## SCHOOL OF GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY

#### MAJOR DESCRIPTION

History teaches students to approach the past and present in a manner that emphasizes context and the consequences of human actions. To that end, the history program at Cameron University offers a range of courses in all periods of U.S. history, early modern and modern European history, and world and comparative history. Students study and conduct research with faculty who strive to be supportive and professional mentors who encourage active engagement with peers, teachers and the community outside the university.

Through these interactions our students develop habits of mind that enrich their personal and professional lives, and are taught the <u>cardinal importance</u> of being persistent in finding answers, questioning accepted assumptions and reaching their own conclusions. Upon graduation, they are able to leave Cameron with an impressive breadth of knowledge and skills, and are prepared to conduct meaningful research, to write and speak effectively, to analyze data, and to think critically about a wide array of topics and issues as they confront the challenges of life.

### **Scholarships**

A variety of financial aid programs are available to history majors. The Department of Social Sciences awards, and tuition wavers, and the Financial Assistance Office can assist with grants, loans, scholarships and campus employment.

## Careers:

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Historian, librarian, teaching, museum curators, archivists, journalism and communications, international relations and diplomacy, law, business management, government, professional organizations, military intelligence, and more!

# Advantages:

History provides a wealth of versatile skills that can be applied to virtually any career. Many employers desire the strong work ethic, good communication skills, strong writing, and problem solving techniques which researching history will teach you.

# 3 Skills:

- Critical thinking, investigative research, analytical writing, and verbal communication
- Original research that interprets complex information, patterns, and perspectives
- Establish a broad base of cultural, political, and historical knowledge that is useful in any career

### **Student Clubs and Opportunities**

Students majoring in history have the opportunity to participate actively in the discipline through the Cameron chapter of Phi Alpha Theta - the national honor society for history, through the History Club, and by submitting work to Cameron's Undergraduate Research Journal of History and Political Science. Depending on their interests and their selection of classes, they may also take field trips, present papers at academic conferences, and arrange internships at area museums.

## **Career Opportunities**

Many who major in history find that teaching speaks to the curiosity that first drew them to explore the past, but the degree also opens up many other avenues for careers. Our students find that rigorously studying history develops their research, writing, and analytical skills, and is therefore outstanding preparation for a wide array of government, military, educational and business occupations. History is one of the more popular degrees for prelaw students, and provides a broad foundation of knowledge and cultural awareness on which students can build throughout their lives. Our graduates have gone on to law school, the armed forces, graduate school, the FBI, and to a wide array of private sector corporations.

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