

Department of History

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What is History?

History is a discipline that involves reconstruction and interpretation of past human affairs in a manner which seeks to understand change. It uses analysis, examinations and narratives of past events to search for patterns of cause and aim to explain the course that shapes societies in diverse parts of the world from the earliest times to the present.

We can say that history is a record of human life over a long period of time. Whether in written documents or material remains, history is both history as fact and history to be written. We can come in touch with history indirectly through the results which historians have examined.

History is expressed as ‘歷史’ in traditional Chinese. The character ‘歷’ means "variable feature in the stream of long time", indicating human life which has changed through the stream of long time. The character ‘史’ means both the document writer and the contents. Therefore, ‘歷史’ indicates both history as fact and history to be written.

History at Kyung Hee

The History Department offers four sub-majors, Korean History, Oriental History, Western History and Archaeology. We provide an education and research system both for undergraduate and graduate students. Not only we are interested in educating students in history, but also interested in strengthening historical education for humanity and fostering social beings. We also have created a new research curriculum for historical & cultural studies including archaeology, museology, collection management, cultural resource management and practical training.

Degree Requirements

To receive the Bachelor of Arts degree in History, a student must:

1) Complete the required units as follows.

a) Students who major in history should:

- complete a minimum of 130 credit units
- satisfy a minimum of 70 units of Major Courses for history as follows:
 - complete 9 units of Basic Major Studies for history
 - complete 9 units of Essential Major Studies for history
 - complete 52 units of Elective Major Studies for history

b) Students who minor in history should:

- complete a minimum of 130 credit units
- satisfy a minimum of 21 units of Major Courses for history as follows:
 - complete 9 units of Essential Major Courses for history
 - complete 12 units of Elective Major Studies for history

c) Students who double major in history should

- complete a minimum of 130 credit units
- satisfy a minimum of 45 units of Major Courses for history as follows:
 - complete 9 units of Basic Major Studies for history

- complete 9 units of Essential Major Studies for history
 - complete 27 units of Elective Major Studies for history
- 2) Satisfy a graduate examination through a graduation thesis.

Courses

Year 1

Introduction of Korean History, Introduction to East Asian History, Introduction to Western History, Readings in the Korean History, Survey of History, Fundamentals of Archaeology, Geographical Understanding of World History

Year 2

Readings of the Chinese History Sources, Asia in Ancient and Medieval Period, Korea Ancient & Medieval History, Prehistoric Archaeology of Korea, World Urban Civilization, Ancient and Medieval Europe, Modern History of East Asia, History of Modern Western World, History of Joseon Dynasty, Historical Archaeology of Korea, Study on Korean Paleography and Data, Ancient Civilizations

Year 3

Readings in Archaeology, Special Topics of East Asian History, Modern and Contemporary History of South Korea, Korean Thought & Historical Recognition, French History and Culture, Historical Geography of Modern East Asia, Archaeology of East Asia, History of Archaeology Theory, Readings of the Japanese History, Topics in Korean History and Geography, Cultural History of East Asia, American History and Culture

Year 4

Graduation Thesis, Studies on Thesis Research, Special Subject in Western History, Cultural Properties and Museums, Internship, Modern Western History and Geography

Careers and Graduate Destinations

We study both historical theory and exercise. After graduation course, students can pursue their career in a variety of fields including academia, research, journalism, tourism, enterprise, etc.

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