



West Shore Community College

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Western Michigan University History and Public History Curriculum Guide

Introduction - Students can choose from three majors within the history department. This guide will help you choose courses and focus on History or Public History:

- **History** - This major provides well-rounded preparation for many occupations.
 - Students who are interested in becoming high school history teachers may follow the “Secondary Education History” track to prepare for the master’s in teaching degree.
- **Public History** - This major provides professional and technical training for occupations in museums, archives, historic sites and organizations, government programs, and consulting.

General requirements for History majors:

- History majors must take a minimum of 36 credits from introductory, intermediate, and advanced level courses (see the history department website, through the “Academics” link in WMU’s main website).
- Public history majors must complete a minimum of 66 credits in history and approved electives from other departments (see above website).
- Students must attain a “C” (2.0) grade, or higher, in each course required for the major, or minor, including cognates.
- Required cognates must be completed by history majors. These may be discussed with the major advisor at WMU (Beth Cramer - see contact information below).

Courses that History majors can take at West Shore:

WMU courses

HIST 1000 or 1010

HIST 2100 or 2110

Intermediate History (6 credits)

West Shore courses

HIS 141 or 142

HIS 145 or 146

The choices must be approved by Beth Cramer (see below).

Courses that Public History majors can take at West Shore:

HIST 1000 or 1010

HIST 2100 or 2110

Intermediate History (6 credits)

HIS 141 or 142

HIS 145 or 146

The choices must be approved by Beth Cramer (see below).

General education requirements (WES):

- Please see the [WMU Essential Studies \(WES\) transfer guide](#) for information about all the courses you can take at West Shore that will count for WES requirements at WMU.
- The history majors are administered through the WMU College of Arts & Sciences (A & S). All students graduating from the College of Arts & Sciences must meet the world language proficiency by completing two semesters (6-8 hours) of the same foreign language or American Sign Language or passing WMU's proficiency by exam. Please contact the College of Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Advising Office at (269) 387-4366 with any questions. Neither the MACRAO Agreement nor the MTA satisfy the world language requirement.
 - History majors are required to have a research language and must complete an additional two semesters (6-8 hours) of the same foreign language or American Sign Language, or by passing WMU's proficiency by exam.
 - If the student's first language is not English, then the student is exempt from this requirement. Determination of eligibility for this exemption is based on whether the student was required to take the TOEFL test for admission and can be verified through the WMU departments of Spanish or World Languages and Literatures.

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