



Make History. Yours.

The New History Major @ Marymount

- **The program is flexible and driven by your interests.**

Two core courses teach you how to “do” history; beyond that, you choose paired courses from “areas of inquiry” defined for the major (offered regularly, faculty approved.) Combining these customizes your historical study. One could do African American Dance History, or Modern European Film History, or other combinations. The full list of “*areas of inquiry*” draws from across the college, in every division. *It is the history of sh!t you care about.*

- **The program was built to be its own major, but also to operate well as a double-major.**

12 courses; 2 required and 10 flexible. 5 can double-dip for double majors—intentionally done so that a history major could complement another program. You can do history as its own major OR you could double major, creating a history program that builds further on another major—like women in theater, consumer history, media history, or history of science.

- **The program is ideal for students who might be thinking about an Interdisciplinary Studies major, but who are overwhelmed by putting one together.**

Because the History major allows for pre-vetted program combinations across departments and divisions, it may provide the type of custom study you already want, without the necessity of creating a committee, a four-year plan, or getting selections approved (as IDS majors must do.)

- **The program relies on historically-minded faculty across the college.**

You are not limited to one department for this major; it provides opportunity to work towards a historical goal in an interdisciplinary manner. There are only a few limitations designed to honor standing programs like Art History.

- **Why do this? Why major in history?**

The only way you can change the world is if you understand how the world came to be—who made things this way and how. You want to make great art? You need to understand the world that will receive it. You want to save us from climate change? You need to understand how we became so dependent on oil. You want a social movement for equality? Let us teach you how to stand on the shoulders of giants who came before.

History majors make history. Like Steve Carell, Will Forte, Larry David, Conan O’Brien, Sascha Baron Cohen, Elena Kagan, Sonya Sotomayor, Robert L. Johnson, Lauryn Hill, Ed Norton, Dean Cain, or Chris Meloni. (Plus too many educators, lawyers, journalists, politicians, and presidents to count.)

- **For more information, please reach out to Professors Lauren Brown or Brad Herling.**

Prof. Brown (college double major in dance and history, circa last century) is happy to answer questions via email or by appointment (lbrown2@mmm.edu) as is also Prof. Brad Herling, Chair of the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences (bherling@mmm.edu). You can also visit us on the [web](#) or [social media](#) for more!

