Employers Want to Recruit History Majors because of **SKILLS:** (few other majors do this as much)

- write clearly
- read critically
- think logically
- research creatively

**CONTENT:** We live in a Global world!
American & Western history; other cultures & times; geography
Evidence –based Learning

Facts, statistics, stories flood our world: radio, TV, internet, social media claim many contradictory “truths”! Too many voices & claims!

Who can we trust? What really happened?

Critical study of HISTORY collects, examines, authenticates, interprets, organizes, writes about events, people, ideas creating a core of significant “truths.”

What happened? Why?
The History Department helps and encourages majors to apply to graduate & professional schools.

Recent graduates have attended graduate programs in history: College of William & Mary, University of Connecticut, University of Kentucky, University of Arizona, Fordham University, National University at Galway, London School of Economics....... & Law schools: Georgetown University, University of Connecticut.
History Major & Education

Connecticut requires Bachelor’s Degrees in a Teaching Field. 40% History Majors apply to our School of Education for 5th Year Program during Year Two, and will take seven education courses during third & fourth undergraduate years. Students also complete 18 credits in Social Sciences to prepare for certification & PRAXIS II.
**Major Requirements**

**First Year**: (one of these is required of all SHU students)
- HI 100 Western Civilization I: Ancient to Renaissance
- HI 102 Western civilization II: Renaissance to Modern

**Second Year**: a solid foundation in American History
- HI 222 US History to 1865
- HI 223 US History since 1865

**Third Year**: HI 301 Historical Methods & Criticism

**Senior Capstone**: Two Tracks
- A. Independent Honors Thesis: (6 credits)
  - IL 302 Information Literacy for History Majors
  - HI 397 Senior Thesis Preparation
  - HI 398 Senior Thesis
- B. Senior Seminar: (6 credits)
  - HI 395 Special Seminar Preparation
  - HI 396 Senior Seminar
U.S. History courses:
Politics & Society in Colonial America
The American Revolution
The Early Republic
The Civil War & Reconstruction
The American West
The Progressive Era & the Gilded Age
Catholics in American Society
Women in American Society
The Immigrant Experience
“Thousands Are Sailing”: The Irish at Home and Abroad, 1798-1921
Other Major Requirements

- One elective in:
  - Latin American history
  - East Asian history
  - European history
  - Ancient history

- Three other free electives
Latin American History:

History of Latin America to 1826
History of Latin America since 1826
The US and Latin America through History
The Catholic Church in Latin America
Discovery & Conquest
20th Century Latin America
Central American Conflicts
Medieval Spain
East Asian History:

- Introduction to the Civilization of East Asia
- East Asia in the Modern World
- The History of Modern China
- China in Revolution
- The Vietnam War
European History:
- Medieval Europe
- Renaissance and Reformation
- From Rembrandt to Van Gogh (Art)
- Europe and the World
- French Revolution & Napoleon
- Modern France
- Britain & the Empire
- Celtic & Irish History
- History & Memory in Modern Ireland
- Tudor Stuart England
- Politics & Science in the Dutch Republic
- Soviet Union and Russia
Ancient History:
Golden Age Greece
Thucydides & the Peloponnesian War
Ancient Greece History
Alexander the Great
Rome History: the Republic
Roman Empire and Christianity

Other Electives:
History of the Arab World I
History of the Arab World II
Senior Capstone Paper

- Capstone Experience for History Majors
- Emphasis on Skills acquired from previous courses
- Opportunity for Independent Research or Seminar
- Opportunity to Work Closely with Faculty
- Formal Proposal Process/Defense
- Sets SHU Undergraduates Apart from many peers

Best preparation for graduate school or professional careers
Opportunities

History Internships for Course Credits

- Fairfield Museum and History Center
- Greenwich & Stamford Historical Societies
- Summer internships all over the country
Study Abroad Programs for Course Credits

- Travel with Students & History Department Faculty
- Language Immersion while Earning Language Credits
- Previous Programs in the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Ireland, Spain, Rome, Latin America, China
- January or May terms (2.5 weeks), Summer, or full Semester programs available
Students stay in new condos in Dingle
Horseback riding is one great way to get around.
Dingle known for **music**; an Droicead Beag /the Small Bridge Pub has live music every night
What a backdrop (literally) for a group photo
Annual Long Weekend Student Trips

2013 Gettysburg Conference

As an undergraduate the experience of going to a real academic conference can show you first-hand how professional historians present their interesting research.
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- **2015 Virginia**: includes stops at Civil War battlefields in Virginia (Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park); Tours of Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello; James Madison’s Montpelier; and then a Civil War Conference at the University of Virginia!
Study in Holland
SHU campus Luxembourg
Study in Guatemala during each Spring Break
Opportunities

- Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honor Society)
- Work as a Classroom Learning Assistant (CLA) w/ stipend
- Travel to Academic Conferences with History Faculty
- Department Newsletter
- History Club
- Annual History Department Dinner
- Research Assistantships
- Special History Lectures
- Special Field Trips
Minors & Concentrations attractive to History students

Number of courses requirements in the major allows opportunity to double major or minor.

- Global Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Irish Studies
- European Studies
- Women’s Studies
- Middle Eastern Studies
- Catholic Studies
- Program in Secondary Education
Need Additional Information?

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