History

Major Overview:
History is one of the most popular and respected departments in Harpur College of Arts and Sciences. The curriculum explores human societies over time and across the globe while training students in the methods of historical research. The courses deal with U.S. and European history, as well as the history of the “non-western” world. In addition, classes are offered in topics that cross-cut geographic boundaries such as women’s history, imperialism, environmental history, the history of science and technology, and world history. The BA degree requires a minimum of 40 credits in history.

Helpful link:
History Department homepage [http://www.binghamton.edu/history/]
BU History Department on Facebook [https://www.facebook.com/BUHistoryDepartment]

Research Areas:
Students can take HIST 395 to earn internship credits. However, the credits will not count toward the major requirements. For help in finding internship opportunities in history, visit the Fleishman Center for Career and Professional Development or consult with a departmental faculty advisor. History majors can also pursue independent study in the research area of interest to them in consultation with a faculty member. No more than one course of independent study (HIST 397) can be used to count toward the major. [http://www.binghamton.edu/ccpd/]

Additional resources:
History Department Honors Program [http://binghamton.edu/history/undergraduate/honors-program.html]
Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society [http://binghamton.edu/history/resources/phi-alpha-theta.html]

For other student group pursuits, visit:
BU Student Association Student Groups [http://binghamtonsa.org/executive-vp/current-student-groups/]
Post-Graduation:
Studying history prepares students for graduate studies; professional schools such as law, business, public administration or education; or careers in business, journalism, foreign affairs, government, archives, museums and non-profit organizations. History students develop skills in analyzing and critically evaluating primary and secondary historical sources, interpreting evidence and writing effectively, paying attention to detail, etc.

Helpful link:
History Department’s new 4+1 BA/MA program
[http://www.binghamton.edu/history/graduate/HistoryBrochureFinal.pdf]

Courses:
Courses recommended for first-year students are the 100-level introductory history courses as well as any of the 200-level courses.

Freshmen with AP credits in history may want to sign up for 200-level courses. However, AP credits do not count toward the major.

Access the University Bulletin for an in-depth description of each course.
[http://bulletin.binghamton.edu]

Thank you.
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