History

The Department of History is a supportive and intellectually invigorating academic home for students who want to develop the knowledge and skills needed to appreciate the past and thrive in the future. The Department offers more than 40 courses, with particular strengths in American, European, and East Asian history. Majors and minors complete requirements that ensure both depth and breadth.

Major Requirements
Ten courses, including:
- Two from American history
- Two from European history
- One non-American, non-European course

HIS 290: Thinking Historically
HIS 400: Senior Seminar
Three other courses at the 300-level or above

Minor Requirements
Six courses, including:
- Two from American history
- Two from European history
- One non-American, non-European course

HIS 290: Thinking Historically
Two 300-level or above courses

Beyond the Classroom
Students have many opportunities for research, internships, conferences, and networking beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J.

Research and Internships
- Washington County Historical Society
- Library of Congress
- Heinz History Center
- Defense Department
- Gordon E. Swartz History Fellowship

Careers
- Museum curators/directors
- Social studies teachers
- Lawyers
- Business people
- Journalists
- College professors

Alumni Achievements
- Librarian, Library of Congress
- Attorney
- Ranger, National Park Service
- Confectioner
- Professor, Washington & Jefferson College
- Fellow, The Washington Institute

A full list of courses and descriptions can be found online in the College catalog.