

# History

## 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 Bachelor of Arts (foreign language study required) degree in history develops these skills and prepares students for a wide range of career opportunities in nonprofit, private, or public sectors. As one of the humanities, history broadens one's perspective, for as Abraham Lincoln wrote, "The past is the cause of the present, and the present will be the cause of the future."

### Why Viterbo?

The Viterbo University history major:

- offers a combination of courses of breadth and depth on historical topics.
- is unique in requiring students to take courses in three thematic areas: Multi-sited/Transnational history, the West and the World, and Historical Continuity and Change.
- 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 of history, you will not only take classes on historical topics, but will receive a fully integrated liberal arts education that is thoroughly designed to prepare you for any of a number of diverse career opportunities, some of which require advanced degrees. Some options:

- archivist
- international relations
- journalist
- non-profit organizations
- lawyer (history is a great pre-law major)
- legislative assistant
- museum curator
- public history
- corporate research
- sales
- travel and tour guide

**For More Information** [www.viterbo.edu/history](http://www.viterbo.edu/history)

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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
- The Historian's Craft
- Latin American History
- Islam and Christianity in the Middle Ages
- Asia in the Modern World
- The Enlightenment
- History of Medicine
- Building a New Europe
- History of South Africa
- The Holocaust
- American History through Film
- The 1960s: Liberation and Reaction
- U.S.-Mexico Borderlands
- American Environmental History
- The American West
- Women in American History to 1900
- The Vietnam War