# Program Modification Form

**Department/program**  
History  

**Summary**  
The History department is making changes to its major requirements.

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**Program Chair/Director:** John Eglin, History  
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**Other affected Programs:**  
(Use additional sheet if needed)  
- Curriculum & Instruction  
- Jean Luckowski  
- Political Science  
- Paul Haber, Chair

**Are other departments/programs affected by this modification because of:**  
(a) required courses incl. prerequisites or corequisites,  
(b) perceived overlap in content areas  
(c) cross-listing of coursework  

Please obtain signature(s) from the Chair/Director of any such department/program (above) before submission  
See curriculum overview for details.

**Major**  
XX  
Minor  
Option  
Teaching major/minor X

**If you are proposing a change to an existing program or major, please cut and paste the requirements as they appear in the current catalog below.**  
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**Requirements for a History Major**

### C. History majors must complete HSTR 300 (HIST 300), The Historian's Craft or a 400-level approved history upper-division writing course.

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### C. History majors must complete HSTR 200, Introduction to Historical Methods.

Students should take this course within one semester of declaring the history major and before engaging in upper-division (300-level or above) coursework.

### D. History majors must complete a 400-level approved history upper-division writing course.

Students must complete HSTR 200, Introduction to Historical Methods, before taking a course that fulfills this requirement.

**Please explain/justify the new proposal or change.**
The History Department is dividing the course objectives of the former HSTR 300, The Historian’s Craft, into two separate courses. It will require majors to take both courses instead of HSTR 300.

First, the department will require majors to take a 1-credit foundational course (HSTR 200, Introduction to Historical Methods) to introduce students to foundational aspects of the historical discipline. The skills introduced in this course will be built upon in subsequent coursework. Two sections of this course will be offered each semester.

Second, the department will require majors to take a 400-level approved history upper-division writing course. Students must have taken HSTR 200, Introduction to Historical Methods, before taking a course that fulfills this requirement. Several of these courses will be offered each semester.

Please note that the addition of this 1-credit HSTR 200 course does not alter the total number of credits required for History Majors.