



HISTORY

History major • History minor

100%

of our students
complete an internship
or undergraduate
research.

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 Latin American, U.S., European, African and Asian history.

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
- Challenges faced by the Indiana Latinx community during WWII
- Mexican immigrant experiences in 20th-century Indiana
- German and Italian POW experiences at Camp Atterbury
- Women's liberation at Franklin College
- Vietnam War protests at Indiana University

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to learn more



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.

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Internships and international travel

By supporting students as they secure internships, the history program emphasizes the importance of connecting coursework, research and digital fluency skills 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 world's most famous museums, relics and architectural and historic sites. Past students have traveled to Spain, France, England, Uganda, Japan, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Germany, Poland and Italy, among others.

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 societies and associations
- Museums, including Eiteljorg Museum
- Indiana Statehouse
- Government and nonprofit organizations
- For-profit businesses, including law firms



DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

- **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., military, sport, European and African history.
- **Career preparation:** The department routinely takes students to a Careers in History Symposium in Indianapolis, an experience that helps majors identify ways to apply their degree professionally.
- **Department contact information:** Read more about the program at FranklinCollege.edu/history or contact Professor of History Meredith Clark-Wiltz, Ph.D., directly at 317.738.8769 or mclark-wiltz@FranklinCollege.edu.