Bachelor of Arts in History

Study the past— influence the future.

THE RIVIER UNIVERSITY ADVANTAGE
Rivier’s History program prepares you for a career as a curator, archivist, public servant, journalist, and historian, as well as preparation for advanced education in areas such as law or teaching.

At Rivier, academic excellence is offered and great achievement is expected. You will transform yourself through engaging classroom interaction, powerful study abroad experiences, challenging internships and life-changing community service. Our mission— “transforming hearts and minds to serve the world”— ensures that you will find a rich global experience in our vibrant campus community. Faculty members bring real-world experience to their classrooms and are dedicated to the success of every student.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
Rivier’s History majors reach across the globe by studying U.S. history, European history, and global history and also develop a sophisticated understanding of the great problems of our times and their historical roots. In the Bachelor of Arts in History program, students will acquire the reading, research, analysis, and writing skills as well as the work habits necessary to succeed in any profession that requires deeper reflection, analytical problem-solving and clarity of expression.

ACCESS THE WORLD
Internships, study abroad, and co-curricular opportunities
The program includes a senior seminar that brings together the knowledge acquired and skills mastered throughout the program to craft a product that could be viewed as the student’s “calling card” upon graduation. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in various study abroad opportunities ranging from faculty-led week-long study tours to entire semesters abroad spent at a university abroad. History majors are also encouraged to take on an internship in a local historical society, a regional national park, or even elsewhere in the United States or abroad in order to experience the practical application of their skills.

CAREERS
Whether it is academia, non-governmental organizations, research institutions, legal practice, government, or the media—the History program provides graduates with the foundational skills for nearly any future career. The intensive preparation helps students meet high expectations.

Graduates from the History program might pursue a career with or in:

- Government
- Non-governmental organizations (NGO’s) both home and abroad
- Consulting firms
- Private and Publication Education
- Homeland Security
- Foreign Service
- Law
- Academia
- Curatorial work

Graduates are also well prepared to pursue graduate studies in history, museum studies, education, law, international relations and other fields. Rivier University’s Career Development Center (CDC) is committed to helping students on their path to become leaders in a global society.
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

HISTORY CORE

HIS 101  - United States History I
HIS 102 -  United States History II
HIS 203  - Interactions: the West in the World I
or
HIS 204  - Interactions: the West in the World II
HIS 250 -  The Historian's Tools
HIS 475  - The Senior Seminar
or
HIS 495  - Internship

MAJOR ELECTIVES

HIS 300-400 (Two electives)
Europe (choose one):
HIS 350  - History and Politics of Modern Greece
or
HIS 375  - Adolf Hitler and the Third Reich
Non-Western (choose one):
HIS 315 -  Modern China
or
HIS 320  - Modern Russia
United States (choose one):
HIS 307  - United States Foreign Policy in the Twentieth Century
or
HIS 308 - Constitutional History of the U.S.
Political Science Electives (choose two):
POL - Two electives

ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION

New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

FACULTY

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Transforming Hearts and Minds to Serve the World

Journeys of Transformation

Rivier University’s core curriculum called “Journeys of Transformation” offers opportunities for service learning, servant leadership, civic engagement, or community service supporting the intellectual growth of students and enhancing student leadership. The core is aligned with the American Association of Colleges & Universities (AAC&U’s) essential learning outcomes which provide Rivier graduates with the strong intellectual and practical skills that are in demand in the workplace.

Prepare Yourself for the Global Stage

The University reserves the right to make changes when appropriate and necessary. (06/14)