course options. All academic schedules are subject to change. For the most current schedule visit www.eastcentral.edu.

YEAR 1

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
FS 1000 Campus Orientation/ FS 1001 Foundation Seminar	1
EN 1223 English Comp I or EN 1233 Honors English Comp I	3
COM 1003 Oral Communications or COM 1103 Public Speaking	3
HI 1000/ PS 1000 Constitutions Study Module	0
HI 1103 U.S. History to 1865, HI 1203 U.S. History 1865 to 1945, or HI 1303 U.S. History 1865 to Present	3
MT 1403 College Algebra	3
Ethics and Valuing Elective	3
Total Hours	16

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
EN 1333/ EN 1343 English Comp II or Honors English Comp II	3
SC 1000 Laboratory Safety for Students	0
Biology or Physical Science Requirement (with lab)	5
Communications Elective	3
Creative/Critical Thinking Elective	3
Total Hours	14

YEAR 2

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
HI 1103 U.S. History to 1865, HI 1203 U.S. History 1865 to 1945, or HI 1303 U.S. History 1865 to Present *	3
CV 2103 European Civilization I	3
Biology or Physical Science Requirement	3
Global and Cross Cultural Elective	3
Elective**	3
Total Hours	15

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
HI 1103 U.S. History to 1865, HI 1203 U.S. History 1865 to 1945, or HI 1303 U.S. History 1865 to Present *	3
CV 2203 European Civilization II	3
Ethics and Social Responsibility Elective	3
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Elective**	3
Total Hours	15

* Whichever core history class was not taken the previous semester

** Elective options include any HI, PS, or CV courses.