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**COURSE SELECTION**

- **FRESHMAN**
  - 1000 level classes - you will be introduced to the study of global history, as well as help develop critical thinking and appreciation for ethnic and racial diversity.
  - Learn characteristics of world civilizations, including their religions and societies.

- **SOPHOMORE**
  - 2000 level classes - provide majors with the broad survey of the history of a particular civilization or region, such as Latin America or modern Africa.
  - History 3800: the Historians Craft should be taken during your sophomore year.

- **JUNIOR**
  - 3000 level classes - narrow your focus by studying a more defined time period, in which you will have the opportunity to work critically with original historical sources and begin to write significant historical papers.
  - History 4950: Senior Thesis should be taken during your last semester.

- **SENIOR**
  - 5000 level classes - for juniors and seniors who have successfully completed History 3800: the Historians Craft.
  - You are expected to do major research and writing projects.
  - History 4950: Senior Thesis should be taken during your last semester.

**ASK FOR ASSISTANCE**

- Meet regularly with your academic advisor and consult them when you have concerns about admission to particular classes or need more information about class requirements.

**GAIN EXPERIENCE**

- Use LinkedIn (linkedin.com/alumni) to identify past graduates in your major. Contact them to set up informational interviews and shadowing opportunities to gain further understanding of your major in the world of work.
- Use Handshake to explore employers actively hiring in your field and search part-time jobs that can add experience to your resume.
- You are encouraged to study abroad.
- Many students take the summer between sophomore year and junior year to study abroad.
- Getting an internship is a great way for a history major to add experience to their résumé.
- You should seek internships in a library, archive, museum, or other history oriented facility.
- If you are interested in government and politics, consider pursuing a congressional internship in D.C. through the Auburn on the Hill program.
- Attend career events like the AU Career Fair and Grad School Info Day.
- If pursuing graduate education, look for opportunities to be published or present on historical topics at conferences.

**GET INVOLVED**

- If you have a 3.0 GPA or higher you should consider joining Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society.
- Seek out student organizations catering to your individual interests.
- If you have law school aspirations, consider joining the AU Mock Trial Team.
- Visit local museums (alabamamuseums.org) to immerse yourself in regional history.
- Pursue leadership roles in the student organizations in which you participate.

**Career Planning**

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**Archivist**
- Minimum Education: M.A.
- Entry Level Salary Range: $28.4K-$49.1K

**Legislative Aide**
- Minimum Education: B.A.
- Entry Level Salary Range: $37.3K-$48.2K

**Attorney**
- Minimum Education: J.D.
- Entry Level Salary Range: $49.3K-$114.3K

These are just three options out of many that history majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out “What Can I Do With a Major In...” on auburn.edu/career.