



**“History is
who we are and
why we are
the way we are.”**

–David C. McCullough, American historian

Pop quiz: What former superpower officially ended its existence on Christmas Day 1991? Answer: the Soviet Union. This is a fact. To understand the importance of that historical event, you’ll need to dig deeper.

History is more than names and dates; it is the study of the human experience in all its facets—not just *what happened*, but how and why. If you’re curious about the *whys* behind landmark events like the fall of Communism or Neil Armstrong’s walk on the moon (July 20, 1969), then our history program will interest you.

Learn to think critically, develop research skills, and communicate more effectively. Clarify your understanding of human behavior—past, present, and future. Our program is multi-disciplinary and informed by voices from diverse groups. You will build a foundation for careers in settings such as libraries, museums, and other cultural enterprises—or prepare for further academic study. Our full range of courses explores history across the continents, with traditional scholarship and contemporary focuses on race, gender, ethnicity, and environmental history.

“The History faculty here is amazing. They are all characters, all wonderful teachers. I’ll miss them after I graduate, for they have been instrumental in my discovery of who I am and where I’ll be going. My favorite classes were anything about the ancient world and the world of Islam.”

Cody Burkett, BA History

Career Opportunities

Study to become an . . .	Begin your career in . . .
Advertising executive	American Association for State and Local History
Archivist	American Geographical Society
Attorney	American Historical Association
Broadcaster	American Social History Project
Campaign worker	Center for History and New Media
Consultant	The History Cooperative
Congressional aide	International Council on Archives
Editor	National Center for History in the Schools
Foreign service officer	National Council for History Education
Foundation historian	National Council on Public History
Foundation staffer	Organization of American Historians
Information specialist	Renaissance Society of America
Intelligence agent	Society for the History of Discoveries
Journalist	
Legal assistant	
Lobbyist	
Personnel manager	
Public relations staffer	
Researcher	
History teacher/ professor	
Legislative staff worker	

Explore Courses that Jump-start Your Career

Medicine around the world and throughout history

Society's responses to illness have changed radically over time. In our capstone course, **Medicine and Society**, explore selected topics in the comparative history of medicine—across cultures, from antiquity to the present. Consult scholarly texts, news articles, films, and other documents to address such topics as Medicine, Ethics, and Faith—Does the Hippocratic Oath Need to Be Updated?; Epidemics East and West: The Bubonic Plague; AIDS and Pathologies of Power; The Nazi Doctors' Trial; and the Tuskegee Syphilis Study.

Degree Programs

- **Bachelor of Arts in History**
- **Bachelor of Arts in History**
Extended major
- **Bachelor of Science in History**
- **Bachelor of Science in History**
Extended major
- **Bachelor of Science in Education-
History & Social Studies Secondary Education**
Extended major
- **Minor in History**
- **Minor in Classics**
- **Minor in Latin American Studies**
- **Minor in Asian Studies**
- **Content Emphasis in History**
For the BSEd in Elementary Education
- **Certificate in Medieval/Renaissance Studies**

Experience the Work World

Earn academic credit, build skills, and develop your professional network with internships and work projects. Previously, students have interned with the Museum of Northern Arizona, Arizona Historical Society, Grand Canyon National Park, the university's Cline Library, the Arizona Legislature, and national institutions, including the Library of Congress. Explore the Junior Fellows program at nau.edu/jrfellowships.

When civilizations collide

Explore the dynamics of first meetings among Africans, Native Americans, and Europeans in **Atlantic World Encounters**, a junior-level writing course. Study and critique visual and written representations of colonial encounters from sources published in the period and in contemporary documents, including historiography, fiction, and film.

A closer look at knights in armor

In the modern world, our perceptions of the Middle Ages are dominated by images of knights in armor, courtly manners, and religious warfare. In **Chivalry and Crusades**, you will study, discuss, and critique representations of these myths and realities in text, film, and other visual media.

Participate!

The campus chapter of **Phi Alpha Theta** promotes the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication, and the exchange of ideas. Join other students, teachers, and writers of history for intellectual and social exchange.

Study Abroad

Study for a summer, a semester, or an academic year in universities around the globe. We provide international education opportunities to all academically qualified students. The university has cooperative agreements with institutions in Australia, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom. Start your travel planning with a visit to nau.edu/international.

Finish in Four

Stay on a four-year track to your degree and save money in the process. The university guarantees that you will have access to the courses you'll need to graduate on time. You are responsible for talking to an advisor early. All undergraduate degree paths (except BS Ed - History and Social Studies) are eligible. Visit nau.edu/finishinfour.