

HISTORY

Mission Statement

The mission of the History Department is to graduate liberally educated individuals who can view the world with historical perspective, appreciate the traditions of various cultures, understand the role of change and continuity, evaluate the world critically, and understand that education is a never-ending process.

Student Learning Outcomes

UNF History graduates will be able to:

Content/Disciplinary Knowledge and Skills

- Demonstrate knowledge of the factual content of history – that is, the ability to answer who, what, when and where questions about human society in the past
- Demonstrate knowledge of basic research methods, including the conventions of documentation, in the context of a specific research project
- Demonstrate knowledge of historiography, the principal trends and schools of historical writing as they apply to the subject matter they are researching

Critical Thinking Skills

- Conduct research, demonstrating understanding of the types and limitations of source materials, the ability to use library finding aids (both print and electronic data bases)
- Demonstrate the ability to explain historical phenomena – that is, to provide answers to how and why questions about a specific research topic, supported by evidence

Communication Skills

- Write extended research papers based on the analysis of primary and secondary sources, expressed in prose that is clear and effective

Assessment Approaches

Numerous direct and indirect measures of student learning will be employed to assess mastery of the intended student learning outcomes. Course embedded assessments using a defined scoring rubric (criterion-based rating scale) will be one of the

principal assessment approaches. An innovative example of this approach is the department's recent practice of exchanging senior seminar papers with colleagues at another peer university, using the same set of scoring rubrics, and evaluating the extent to which learning outcome goals are being attained. Indirect measures may include employer or alumni surveys, student perception surveys and graduate school placement rates.

Career Opportunities

For information on the many career options available to History majors, go to *What Can You Do with a History Major* at: <http://www.unf.edu/dept/cdc/majors/history.html>

For More Information

To learn more about the UNF History Department and majoring in History, go to <http://www.unf.edu/coas/history/>

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