

# HISTORY

Bachelor of Arts | Bachelor of Science

## A history degree to develop a global understanding of the world

The history major challenges students to think critically about the past, inspires them to examine their perspectives on the present, and encourages them to intelligently shape the future. Our Experiential Liberal Arts education model will engage you both in and outside of the classroom through a rigorous curriculum, research with faculty, co-op, and global experiences. In this major you will develop skills in research, writing, and critical thinking as well as a knowledge of the world that will prepare you for a wide variety of professional paths. History majors commonly go on to attain graduate and professional degrees in law, public policy, history, and museum and library science and pursue careers in education, business, journalism, government, and non-profit work.

## History through experiential engagement

### Co-op Opportunities

Co-op Provides the opportunity to enhance your classroom experience with paid positions in international, national, and local organizations. You could graduate with up to 18 months of experience on your resume. Past co-op placements include:

- International Criminal Tribunal Court for the Former Yugoslavia (The Hague)
- Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General
- Library of Congress

- Bali Intitute for Global Renewal
- Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
- Massachusetts Clean Energy Center
- Massachusetts State Archives
- Wellington Management
- Liberty Mutual Insurance group

### Expanding Coursework Through Research

We foster independent research at every stage of your academic career. Students complete three core History seminars where they learn the craft of historical research and writing.

In the History Capstone, students work for a full semester under faculty guidance on a project in an area of their own interest and produce a significant work of historical research. The major offers considerable freedom for students to choose a geographic or thematic focus of study in their elective courses, with particular strengths in the history of science, technology and the environment, world and international history, U.S. history, and East Asian studies.

Students learn throughout their education about important new historical fields and methods and about the digital humanities and public history. Many of our students apply for and receive competitive research grants to conduct research at archives around the world. Students have recently traveled to New York, New Orleans, Paris, and London.

### Combined Majors and PlusOnes

History students can complete combined BA, BS, and BSME. Degrees in one of fourteen combined majors, including with Economics, Criminal Justice, International Affairs, Computer Science, and Mechanical Engineering. Learn about History combined major degrees at [cssh.northeastern.edu/combined-majors](http://cssh.northeastern.edu/combined-majors)

In our History PlusOne Accelerated Master's Program, motivated students can take up to sixteen graduate credits in their junior and senior years and apply them toward both their bachelor and master's degrees.



### Featured Courses

- Global Cold War
- History of Boston
- History of Technology
- Pirates, Planters, and Patriots: Making the Americans, 1492-1804
- World War II in the Pacific
- History of Espionage
- Europe: Empires, Revolutions, Wars, and Their Aftermath
- Origins of Today: Historical Roots of Contemporary Issues
- Europe in the Middle Ages
- Natural Disasters in World History
- Leaders and Leadership in History
- Law & History
- Colonialism/Imperialism
- History of Capitalism in East Asia
- Introduction to Middle Eastern History



I was able to pursue multiple independent research projects that gave me the chance to dive deep into subjects I believed were deserving of more historical analysis. Whether it was researching how China and the United States created and exacerbated the global scrap panic, or how the PRC conforms and diverges from previous Chinese administrations, Northeastern encouraged me to pursue my interests. The research skills I developed and honed at Northeastern are what drove me toward a career in the legal field."

Julia Harvey, '20 History Major



# Kaedyn *Murphy* '25

History Major

Criminal Justice and Argumentation and Law Minors



### Civil Rights Division Intake Coordinator Co-op

As an intake coordinator, her day-to-day duties included triaging over fifty complaints a week, evaluating their content and recommending appropriate referrals to agencies throughout Massachusetts. She also assisted in several major ongoing projects, offering insight and legal research on prevalent housing, employment, and criminal justice issues. Her most meaningful project was leading efforts to engage voters in the state for the 2024 election, including developing voter resources in different languages and coordinating the CRD voter hotline.



### Dialogue of Civilizations to Spain and Morocco

While traveling through over fifteen cities across Spain and Morocco. She studied history, literature, and memory of Jews, Christians, and Muslims in the medieval period. One year later she had the opportunity to return as a program assistant, helping facilitate daily operations, support students, and deepen her understanding of the academic content. Kaedyn also gave a lecture on her capstone project, the international regime of Tangier from 1923-1956 to fellow students.



### Capstone Research Project: The International Zone of Tangier (1923-1956)

Under the direction of Professor Simon Rabinovitch, she conducted an in-depth historical analysis of Tangier while it was under collective colonial rule in the twentieth century. Her research included analyzing the city's political and legal systems, focusing on how those institutions impacted Moroccan Jews and Muslims and their integration and resistance to colonial governance. Kaedyn's final paper highlighted the intersections of law, power, and identity and the lasting impact of colonial systems on marginalized communities.

## **N** Northeastern University College of Social Sciences and Humanities

As a leader in the Experiential Liberal Arts, Northeastern's College of Social Sciences and Humanities combines experiential learning with the rigorous study of culture, society, policy, and ethics. To explore the past and shape policies for a better tomorrow, we practice humanics: the integration of traditional liberal arts capacities with quantitative tools and new digital proficiencies. In fields ranging from English and economics to philosophy, criminology and public policy, we focus on the key issues of today: how to shape public spheres, how to build resilient and sustainable communities, and how to engage with cultures past and present.

## **N** Northeastern University

Founded in 1898, Northeastern is a global research university and the recognized leader in experience-powered lifelong learning. Our world-renowned experiential approach empowers our students, faculty, alumni, and partners to create impact far beyond the confines of discipline, degree, and campus.

Our locations—in Boston; the Massachusetts communities of Burlington and Nahant; Charlotte, North Carolina; the San Francisco Bay Area; Seattle; London; Toronto; and Vancouver—are nodes in our growing global university system. Through this network, we expand opportunities for flexible, student-centered learning and collaborative, solutions-focused research.

Northeastern's comprehensive array of undergraduate and graduate programs—in on-campus, online, and hybrid formats—lead to degrees through the doctorate in nine colleges and schools. Among these, we offer more than 140 multidisciplinary majors and degrees designed to prepare students for purposeful lives and careers.