

Broad Field Social Studies

MAJOR @ VITERBO UNIVERSITY



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Overview

The best preparation for today's college student is a liberal arts education because it provides both skills and knowledge. Employers desire individuals who think critically, speak effectively, and write clearly. A degree in broad field social studies (BFSS) provides important context for understanding the world and prepares students for a wide range of career opportunities in nonprofit, private, or public sectors.

Why Viterbo?

The Viterbo University BFSS/history program:

- provides a broad-based liberal arts education in history and the social sciences.
- includes a strong concentration in history and support courses in the social sciences.
- is taught by dedicated and caring faculty members in small classes.
- features opportunities to engage in research with faculty.
- offers a strong academic advising component within the Letters and Sciences.

Career Options

As a student in the BFSS program, you will not only have classes on historical topics, but will receive a fully integrated liberal arts education that is thoroughly designed to prepare you for teaching, continuing on to graduate school, or any of a number of diverse career opportunities, some of which require advanced degrees. Some options include:

- archivist
- international relations
- journalist
- lawyer
- legislative assistant
- museum curator
- public history
- research
- sales
- middle or secondary school teacher
- travel and tour guide

For More Information www.viterbo.edu/bfss

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Features of the Curriculum

Our faculty covers diverse areas, from concentrations in American history, early modern European, and post-World War II Europe: the European Union. We are a small department, but this allows for a degree of individual involvement and discussion. We also encourage students to take advantage of a wide range of study abroad programs. Courses may be broad in scope, more narrowly focused, or interdisciplinary courses.

Example of Courses:

- Surveys in American, European, and World History
- Latin American History
- American History through Film
- American Environmental History
- Islam and Christianity in the Middle Ages
- Asia in the Modern World
- The Holocaust
- The Vietnam War
- The 1960s: Liberation and Reaction
- U.S.-Mexico Borderlands
- Women in American History
- Introduction to American Government
- General Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Introduction to Sociology
- Cultural Anthropology
- Macro Economics
- Religions of the World