



# SMSU HISTORY

## EMPHASIS OF PROGRAM

Southwest Minnesota State University's History Program is designed to help students understand themselves and their world through the study of the past. The program encourages students to explore and analyze themes, events, and people in history in order to gain a stronger comprehension of the contemporary world. In the process, students also develop skills in writing, speech, and critical thinking, which will be useful in their careers. Southwest's History Program offers courses in a variety of fields of historical study. A Bachelor of Arts in History and a Social Science Teaching Licensure in Secondary Education are both available at Southwest Minnesota State.

## ACTIVITIES

- An active History Club
- Sponsors Women's History Month events (March)
- Holds speaker series and films
- Invites speakers from the community

## FACILITIES

History students often make use of the Southwest Minnesota Regional Research Center, a repository of public documents and a historical research library located in Social Science 141. The History Center promotes the study and preservation of Southwest Minnesota's historical, cultural, ethnic and religious heritage. Business, church, school, legislative, governmental, and immigration records are among the main resources available to students, faculty, and the community. The Center's activities include collecting and preserving historical documents, recording oral history, promoting and organizing conferences and lectures, and disseminating information and knowledge.

Students also have access to both e-mail and the Internet via SMSU's computer labs. They may do research via the on-line computer system in our library.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The History Program educates students for a wide variety of positions in the academic, professional, governmental and business worlds. The history major is one of the commonly chosen courses of study for those students who wish to go on to law school or to graduate school. The program also prepares a student for a career in public service and administration, public service organizations or government agencies. Our students have been accepted at the best graduate schools and law schools in the country, such as the University of Minnesota, University of Nebraska, and Columbia University.



## SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS

Each year the History Program awards several scholarships to students based on their current academic standing. In addition to a number of general history scholarships, the Catherine I. McNally Scholarship is awarded in the spring to an outstanding history major. The Maynard F. Brass Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a sophomore or above who is an athlete (varsity or intramural) who has a career interest in history, health care, ministry, or the social sciences. Incoming students may be eligible for a number of academic and leadership scholarships through the Office of Admission. These scholarships are awarded based on a student's past academic record, including the ACT, class rank, GPA, and leadership potential.

## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

- History Club
- Model United Nations Club
- Philosophy Club
- Political Science Association
- Student Anti-Genocide Coalition (STAND)

## HISTORY FACULTY

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**\$42,100\***

**Starting Salary**

\*taken from the  
National Association of Colleges &  
Employers, September 2013

(Salaries may vary based on location,  
type of industry and other variables.)

For more career information go to  
[Mustangjobs.com](http://Mustangjobs.com) and click on  
"Choosing a Career/Major"

## FRESHMAN ADMISSION PROCESS

- Complete Application
- \$20 Non-refundable Application Fee
- Official High School Transcript(s)
- ACT or SAT Test Scores

## FRESHMAN ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Rank in the upper half of graduating class  
or
- Score a composite of 21 or above on the ACT or  
990 on the SAT

## LIBERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Liberal Education Program (LEP) at Southwest Minnesota State University provides students with the opportunity to obtain a solid, general education across the fundamental domains of human knowledge. When empowered with these ideas, facts, skills, and values, students can understand and effectively participate in the affairs of the community, nation, and wider world. The Liberal Education Program is built upon ten Student Learning Outcomes which were developed by the faculty to represent the foundation of higher education.



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