As historians, we take pleasure in the difficulty of our profession. Our gaze falls upon the entire sweep of human experience, and our subject humankind, is the most perplexing of all. As a consequence, the history department in a large American university can often seem to outsiders like a Tower of Babel, or the proverbial Ship of Fools, a place where a variety of approaches, fields of study, and scholarly voices collide. Certainly, this is the case at the University of Maryland. Here in College Park in a single hallway, one can find a specialist in the history of slavery in the U.S. working alongside an environmental historian whose studies have examined the development of the German Autobahn, or a film historian who has explored the rise of modernism in the American cinema. Walking a little farther along this same corridor, one discovers specialists in sixteenth-century Venice, the American Revolution, women’s history, the Progressive Era, American legal history, Medieval Iberia, the Atlantic world, African colonialism, Habsburg Vienna, Jewish history, early and medieval Islam, Sufism, the Ottomans, the Modern Middle East and North Africa, Central Asia and Soviet Russia, ancient Rome, and more.

Programs

Majors

- Central European, Russian and Eurasian Studies Major (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/historycentral-european-russian-eurasian-studies-major/)
- History Major (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/history/history-major/)

Minors

- History Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/history/history-minor/)
- Middle East Studies Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/history/middle-eastern-studies-minor/)

Certificate

- East Asian Studies Certificate (HIST) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/history/east-asian-studies-certificate/)

Advising

Academic advising is available daily on a walk-in basis in the History Undergraduate Advising Office, 2131C Key Hall. Check the department website for current schedule or contact historyadvising@umd.edu for more information.

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