

History



History studies humanity's past through written records, oral traditions, maps, photographs, and other historical artifacts. Historians analyze these sources to gain insight into past societies, understand present-day issues, and develop informed solutions for the future. History fosters essential skills such as critical thinking, effective communication, and cultural awareness.

The History Program at Lee College prepares students to think critically about historical events, recognize patterns across time, and engage thoughtfully with multiple perspectives. Courses in the program encourage students to connect the past with the

present and to explore how different cultures, ideas, and decisions have shaped the modern world.

The ability to analyze information, construct evidence-based arguments, and communicate makes history students valuable contributors in various professional settings. Key attributes for success in this field include curiosity, analytical reasoning, strong reading and writing skills, and an interest in understanding how historical narratives influence today's world.

Many careers require education beyond the associate degree. Students should work with their advisor to tailor course selections to align with their chosen transfer university. The transfer plan on this page shows an example commonly chosen by Lee College students. Students may choose to continue their education at any university.

What Will I Learn?

The Associate of Arts in Social Science introduces students to studying society through history, politics, human behavior, and economic development. This broad foundation helps students understand the forces that shape communities and cultures. The degree prepares graduates for entry-level roles in a variety of fields. Pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in a related discipline at most Texas state universities is a strong transfer pathway.

Throughout the program, students will develop a range of valuable academic and professional skills, including:

Research

- The ability to conduct systematic investigations and analyze primary and secondary sources.

Writing

- Proficiency in crafting clear, coherent, and well-organized written communication.

Critical Thinking

- The capacity to objectively analyze issues, evaluate arguments, and form reasoned judgments.

Content Knowledge

- A solid grasp of key historical facts, concepts, and themes central to the social sciences.

Comprehension

- The ability to understand and interpret historical contexts and social dynamics.

Information Literacy

- The skill to locate, evaluate, and ethically use information from various credible sources and formats.

"What Can I Do With This Course of Study?"

A degree in history opens the door to diverse career paths that emphasize research, critical thinking, and communication. Graduates can apply their knowledge in a variety of meaningful and impactful roles:

Higher Education Teaching and Academic Research

- Teach history at the college or university level while conducting original research and contributing to scholarly publications.

Public School Teaching

- Educate middle and high school students in social studies or history, helping young learners understand historical events and their relevance today.

Museum Curation and Archival Management

- Work with historical collections, artifacts, and documents to preserve, interpret, and present history to the public in museums, archives, or special collections.

Public History and Historical Preservation

- Engage communities through projects that bring history to life outside the classroom, including exhibitions, documentaries, and preservation of historic sites.

Government and Civil Service Roles

- Serve in various capacities within local, state, or federal government agencies, where historical knowledge supports public policy, records management, and cultural programs.

Cultural Resource Management in State and National Parks

- Help preserve and interpret historical landmarks and environments, offer educational programs, manage resources, and highlight cultural heritage.

History UHCL Transfer Plan

This plan includes course options for transferring into a History BA at UHCL. The plan includes less than the 60 hours required for an Associate of Arts. Students need to complete additional associate degree requirements or use reverse transfer to complete their Associate of Arts.

Foundations: These are the courses students need in order to progress in their career/college pathway, as they either provide a certificate or lay the groundwork for moving to the next set of courses.

	Lee College	UHCL
Course	Course Title	Counts Toward
EDUC 1200	Learning Frameworks	PSYC 1100

ENGL 1301	English Composition I	WRIT 1301
HIST 1301	History of the U.S. to 1877	HIST 1301
SPCH 1315	Principles of Public Speaking	COMM 1315
MATH 1332 OR MATH 1314	Contemporary Math OR College Algebra	MATH 1332 OR MATH 1314
GEOG 1303	World Regional Geography	GEOG 1303

Knowledge Building: These courses further the students' knowledge in the area of study and increase their preparation for the degree completion.

Lee College		UHCL
Course	Course Title	Counts Toward
ENGL 1302	English Composition II	WRIT 1302
HIST 1302	History of the U.S. Since 1877	HIST 1302
PHIL 1301	Introduction to Philosophy	PHIL 1301
GOVT 2305	Federal Government	POLS 2305
Life and Physical Sciences	Choose 1st Option: BIOL 1408, BIOL 1409, ENVR 1401, ENVR 1402, GEOL 1403, GEOL 1404	BIOL 1308/BIOL 1108, BIOL 1309/BIOL 1109, ENSC 1301/ENSC 1101, ENSC 1302/ENSC 1102, GEOL 1303/GEOL 1103, GEOL 1304/GEOL 1104
HIST 2321	History of World Civilization to 1500	HIST 2321
HIST 2322	History of World Civilization, 1500 to Present	HIST 2322

Completion: These are the courses the student needs in order to complete the degree plan and prepare to enter the workforce.

Lee College		UHCL
Course	Course Title	Counts Toward
HIST 2301	Texas History	HIST 2301
GOVT 2306	Texas Government	POL 2306
Life and Physical Sciences	Choose 2nd Option: BIOL 1408, BIOL 1409, ENVR 1401, ENVR 1402, GEOL 1403, GEOL 1404	BIOL 1308/BIOL 1108, BIOL 1309/BIOL 1109, ENSC 1301/ENSC 1101, ENSC 1302/ENSC 1102, GEOL 1303/GEOL 1103, GEOL 1304/GEOL 1104
Creative Arts	ARTS 1303 or ARTS 1304	ARTS 1303 or ARTS 1304

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