

History

Studying the past, understanding the present, shaping the future

Calvin's history program is much more than a dry recital of names and dates. It's an investigation into the human experience—how it works and how it shapes the world today. Studying history at Calvin equips you with a powerful and versatile set of intellectual and practical skills. It develops critical thinking, hones your research skills, sharpens reading and writing abilities, and helps you practice applying Christian perspectives to your learning. But what can you do with a degree in history?

Teach, yes...

Many Calvin history graduates work in education, from middle school social studies to high school history to university faculty and administration.

Go on to graduate schools of all kinds...

Over 50% of Calvin history graduates go on to graduate school in history, law, international relations, medicine and many more fields.

Just about anything else

Still other history graduates enjoy successful careers in politics and diplomacy, marketing and law enforcement, international relief and justice missions, and ministries of all kinds, not to mention archaeology, anthropology and virtual museums.



Archaeology student in Amman, Jordan, Interim 2009

Calvin's History Program

Whether your interest is the Far East or the Middle East, ancient or early modern, international development or archeology, Calvin's history department offers flexible and diverse courses that enable you to tailor your program to fit your interests and career goals.

**History majors
(and related majors)**
History
History Education
Asian Studies
International Development

History minors
African Studies
Archaeology
Gender Studies
Latin American Studies
Medieval Studies

You'll find that history is an eclectic discipline. You'll examine the record of human social behavior, drawing on a wide array of other fields of study, from psychology, economics and political science to art, archaeology, literature and philosophy.

Career and Graduate School Opportunities

Calvin's history graduates who go on to graduate school report that their work at Calvin gave them a significant boost to succeed in the most rigorous programs.



Jim (professor of history) and Eric Bratt, 2009
Fulbright Scholars selectees

The knowledge and skills gained in four years as a history major also form a solid foundation for a variety of careers, from business and law to museums and archaeology. Calvin history education graduates teach in all levels of education, from elementary school to universities, both in the U.S. and abroad.

Hands On Learning

Approximately fifty percent of history majors participate in an internship during their Calvin experience. These experiences range from museums to justice agencies to classroom teaching. In addition, the McGregor Summer Research Fellowship program pairs students in the social sciences with professors to conduct scholarly research during the summer.

Off Campus Opportunities

As a Calvin history major, you'll have the opportunity to make

The Honors Program

Each year, the history department graduates several students with honors. Most of these students go on to do graduate work in a variety of fields including archeology, law, medicine, and education. The honors program is a great opportunity for history majors who intend to pursue graduate work. It offers excellent training in independent research, academic writing, and public speaking. www.calvin.edu/academic/honors

“I decided to investigate history after thinking about studying abroad. Calvin's history profs are persuasive: one added me as an advisee (to his already full schedule) the first time we met. But by the time they were through with me, I wound up with more than one major. At graduation, I woke up with an archaeology minor; a research fellowship; international experiences in Greece, Ghana, and China; and an internship that led to my first museum job.”

connections to the world outside of Calvin. Take a semester long trip to Britain, Hungary or one of 11 other programs Calvin offers to learn more about history in the global context. Or, take advantage of the many off-campus interim (January term) courses led by history professors to places like Vietnam, Cambodia, Italy, Jordan, Ethiopia, Turkey and Guatemala.

The Faculty

As a history student, you'll enjoy daily interactions with Calvin's history professors, distinguished Christian scholars who will engage you in classes, research projects, and social events and through their open-door policy. These sixteen faculty members all hold doctorates from major universities in North America or Europe. Their expertise ranges from antiquity to the twentieth century, from the wild west to the Far East, and from England to South America. Several faculty

members also teach in other Calvin departments including Spanish, Classics, Art and at Calvin Theological Seminary.

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