



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY,
PHILOSOPHY, & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

HISTORY TEACHING FAQs

What is a History-Teaching Degree?

A history teaching degree sets a student on the path to be accredited to teach social studies in Kentucky at the high school level, or grades 8-12.

A history-teaching degree is like a double major. Students take almost all the same courses as a history major, plus some additional social studies such as political science, sociology, etc. A history-teaching major also takes education courses to prepare for work in KY school districts.

As an incoming History-Teaching major, students are in effect pre-Teaching until they are admitted to the Professional Education program, usually at the end of the sophomore year.

How do I get admitted to the Professional Education program?

There are specific steps your advisors will discuss with you that you will fulfill over your first few semesters at EKU, such as taking specific education courses, taking specific required courses in English and Communications, and other requirements outside coursework. The Professional Education programs are run by the College of Education and Applied Human Sciences.

Do I need to maintain a minimum GPA to be a teacher?

Yes, a minimum GPA of 2.75 is required. All history teaching majors must have an overall GPA of 2.75 and must maintain a 2.75 GPA or higher in their content courses as a group, and in their education courses as a group.

Certain courses are “core” courses, and students must get a C or higher in all core courses. The 2.75 GPA must be maintained to remain in the teaching program.

Who is my advisor?

Your main advisor is a member of the history faculty. You will also have an advisor in the COEAHS, so you will have more than one person helping to keep you updated and on track.

I am a transfer student; can I still join the history-teaching program?

Transfer students successfully complete the History-Teaching program quite often. Discuss your goals and needs with your advisor. Each transfer student’s situation is different, so meeting with your advisors is essential to determine your path to completion, and potential alternatives.

Do you have a question left unanswered? Contact the department at 859-622-1287, or visit our website at <https://hpr.eku.edu/> for more information.