Background
Do you think your teachers should be the best they can be? Do you want to get the very most out of your college studies? If you answer “yes” to these questions, then you should strongly consider majoring in history at Metropolitan State University. History is one of the oldest of academic disciplines, and one that is as relevant as ever in today’s society and economy. At Metropolitan State, we boast a top-flight history faculty who are active and renowned scholars in their fields, as well as dedicated and highly experienced teachers. If you major in history here, you will have opportunities to work closely with highly respected teacher/scholars. These are not opportunities you should pass up lightly. Students who aim to excel—in their studies, in their chosen profession, and in life—will find in the Bachelor of Arts program in history at Metropolitan State a major that stretches their horizons and prepares them for a life of success and achievement.

Program
Here is what one history major says about our history program: “Through Metropolitan State University, I’ve been able to pursue a Bachelor’s Degree in history while concurrently establishing a career at the Minnesota Historical Society. The staff instructors have created a history curriculum that is challenging yet entertaining and ultimately very rewarding. I feel that Metro State has prepared me well for a future in the history field.” The history program is both rigorous and flexible enough to allow our majors to focus on areas and topics of greatest interest to them. The program continually builds skills in critical thinking, analysis, and written communication so that our graduates are ready to take on further challenges, whether in graduate studies or in the workforce.

Major Requirements
6–8 elective credits at the lower level (100- or 200-numbered, or numbered 302–309 at Metropolitan State)
The following three courses must be completed in the following sequence at Metropolitan State:
- History 301: Historical Interpretation
- History 401: Topics Pro seminar
- History 490: Historian as Investigator: Historical Research (Capstone course)

Other major requirements:
- 4 credits in women’s/gender history
- 8 credits in courses outside of U.S. history at the advanced level (numbered 310 or higher)
- 8 elective credits at the advanced level

The total minimum number of credits required for the history major is 38. Students may use a maximum of 16 transfer credits toward the major.

Undergraduate Catalog
www.metrostate.edu/msweb/explore/catalog/undergrad/

Careers
You will find that many lawyers and political leaders hold degrees in history. This is because an understanding of history leads to wise reflection on the choices that leaders make today. Undergraduate history majors also frequently enjoy careers as teachers, librarians, and museum curators. All these career paths require strong analytical skills, excellence in written expression, and the ability to understand complex texts. Successful organizations of all kinds are looking today for employees with these skills. These are exactly the skills you will acquire in the history program at Metropolitan State.

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