The objective of the Department of History at University of Jamestown is to equip students with a background in history so they may become aware of their cultural heritage and grasp the origins, causes, and nature of important national and international issues, institutions, and movements.

Program Strengths
The Department of History offers a broad range of curriculum offerings with instructional emphasis placed upon the cultural and institutional as well as the historical and political events which have influenced the development of the contemporary world.

As a history major at University of Jamestown, you will benefit from:
- small class sizes and individual attention
- directed and independent studies in advanced and specialized topics for interested students
- professors with complementary specialties providing a variety of viewpoints
- training in critical thinking, intellectual curiosity, open-mindedness, research, and reflective thinking in problem solving

Students individualize a schedule with the assistance of a faculty adviser to fit with their goals and interests.

Complementary Majors
A history major doubles well with several majors offered at University of Jamestown, including:
- Business Administration
- Communication
- English
- Political Science

Internship Opportunities
Internship experiences help students apply what they’ve learned in the classroom and gain valuable on-the-job training. Internships may be available in the Jamestown area, in surrounding cities, or even in our nation’s capital. Examples of recent internships include:
- interpreter/curator, Fort Seward Interpretive Center, Jamestown
- frontier soldier re-enactor, Fort Totten State Historic Site, Fort Totten, N.D.
- law intern, Ottmar & Ottmar Law Firm, Jamestown
- archaeology intern, Beaver Creek Archaeology, Linton, N.D.
- Congressional intern, office of Sen. Byron Dorgan, Washington, D.C.

“My studies in the Department were instrumental in the development of my critical analysis and composition skills.”
Scott, employed by PT Freeport Indonesia
Notable Alumni
With your degree in history, you will join the ranks of our alumni who have gone on to successful careers in many fields. Here are just a few notable alumni:

- Aissatou Diop, attorney, Sidley Austin, Washington, D.C., recipient of the University of Jamestown Young Alumni Medalion in 2007
- Ralph Erickson, United States District Judge for North Dakota, University of Jamestown Alumni Hall of Fame inductee in 2008
- Charles Willoughby, Inspector General for the District of Columbia

University of Jamestown graduates are accepted into prestigious law schools around the United States. Law schools appreciate the liberal arts background as well as courses in writing and philosophy provided to University of Jamestown graduates. One student recently got six offers from law schools! Our graduates are attending or have recently attended:

- University of Minnesota Law School
- Hamline University Law School
- University of Arizona School of Law
- George Washington University Law School
- University of North Dakota School of Law
- Northwestern University School of Law
- William Mitchell School of Law
- Texas Tech University School of Law

Graduate Schools
Graduates from the department who have gone on to do graduate work in history, political science, or related fields have been accepted into a variety of excellent programs, including:

- Yale University
- Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas
- University of North Dakota
- South Dakota State University
- University of Nebraska
- St. Cloud State University

Career Opportunities
With a degree in history and, in some cases, a graduate degree, there are many career opportunities, including:

- law
- law enforcement
- ministry
- local, state, and federal government
- education
- administration
- psychology/counseling business
- military
- journalism
- archaeology/anthropology
- museum curation

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Amber, attorney in North Dakota