

LEGAL HISTORY CONCENTRATION

FOR PRE-LAW & PRE-PUBLIC POLICY
STUDENTS



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UA is pleased to offer an advanced concentration in **LEGAL HISTORY**, specifically designed to give students a competitive edge when applying to **elite law schools** and **public policy graduate programs**. Participants distinguish themselves through **first-hand legal research** experience and by focusing on the **evolution of jurisprudence over time**. Students are also provided with **personalized application coaching, experiential learning opportunities**, and **one-on-one personal statement workshops**.

History is widely regarded in the legal community as among the **most popular and pragmatic majors** for undergraduates considering careers in the law, public policy, or public administration.

Students interested in enrolling, or learning more about the program, should contact **Dr. Lawrence Cappello** (lcappello@ua.edu — ten Hour 220) for an appointment, or visit the UA History Department website (history.ua.edu).

Department of History

Legal History Concentration

Description

A dedicated concentration within the History Department focusing on the relationship between law and society and the evolution of jurisprudence over time.

This concentrated course of study in Legal History provides UA students with first-hand legal research experience and better equips them to speak/write intelligently about the American legal system. This is a rigorous program, designed to give students an advantage in an increasingly competitive marketplace.

The concentration is designed to “fit inside” the History major – completed courses will also count towards students’ completion of the larger History major.

Requirements

- students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours from the approved courses list, which will include the required foundational course (HY309)
- students must be History majors (not minors) to receive credit for the concentration
- students must also complete a 1 credit hour experiential learning course (HY201) designed to breed a culture of engagement between students and the many legal-themed organizations operating on campus and the surrounding area

Approved Courses

Required Foundational Course: HY309 – The Great Cases in US Legal History (3 credits)

Electives (students must complete 9 additional credit hours):

HY323 – U.S. Constitutional History, 1776-1865 (3 credits)

HY324 – U.S. Constitutional History, Since 1865 (3 credits)

HY330 – The Civil Rights Movement (3 credits)

HY332 – Native American History (3 credits)

HY336 – U.S. Disability History (3 credits)

HY351 – The First Amendment (3 credits)

HY352 – The Right to Privacy (3 credits)

HY361 – Imperial Russia (3 credits)

HY460 – The Warren Court (3 credits)

HY461 – The Great Cases in the History of Slavery (3 credits)

HY462 – The Great Cases in Modern French Legal History (3 credits)

HY491 – England Under the Stuarts (3 credits)

NOTE: other pre-approved variable topics courses will be offered on a semester-by-semester basis, contact Dr. Cappello (lcappello@ua.edu) for more information on these additional courses

The required foundational course (HY309) will be offered at least once every academic year, and the electives offered in sufficient rotation to allow students a steady and consistent progression through the concentration.

Regarding Prerequisites: Students do not have to take HY309 prior to taking other courses in the concentration, but the course is required to complete the concentration. No other prerequisites are required.

Faculty Advising: All concentration students will be advised by the program director, Dr. Lawrence Cappello (lcappello@ua.edu), with whom they must meet at least once per term to ensure steady progress through the program.

LEGAL HISTORY CONCENTRATIONJK CHECKLIST (34 HOURS)
FOR NEWLY-DECLARED MAJORS (FALL 2020 – Spring 2022)

History majors must take a minimum of 12 hours in residence at UA.

1. SURVEYS-12 Hours

These 12 hours must include a 6-hour sequence in Western Civ, American Civ, Latin America, Asia, or History of Science AND at least 3 hours must be in Latin America, Asia, World History or History of Science.

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Sequence

Surveys: Western Civ. (101, 105(UH), 102, 106(UH)) American Civ. (103, 107(UH), 104, 108(UH))
Latin America (111, 112,) Asia (113, 114) Science/Medicine (115, 116), World (117, 118)

2. FIELD REQUIREMENTS – 9 HOURS*

Note that not all courses listed here may be offered at a given time. For courses offered in the upcoming semester, consult The History Department website (<http://history.ua.edu>)

_____ 3 Hours in U.S. History: HY 309 (The Great Cases in U.S. Legal History)

_____ 3 Hours in European History: HY 305, 346, 349, 355, 356, 357, 358, 361, 362, 364, 365, 366, 367, 382, 383, 385, 386, 388, 391, 392, 393, 401, 405, 442, 443, 444, 446, 448, 455, 457, 462, 481, 482, 483, 490, 491, 494, 495

_____ 3 Hours in Latin American, Asian, Middle Eastern or African History: HY 307, 338, 348, 368, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 377, 378, 379, 384, 404, 411, 472, 473, 474, 477, 478

**Depending on content, HY 300 (Internship), 301(Independent Study), 302(Peer Mentors), 401(History of History), 498 and 499(Honors Thesis) can fulfil a field requirement. One course cannot fulfil more than one field requirement. Most courses do not have prerequisites -- the exceptions are HY300, 301, 302, 498, 499, and the Summersell Scholars Course.*

3. LEGAL HISTORY ELECTIVES – 9 HOURS**: HY 323, 324, 330, 332, 336, 351, 352, 361, 460, 461, 462, 491

** additional variable topics courses may be offered on a semester-by-semester basis

Note: Legal History Electives can also count toward Upper-Level Field Requirements, but all students must still complete 34 total hours in History to receive credit for the major & the concentration.

4. LEGAL HISTORY FIELD REQUIREMENT – HY201 (FIELD EXPERIENCE) – 1 HOUR: _____

5. CAPSTONE REQUIREMENT- HY 497 (Formerly HY430) - 3 HOURS -: _____

HONORS THESIS OPTIONS:

1. HY 497 _____ and HY 499 _____ OR 2. HY 498 _____ and HY 499 _____.

Note: To be eligible to write an Honors Thesis, students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0, a 3.3 GPA or above in History, and at least 12 hours of HY courses completed. *Students who complete a History Honors thesis by taking the combination of HY 498 and HY 499 are exempt from having to take the HY 497 Capstone*

Seminar. Students wishing to complete an Honors thesis must secure approval from, and be supervised by, a tenure-track or tenured faculty advisor.

NOTE: Students must also fulfill A&S and university (including core curriculum) requirements to graduate and they must have an additional Minor OR a second Major. They should consult with the A&S registrar at least two terms before expected graduation date to verify what they must do to graduate on time.