The Department of History offers a program which has four principal objectives:

1. to provide a general knowledge of the history of the United States, Europe, and the wider world (as we have defined our fields of concentration);
2. to teach students to think and read critically and thereby to develop the ability to analyze historical sources and to learn how to construct historical interpretations;
3. to improve students’ ability to communicate verbally, visually, and in writing; and,
4. to foster the ability to conduct objective historical research.

The Department offers a broad spectrum of courses in U.S., European, and wider world history; in a variety of historical approaches such as social, cultural, political, economic, intellectual, and public history; and in a variety of special topics including gender, sexuality, ethnohistory, and archeology.

The History Major prepares students for career opportunities in a wide range of employment, where the ability to analyze sources, think critically, and communicate effectively are paramount. It also offers an excellent general background for more specialized studies in fields such as law, journalism, and politics. Additionally, we train undergraduates and graduate students in public history that enables them to work at venues such as historic sites, museums, archives, and historic preservation efforts. A number of history majors go on to work in public service at the local, state, and federal levels or find employment in a wide variety of jobs from teaching to non-profit work to advocacy to retail and financial services jobs.

The department offers programs leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree in history (traditional and online), a M.A. in History, a M.A. in History with a Museum Studies concentration, and a Ph.D. in history. Classes in each of our graduate programs are generally small and, through an intensive mentoring program, faculty-student interaction has become a hallmark of graduate study in the Humanities at UNCG.