

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, East Asia 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 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 120 credit units
 - satisfy a minimum of 64 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 46units of Elective Major Studies for history
 - b) Students who minor in history should:
 - complete a minimum of 120 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 120 credit units
 - satisfy a minimum of 39 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 21 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, Survey of History, Introduction to Western History, Readings in the Korean History, Fundamentals of Archaeology, Classics Reading in Western History

Year 2

Prehistoric Archaeology of Korea, World Urban Civilization, Ancient and Medieval Europe, Korean Ancient History, Medieval History of East Asia, Reading in China History, Western Modern History, History of Joseon Dynasty, Historical Archaeology of Korea, Modern History of East Asia, Study on Korean Paleography, Ancient Civilizations

Year 3

The Dawn of Human Culture, Korean Modern & Contemporary History, Korean Thought & Historical Recognition, French History and Culture, Archaeology of East Asia, Special Lecture for Chinese History, Contemporary History of East Asia, History and Disease, History of Archaeology, Reading in Japan History, Topics in Korean History and Geography, Special Lecture of Japanese History, American History, Production and Application of Historical Contents

Year 4

Study on Thesis Research, Special Subject in Western History, Cultural Properties and Museums, Internship, Independent Learning and Research(history), Capstone Design(history), Modern Western History, Graduation Thesis(history)

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.

Faculty

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