History

History studies humanity's past through written records, oral traditions, maps, photographs, and other historical artifacts. Historians analyze these sources to gain insight into past societies, understand present-day issues, and develop informed solutions for the future. History fosters essential skills such as critical thinking, effective communication, and cultural awareness.

The History Program at Lee College prepares students to think critically about historical events, recognize patterns across time, and engage thoughtfully with multiple perspectives. Courses in the program encourage students to connect the past with the

present and to explore how different cultures, ideas, and decisions have shaped the modern world.

The ability to analyze information, construct evidence-based arguments, and communicate makes history students valuable contributors in various professional settings. Key attributes for success in this field include curiosity, analytical reasoning, strong reading and writing skills, and an interest in understanding how historical narratives influence today's world.

Many careers require education beyond the associate degree. Students should work with their advisor to tailor course selections to align with their chosen transfer university. The transfer plan on this page shows an example commonly chosen by Lee College students. Students may choose to continue their education at any university.

What Will I Learn?

The Associate of Arts in Social Science introduces students to studying society through history, politics, human behavior, and economic development. This broad foundation helps students understand the forces that shape communities and cultures. The degree prepares graduates for entry-level roles in a variety of fields. Pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in a related discipline at most Texas state universities is a strong transfer pathway.

Throughout the program, students will develop a range of valuable academic and professional skills, including:

Research

- The ability to conduct systematic investigations and analyze primary and secondary sources.

Writing

- Proficiency in crafting clear, coherent, and well-organized written communication.

Critical Thinking

- The capacity to objectively analyze issues, evaluate arguments, and form reasoned judgments.

Content Knowledge

- A solid grasp of key historical facts, concepts, and themes central to the social sciences.

Comprehension

- The ability to understand and interpret historical contexts and social dynamics.

Information Literacy

- The skill to locate, evaluate, and ethically use information from various credible sources and formats.

These skills translate directly into high-value professional and personal capabilities which function as essential tools for solving complex real-world problems and making critical decisions.

View Program Learning Outcomes

"What Can I Do With This Course of Study?"

A degree in history opens the door to diverse career paths that emphasize research, critical thinking, and communication. Graduates can apply their knowledge in a variety of meaningful and impactful roles:

Higher Education Teaching and Academic Research

- Teach history at the college or university level while conducting original research and contributing to scholarly publications.

Public School Teaching

- Educate middle and high school students in social studies or history, helping young learners understand historical events and their relevance today.

Museum Curation and Archival Management

- Work with historical collections, artifacts, and documents to preserve, interpret, and present history to the public in museums, archives, or special collections.

Public History and Historical Preservation

- Engage communities through projects that bring history to life outside the classroom, including exhibitions, documentaries, and preservation of historic sites.

Government and Civil Service Roles

- Serve in various capacities within local, state, or federal government agencies, where historical knowledge supports public policy, records management, and cultural programs.

Cultural Resource Management in State and National Parks

- Help preserve and interpret historical landmarks and environments, offer educational programs, manage resources, and highlight cultural heritage.

Associate of Arts for Transfer in History

Semester 1

- EDUC 1200 — Learning Frameworks
- ENGL 1301 — English Composition I
- HIST 1301 — History of the United States to 1877
- Creative Arts Core Course
- Elective in Major

Semester 2

- ENGL 1302 — English Composition II
- HIST 1302 — History of the United States since 1877
- Oral Communication Core Course
- Mathematics Core Course
- Elective in Major

Semester 3

- Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core Course
- Life and Physical Sciences Core Course
- GOVT 2305 — Federal Government
- HIST 2321 — History of World Civilization to 1500
- Elective in Major

Semester 4

- Social/Behavioral Sciences Core Course
- Life and Physical Sciences Core Course
- GOVT 2306 — Texas Government
- HIST 2322 — History of World Civilizations from 1500 to Present
- HIST 2302 — History of Texas

Transfer

Students pursuing the Associate of Arts (AA) degree are strongly encouraged to connect with the Transfer Department early and often to ensure a smooth transition to a four-year university.

The Transfer team can help you explore your options, understand admission requirements, and create a clear academic plan aligned with your goals.

- Visit the Transfer Page to access resources and connect with advisors.
- Explore guidance on Transferring to a University, including an easy-to-follow checklist.
- Review detailed University Partner Transfer Maps to see how your Lee College courses merge seamlessly into bachelor's degree programs.

Taking advantage of these resources will help you stay on track and make informed decisions about your future.

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