



# HISTORY

## History major • History minor

**Explore the people, cultures, communities and events that have shaped the world as a Franklin College history major. Study under the guidance of a diverse and passionate faculty while you learn how to research, analyze and write about history and apply historical perspective to the world around you - all in preparation for a rewarding and prosperous career.**

### THE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

#### Broad coursework balanced with specialized, independent research

The Franklin College history curriculum covers a breadth of historical developments and cultures, spanning Canadian, Latin American, U.S., European, Middle Eastern and Asian history. Students have the ability to explore areas of special interest via independent studies; past students have used this opportunity to investigate democratic socialism, European social democracy and Latin American culture. The history major introduces students to public history, familiarizes them with historiographical debates, and culminates with a senior seminar. In the senior seminar, students do archival research on a topic of particular personal interest to them and present their findings to the public. Past topics have included:

- Hoosier volunteers in the Civil War
- Mid-Nineteenth century Indiana women
- The challenges faced by the Latinx community in Indiana during World War II
- The Mexican immigrant experience in 20th-century Indiana
- German and Italian POW experiences at Camp Atterbury
- Women's liberation at Franklin College
- Vietnam War protests at Indiana University

**100%**  
of our students  
complete an internship  
or undergraduate  
research.

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## THE HISTORY PROGRAM EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF TURNING THE THEORETICAL AND HISTORICAL INTO THE PRACTICAL, SUPPORTING STUDENTS AS THEY SECURE INTERNSHIPS THAT HELP THEM APPLY COURSEWORK IN THE REAL WORLD.

Presentations of students' findings take place in a research conference hosted by the Department of History that is open to the public and that enables students to hone their formal presenting and public speaking abilities.

### OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

#### Internships and international travel

By supporting students as they secure internships, the history program emphasizes the importance of connecting coursework with practical application in professional settings. Past students have interned with:

- Indiana Historical Society
- Johnson County Museum of History
- Indiana Archives and Records Administration
- Children's Museum of Indianapolis
- Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites

History majors frequently take advantage of the college's abundant Immersive Term travel courses to visit some of the most famous museums, relics and architectural and historic sites in the world. Past students have traveled to Spain, France, England, Uganda, Japan, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica and Italy.

### POST-GRADUATION

#### Ample career and graduate school opportunities

While it's common for history majors to continue their education, pursuing advanced degrees in public history, Latin American studies, library science or law, Franklin College students are well-equipped to begin thriving careers upon graduation and have gone on to work for:

- Schools, both domestically and abroad in Palestine and Japan
- History associations
- Museums, including Eiteljorg Museum
- Indiana Statehouse
- Government and nonprofit organizations
- For-profit businesses including law firms

## DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

- **Double major:** It's common for history majors to pursue a second major in religion, political science, journalism, English or philosophy to develop a well-rounded, highly marketable skill set.
- **Diverse departmental faculty:** History majors benefit from the faculty's varied and wide-ranging expertise, which includes Latin American, African American, women's and gender, modern U.S. and Canadian history.
- **Career preparation:** The department routinely takes students to a Careers in History Symposium in Indianapolis, an experience that helps majors identify a wealth of ways to apply their degree professionally.
- **Department contact information:** Read more about the program at [www.FranklinCollege.edu/history](http://www.FranklinCollege.edu/history) or contact Professor of History Ralph Guentzel, Ph.D., directly at 317.738.8220 or [rguentzel@FranklinCollege.edu](mailto:rguentzel@FranklinCollege.edu).