

Annual Key Assessment Findings

Department of History

Undergraduate

AY: 2014-2015

Senior thesis (HIST 496) results

A: 9

A-: 4

B+: 6

B: 9

B-: 1

D: 1

Total: 30 students

Curricular Changes

As part of its departmental assessment, the department re-assessed the undergraduate history major and its requirements. A substantial change was made to the two semesters of junior seminar. Rather than a requirement differentiated by historical period, students will now be able to take any two junior seminars. Each of these seminars will focus on a single topic (rather than several topics), and will each will integrate the development of research skills and the writing of a paper into them (emphases formerly reserved to the second semester junior seminar. This should facilitate the completion of the requirements by students who are abroad during junior year, and should improve research and writing skills.