

The History BA Program at Ibn Haldun University

Overall course load

The normal pace for the History BA is to take 6 courses per term,
or 12 courses every year. All courses are rated at 3 credits or 5 ECTS.
Hence graduation requirements comprise 48 courses, worth 144 credits or 240 ECTS.

This course load is divided into the following tiers and sub-tiers:

- Tier 1. Thirteen (13) University Courses.
- Tier 2. Five (5) Faculty Courses.
- Tier 3. Trilingualism requirements
(maximally, 4 terms of Modern Turkish, 4 terms of Arabic).
- Tier 4. One course in the applied fine arts, from within a pool
published by the Arts Department.
- Tier 5. Eighteen (18) major field courses
in History, Research Languages, Art History, Humanities, and Literature
(the main body of the BA program, which is itself divided into layers 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d).**
- Tier 6. Three (3) to eleven (11) free electives or university electives.

Tier 1. In their first year all History undergraduates take the following 6+6=12 University Courses.

SPS 101	HUM 101	HIST 101	TLL 101	NS 101	SPS 103
SPS 102	HUM 102	HIST 102	TLL 102	NS 102	SPS 104

In addition, in the Spring semester of their third year all History undergraduates also take one more University Course:

SPS 303

**Tier 2. Over their second, third or fourth years, all History undergraduates
have to take (at least) 5 courses from the following “Faculty Courses for History” sub-pool**
(comprising 15-20 courses which are all rated at 3 credits or 5 ECTS/AKTS).
They are advised not to take electives from other (than these five) departments
in their second year, or even before they fulfill this requirement.

ECON 101	LAW 207	PHIL 101	POLS 101	SOC 201
ECON 102	LAW 208	PHIL 102	POLS 102	SOC 210
	LAW 251	PHIL 103	POLS 250	SOC 301
			POLS 352	SOC 302
			POLS 433	ANTH 209
			POLS 468	

Tier 3. In line with IHU's policy of trilingualism, History undergraduates who are not native speakers of these languages have to take the following language courses (totaling 8 semesters) over their second, third or fourth years.

4 terms of Modern Turkish (TUR 301, 302, 303, 304)
4 terms of Arabic (ARA 301, 302, 303, 304)

Tier 4. It is now University policy for all IHU undergraduates to have take one (1) course in the applied fine arts before they graduate – from within a pool published by the Arts Department.

Tier 5. Eighteen (18) major field courses in History, Research Languages, Art History, Humanities, and Literature at the 200-, 300- and 400-coded levels (the main body of the BA program, which is itself divided into layers 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d).

Tier 5a. An introductory condition for the History BA comprises 3 core electives from the sub-pool given below.

Most of the term-courses in this group are not chronologically organized “period” courses; instead, they are strongly comparative, sociological and theoretical in outlook (and some are interchangeable with courses from other departments that may not carry HIST codes, and which shall be listed separately). All History undergraduates are asked to choose at least 3 courses from this group.

<p>HIST 202 Introduction to the History of Religions HIST 203 Archeology and Culture HIST 204 Primitive or Tribal Society HIST 205 The City in History HIST 206 Lords and Peasants HIST 212 History of the Nineteenth Century</p>	<p>HIST 207 Men, Ships, and the Sea HIST 208 Anatolian Civilizations HIST 209 War and Society HIST 210 Nations and Nationalism HIST 211 Imperialism and Colonialism HIST 213 History of the Twentieth Century HIST 214 Early Land Empires</p>
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Tier 5b. Eight Required Courses – all History undergraduates have to take the following eight courses in order to graduate with a History BA. They must take HIST 201a - 201b in their second year, and HIST 325, too, if possible. They may spread the other five required courses over their third and fourth years.

- HIST 201a Introduction to Historical Thought and Method I
- HIST 201b Introduction to Historical Thought and Method II
- HIST 311 Islamic History I (Early Islamic History: A Survey - to 1100)
- HIST 312 Islamic History II (Islamic History: the Middle Period (c.900 – 1500))
- HIST 316 History of the Modern Middle East (to the 1920s)
- HIST 325 Formations and Constructions of Europe
- HIST 341 Ottoman History I, 1300 - 1600
- HIST 351 Ottoman History II, 1600 - 1800

Tier 5c. Four Area (Major Field) Electives – all History undergraduates have to choose a minimum of four (4) area electives from within the Departmental Course Pool. Subject to their academic advisor’s recommendations, these may comprise

- (a) more 200-coded core electives from Tier 4a;
- (b) an early start or more advanced work in TLL courses (Ottoman Turkish);
- (c) other research languages (such as Arabic or Persian);
- (d) any other 300- or 400-coded courses such as may help them develop a relative concentration in Islamic, Middle Eastern, other Asian, Ottoman, Modern Turkish, or Western (European or American) history.

Tier 5d. A minimum of three (3) area (major field) electives have to be taken from the HART, HUM or LIT-coded group given below.

HART 321 Art and Christianity;
HART 323 Byzantine Art and Architecture; HART 326 Medieval Art and Architecture;
HART 336 Major Works of Ottoman Culture; HART 431 Sinan and His Age;
HART 432 Persian and Ottoman Miniatures;
HART 481 The Italian Renaissance; HART 482 The Dutch Renaissance;
HART 485 Romanticism; HART 486 Impressionism

HUM 405 The 19th Century in European Art and Literature;
HUM 406 The Twentieth Century in European Art and Literature;
LIT 487 Literatures of Conquest and Empire: Jules Verne and Rudyard Kipling;
LIT 488 Bourgeois France: Balzac, Stendhal, Flaubert;
LIT 491 Russian Literature Before the Revolution; LIT 492 Soviet and Post-Soviet Literature

**Tier 6. Free or university electives (3-11 courses,
whether from the History Course Pool or the entire university).**

The History BA program is designed to generate a minimum of 3 free electives for students taking both 4 terms of Modern Turkish and 4 terms of Arabic. Students who matriculate with a knowledge of one or the other may take the necessary equivalency or proficiency assessment exams to be exempted from a number or all of these language courses, in which case their free elective slots may rise to 7 or 11 overall.

History BA with an optional Senior Thesis

History undergraduates who have completed their first three years of course-work, normally equivalent to 180 ECTS, with a GPA of at least 3.00, are entitled to apply for a Senior Thesis option, admission into which is contingent on a Departmental decision.

In that case, they must enroll in HIST 498 Special Readings I and HIST 499 Special Readings II in their fourth and final year. These two courses may be substituted for any two of the 4+3=7 major field electives included within their 18 major field requirements. Students pursuing this option are expected to use HIST 498 during the first term to prepare their thesis proposal and bibliography, and to use HIST 499 to write and submit their thesis over their final semester. A Senior Thesis in History should comprise, apart from its formal presentation pages and bibliography, a main text of around 30 pages, 12 pt, one-and-a-half spaced, equivalent to around 10,000 words or 80,000 letters.

A Senior Thesis with these technical qualifications is not subjected to a separate examination.

It is directly graded by the Thesis Supervisor both at the HIST 498 and HIST 499 stage.

If the HIST 499 grade is B or above, the thesis is passed,

and the student is entitled to graduate with a History BA Thesis Honors.

If the HIST 499 grade is below B, the student fails the thesis but passes the course,
thereby graduating with a normal History BA.