Studying history gives you a window to the world. It makes you a critical thinker, gives you a well-informed lens for current events, and helps you understand other cultures on a deep level. When you study history at Southern, you’ll be exposed to amazing faculty, hands-on research, and study abroad options. The History Department’s faculty members are committed teachers and nationally-recognized researchers whose broad expertise will help you gain an understanding of American, European, and non-Western history.

PROGRAM FEATURES
History, B.A. Candidates for the bachelor of arts in history value the investigation of the human experience. They choose to study history because they possess a great enthusiasm for research into the origins, nature, and effects of historical change. This course of study prepares them to enter a variety of fields and industries that value critical thinking, the ability to conduct research, and an ease of communication. Our small faculty to student ratio allows students to conduct research with their professors, to experience internships in the field, and for the highly motivated to pursue departmental honors work.

History 7-12, B.S. Candidates for the bachelor of science in history are motivated to teach. In their pursuit to understand particular events and to know how and why things happened, they also consider how to relate this information to middle-school or high-school students. Often serving as coaches, team leaders, tutors, or assistants, their investigations into the human experience and research into the origins, nature and effects of historical change become an exercise to hone their skills for the practice of teaching. Upon the completion of the degree and awarding of teacher certification, many of our graduates find employment in Connecticut schools.

History 7-12, B.S. – Concentration: History M.A. Accelerated Pathway
The accelerated pathway program has been designed to provide high-achieving students intending to become secondary school social studies teachers with the opportunity to complete graduate coursework beginning in their junior year. In doing so, they can complete their B.S. in history 7-12 and an Accelerated M.A. in history in five years.

Minor in History Students seeking a minor in history wish to enhance their studies with an historical investigation into the human experience. Perhaps a particular course piqued their interest or a study of history provides a path for parallel research into the origins, nature, and effects of historical change. Majors in the arts, sciences, humanities, and social sciences are well-served by a minor in history.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
People who study history are prepared to enter a variety of fields and industries that value critical thinking, the ability to conduct research, and a facility of communication, written or oral that enables the individual to relay complex ideas that a non-specialist can understand. A degree in history can help anyone learn and refine these abilities. In addition to the obvious career paths of teaching, law school, and graduate school, history majors have found jobs working as researchers for insurance agencies, human resources managers, sales and marketing personnel, and a variety of civil servants, including with the FBI.

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