

Advising Reminders for History Majors

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Foreign Language Requirement. History majors must complete a 9-hour sequence in a single foreign language. Because completing a sequence requires 3 semesters, students should begin the process as soon as possible. For more details on the foreign language requirement, see the *VSU Undergraduate Catalog* or <http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/academic-affairs/advising/foreign-language-requirements.php>

History 3000: Study of History. All majors **MUST** take History 3000 as, or concurrently with, their first upper division history course. In a seminar setting, this course provides students with background on the discipline of history and the skills (interpretation, analysis, research, writing, & discussion) essential to historical study & the upper-division courses of the major. **Course prerequisites** include both freshman English courses (1101 & 1102) and nine hours of history survey. This course is strictly limited to an enrollment of 13 per section, is not offered during summer semester, and cannot be exempted. All students who need History 3000 must see their advisors during pre-registration to fill out a special over-ride form for this course. If a student receives **any grade other** than an “A,” “B,” or “C” in History 3000, including a grade of “W” or “WF,” that student may take History 3000 **only one more time**. If that student receives any grade other than an “A,” “B,” or “C” (including a grade of “W” or “WF”) on the second attempt in History 3000, then that student **must switch** to a different major as History majors are only allowed **two attempts** at passing History 3000. **History 3000 and History 4950 cannot be taken in the same semester.**

History 4950: Senior Seminar. The Senior Seminar measures student progress in the program in the **mastery** of effective oral and written communication, the acquisition of skills in critical analysis and historical interpretation, and the ability to make effective use of library resources as well as computer & information technology. **All history majors must complete History 4950 during their senior year.** This course is strictly limited to an enrollment of 13 per section, is not offered during summer semester, and cannot be exempted. Enrollment is open in Banner to history majors with 90 credits completed. If you have fewer than 90 credits completed at the time of pre-registration, see your advisor for a History 4950 over-ride form. Students doing off-campus course work such as internships or studies abroad during their senior year should complete History 4950 during their last semester on campus.

Application for Degree. Prospective graduating seniors should apply to the Office of the Registrar for final evaluation of credits at least **TWO** full semesters in advance of the expected graduation date. Application forms are available at the History Department or the Registrar’s Office and must be completed by both the student and their academic advisor.

Georgia Legislative Requirements. In accordance with an act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, all candidates for degrees are required to possess & demonstrate a reasonable mastery of U.S. history, Georgia (GA) history, the U.S. Constitution, & the Georgia Constitution. The history requirements are met by the successful completion of either History 2111 or History 2112. The constitution requirements are met by the successful completion of Political Science 1101. Transfer credit for these 3 courses **may not** satisfy the requirements of the State of Georgia. Exemption tests in GA History or GA Constitution are offered to transfer students whose U.S. History or Political Science course(s) did not include GA History or GA Constitution and to students who have obtained credit in U.S. Government or in U.S. History via the CLEP program, which does not include credit for satisfying the legislative requirements. The GA Exemption Tests help students meet the Legislative requirements in GA History and GA Constitution. The GA Exemption Tests are **given daily by appointment at no cost**. Refer to the VSU Georgia Legislative Exemption Tests website at <http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/academic-affairs/vp-office/advising/state-of-georgia-legislative-requirements.php> or contact the Office of Testing for more information. <http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/services/testing/>