

HISTORY CONCENTRATION

Program Description

The **Associate in Arts (A.A.) in Humanities and Cultures – History Concentration** is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a bachelor's degree in history or a related field within the humanities or social sciences.

This concentration develops strong analytical, research, and writing skills through the study of historical events, movements, and ideas across diverse cultures and time periods. Students examine how societies evolve, how institutions shape civic life, and how historical context informs contemporary issues. Coursework emphasizes critical thinking, interpretation of primary and secondary sources, and the ability to construct evidence-based arguments.

The program provides a broad liberal arts foundation while allowing students to explore areas such as U.S. history, world history, political movements, cultural history, and global perspectives.

Transfer Information

The History concentration is structured to align with bachelor's degree programs in history and related disciplines such as political science, public policy, law, international studies, public administration, and education.

Students are encouraged to work closely with faculty and Advising & Transfer Services to ensure course selection aligns with the requirements of their intended transfer institution. Students planning to transfer within New Jersey should explore the "Transfer Programs" feature on NJ Transfer (www.njtransfer.org) to review articulation agreements and institutional requirements.

Early planning is recommended, particularly for students considering teacher certification, pre-law pathways, or graduate study.

Career Information

The A.A. in Humanities and Cultures – History Concentration is designed primarily for transfer. A bachelor's degree is typically required for professional roles in history-related fields, and some careers may require graduate study.

With further education, graduates may pursue careers such as:

- Historian or Researcher
- Archivist or Museum Professional
- Public Policy or Government Analyst
- Journalist or Writer
- Law (with additional study)
- Secondary Education Teacher (with certification)

Students are encouraged to consult with faculty and Career Services as they explore long-term academic and career goals. OCC students may also use Focus2 Career through Ocean Connect to research degree pathways and related professions.

First Semester		Credit Hours
ENGL 151	English I	3
STSC 150	Student Success Seminar	2
PSYC 172 or SOCI 238	General Psychology or Race and Ethnicity	3
HIST 173	United States History to 1877	3
Mathematics Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/) ¹		3
Credit Hours		14
Second Semester		Credit Hours
ENGL 152	English II	3
COMM 154	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	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
History Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/) ²		3
Credit Hours		15
Third Semester		Credit Hours
PHIL 191 or PHIL 192	Introduction to Philosophy or Contemporary Ethical Issues	3
BIOL 114 & 114L	Principles of Biological Science Lecture and Principles of Biological Science Lab	4
Social Science Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/) ³		3
History Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/) ²		3
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Credit Hours		16
Fourth Semester		Credit Hours
HIST 191	African-American History	3
ENGL 255 or ENGL 256	World Literature Ancient through 1600 or World Literature 1600 to Present	3
ENVI 152 & 152L	Environmental Science Lecture and Environmental Science Lab	4
History Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/) ⁴		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	
Credit Hours		16
Total Credit Hours		61

¹ MATH 151 or MATH 156 is preferred.

² Students should select from HIST 171, 172, 181, or 182.

³ ECON 151 or any POLI course is preferred.

⁴ Students should select from HIST 230, 269, 272, or 280.