

# DAEMEN

## History

Degree Offered:

**Bachelor of Arts**

Related Minors Offered in:

**History, Public History, Atlantic Studies, Women's Studies, Black Studies, and Global Studies**

"Those who cannot remember the past are doomed to repeat it." George Santayana's observation has never been more true than it is today, as people across the world face political challenges and crises. Historical knowledge helps us to understand and address the role of citizenship and civic institutions, but studying and "doing" history also has a practical side, since historical skills and knowledge can be applied in a wide array of careers and occupations.

History majors develop strong research and writing skills. You will learn to assess and integrate complex material and to develop and support arguments with evidence, to evaluate conflicting interpretations and to understand events in their context. You will develop strong oral communication and presentation skills. This liberal arts training prepares you for a future of dynamic opportunity and change, while also equipping you with the knowledge and skills you will need to understand and adapt to change and to operate in different contexts and environments.

### Career Options:

Graduates pursue careers in research analysis, community agencies, political campaigns, consulting, business, government, editing and publication, foreign service, law, museums and historical societies, archives, foundations, non-profit organizations, intelligence agencies, lobbying, journalism, personnel management, public relations, research, and education (teaching and administration).

### History @ Daemen:

- You will work directly with practicing historians who publish and have Ph.Ds. We are committed to teaching excellence and preparing you for your future.
- The History major at Daemen features a strong liberal arts emphasis, starting with the intensive study of history and including a broad grounding in the humanities.
- Required courses cover local, national, and global history, from the ancient era to current times. Our courses integrate perspectives from gender studies and post colonial theory to historiographical controversies, among others.
- Project-based historical research brings students together to do research and to create and present historical interpretations while building digital proficiency alongside traditional written and oral skills.
- A capstone requirement gives you the opportunity to do in-depth research on a topic of your choice, bringing together your acquired knowledge and skills.

### Our recent graduates are:

- Working as archivists and educators in museums and governmental agencies
- Practicing law (Disability Rights NY)
- Working in public history as Park Interpreter for the Virginia state park system
- Attending graduate school (Johns Hopkins, Syracuse, and George Washington Universities, among others)
- Working in college/university administration at several local and regional institutions
- Project Coordinator, Teach for America
- Consultants, sales representatives, insurance agents, and entrepreneurs at several local and regional companies

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## History Students Gain Real-World EXPERIENCE:

- The program stresses preparation for your future. All students are required to complete an internship or cooperative learning experience.
- The department will work closely with you and the Career Services Office to select an internship related to your academic and career interests. Internships are available with local and state organizations; in Washington, D.C.; and internationally.
- Daemen students have recently completed internships in History and in Public History at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site (NPS) in Buffalo; at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA; American Museum of Natural History in New York City; the Smithsonian Institution; The Buffalo History Museum; and in Przemysl, Poland.

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## Did you know...

History majors learn to analyze complex issues, to communicate effectively, and to think critically about the world. You can apply these abilities in a wide variety of careers and occupations.

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### Taqiyah, History Major with a minor in Public History '18

Taqiyah completed an internship with the American Museum of Natural History (New York City, 2016)

"History has always allowed me to understand the world today. I know that in the future whether I decide to become an educator or a lawyer, I will have the knowledge to thrive in my career.

My internship at the American Museum of Natural History has truly been an amazing experience. Working there has inspired me to make sure that in the future I find a career that I genuinely love and enjoy, a career that allows work to not feel only like work.

The History & Political Science Department at Daemen is small and personal. I have a unique relationship with almost all of the professors in the department. As a student, the departmental faculty treat you like a priority, not just a statistic."



### Nick, History and Political Science '17

"My time at Daemen College studying in the History and Political Science Department has provided me with a strong foundation and understanding of historical research methods. The required capstone thesis project was both challenging and extremely rewarding. I plan to use these skills as I continue my education in graduate school in hopes of one day becoming a history professor and U.S. military historian."

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## For more information...

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