Why Study History at WSU Vancouver?

Studying history—learning about the world’s people, societies and ideas—is like traveling without leaving home. History helps us see the world through different perspectives, understand how we came to be as we are, and imagine and build a future together. The WSU Vancouver history program explores the “how?” and “why?” of the past. You learn to do research, write with precision and clarity, and analyze history in a variety of media.

In the history program, you will enjoy small classes taught by award-winning faculty, who share their enthusiasms with their classes. Faculty research projects span the globe, from Pacific Northwest and U.S. history to the peoples of Africa, China, Europe, the Middle East and Latin America, as well as historical perspectives on such topics as the environment, slavery, gender and sexuality.

For more information

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Multimedia Classroom Building, Room 102
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Earn a degree in History

Bachelor of Arts in History
Bachelor of Arts in General Studies
Minor in History
Secondary Education Endorsements in History and Social Studies

“If you don’t know history, then you don’t know anything. You are a leaf that doesn’t know it is part of a tree.”

—MICHAEL CRICHTON
Discover your roots
As a history major, you will explore past societies all over the globe to discover what they can teach us today.

All WSU Vancouver students begin their study with our innovative signature program: The Roots of Contemporary Issues. This class examines today’s world through five overlapping themes:

- Humans and the environment
- Technology and connections
- Inequality
- Diverse ways of thinking
- Roots of contemporary conflicts

Opportunities for students

Internships
History majors pursue internships and volunteer work in many local professional organizations, including museums and nonprofits; federal, tribal, state, county and city government.

WSU Vancouver History Club
All students are welcome to participate in the WSU Vancouver History Club, which organizes history lectures, films and field trips for students and the general public. History Club members attend conferences and network with history professionals on campus and off.

Phi Alpha Theta (Honors)
Students with a GPA of 3.1 or higher in history are eligible to join the Alpha Xi Mu Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society.

Prepare for a dynamic career
Many students study history because a favorite teacher has inspired them. Many go on to become teachers themselves. But don’t let anyone tell you that teaching is the only option for history majors.

History majors pursue careers in many fields, including the following:

- Business
- Educational administration
- Film
- Government
- Industry
- Journalism and publishing
- Law

- Libraries and archives
- Marketing
- Ministry
- Museums
- Nonprofit organizations
- Social activism
- Tourism and hospitality

Many history majors go on to graduate work. Washington State University offers an M.A. and Ph.D. in history on the Pullman campus, and history graduate students may take some courses in Vancouver.

HISTORY IS A STORY WE TELL OURSELVES ABOUT WHO WE ARE.

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