

HISTORY EDUCATION CONCENTRATION

Program Description

The **Associate in Arts (A.A.) in Humanities and Cultures – History Education Concentration** is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a bachelor's degree in history education or a related field leading to teacher certification.

This concentration provides a strong foundation in U.S. and world history while developing critical thinking, research, and analytical writing skills. Students examine historical events, political systems, social movements, and cultural developments across diverse societies and time periods. Emphasis is placed on understanding how historical context shapes civic life and informed citizenship—essential preparation for future educators.

The program combines a broad liberal arts education with intentional preparation for transfer into secondary education programs in history or social studies.

Transfer Information

The History Education concentration is structured to align with bachelor's degree programs in history education and related teacher preparation pathways. Students intending to pursue teacher certification should work closely with faculty and Advising & Transfer Services to ensure coursework meets transfer and certification requirements at their intended institution.

Students planning to transfer within New Jersey should explore the "Transfer Programs" feature on NJ Transfer (www.njtransfer.org (<http://www.njtransfer.org>)) to review articulation agreements and institutional requirements.

Because teacher preparation programs often have specific GPA standards, prerequisite courses, and admission requirements, early and intentional academic planning is strongly recommended.

Career Information

The A.A. in Humanities and Cultures – History Education Concentration is designed primarily for transfer. A bachelor's degree and completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program are required to become a certified history or social studies teacher.

With a bachelor's degree and certification, graduates may pursue careers such as:

- Middle School Social Studies Teacher
- High School History Teacher
- Civics or Government Teacher
- Curriculum or Instructional Support Specialist
- Educational Program Coordinator

Students are encouraged to consult with faculty and Career Services early in their academic journey to map out transfer requirements and certification pathways. OCC students may also use Focus2 Career

through Ocean Connect to explore career options connected to education and the humanities.

Fall One		Credit Hours
ENGL 151	English I	3
STSC 150	Student Success Seminar	2
HIST 173	United States History to 1877	3
COMM 154	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
MATH 151 or MATH 156	A Survey of Mathematics or Introduction to Statistics	3
Credit Hours		14
Spring One		
ENGL 152	English II	3
HIST 174	United States History from 1877	3
CSIT 110 or CSIT 123	Introduction to Computers and Computer Applications or Integrated Office Software	3
BIOL 161 & 161L	General Biology I Lecture and General Biology I Lab	4
History Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/)		3
Credit Hours		16
Fall Two		
HIST 171 or HIST 181	Western Civilization to 1650 or World Civilization to 1660	3
EDUC 178	Introduction to the Education of Exceptional Students	3
PSYC 172	General Psychology	3
HIST 191 or SOCI 238	African-American History or Race and Ethnicity	3
History Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/)		
HIST 175	History of New Jersey (Recommended)	
Credit Hours		12
Spring Two		
HIST 172 or HIST 182	Western Civilization from 1650 or World Civilization From 1660	3
GEOG 162	Human Geography	3
EDUC 261	Development of the Learner	3
Choose one of the following:		3
ARTS 181	Art From Prehistory to Middle Ages	
ARTS 182	Art From Renaissance to Modern World	
MUSC 190	Introduction to Music Appreciation	
History Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/)		3
Credit Hours		15
Total Credit Hours		57

¹ HIST 191, 230, 269, 272, or 280 preferred.

² HIST 230, HIST 269, HIST 272, or HIST 280 preferred