

History Department Plan: Goals and Action Priorities, 2019-20

1. Recruitment and retention of students: focus on outreach to students in History classes. (CLAS Goal 5)
 - ❖ Rebuild and expand student membership in Phi Alpha Theta and History Club.
 - ❖ Encourage our student organizations to organize history-related events.
 - ❖ Encourage student participation in the Phi Alpha Theta undergraduate conference and the CLAS Undergraduate Research Symposium.
 - ❖ Work with Alumni and Donor Relations and the FSU Foundation to improve alumni outreach and increase scholarship funding.
 - ❖ Publicize scholarships for History students: Louise McKenna History Scholarship, Esther Doerr Endowed Scholarship, Monaco Family History Scholarship.

2. Assessment: Examine goals, outcomes and assessments of the History major and apply the results to curricular planning. (CLAS Goals 1 and 5)
 - ❖ Continue to evaluate, discuss and improve efficacy of assessment rubrics and assessment procedures.
 - ❖ Continue to discuss and employ appropriate teaching methods and strategies to improve students' research and writing skills.

3. Collaboration: Work collaboratively and collegially with other departments and colleges in partnerships that improve student learning and faculty professional development. (CLAS Goals 1, 4 and 5)
 - ❖ Actively collaborate with the Honors Program to offer a section of HIST 111 every semester, as well as occasional IDIS 491 Honors Seminar sections that are cross-listed with HIST 489/490 Special Topics in History sections and taught by History faculty.
 - ❖ Actively contribute to the International Studies program by teaching INST 200 every semester, and by participating in the International Studies Steering Committee.
 - ❖ Actively contribute to the Women's Studies minor by participating in the Women's Studies Steering Committee.
 - ❖ Enhance History's contribution to the GEP by encouraging History faculty to teach existing IDIS 150/151 and IDIS 350 courses.

4. Professional Development: Encourage, support and track faculty publications, conference presentations and other academic pursuits that demonstrate ongoing professional development. (CLAS Goals 1 and 4)
 - ❖ Encourage, support and track faculty professional development through the President's Experiential Learning Enhancement Fund (PELEF), CLAS Strategic Plan Support Funding (SPSF), faculty development funds, travel funds, library funds and journal access.
 - ❖ Work with Alumni and Donor Relations and the FSU Foundation to improve alumni outreach and increase faculty development funds.

5. Staffing: Address critical staffing needs. (CLAS Goals 1, 4 and 5)
 - ❖ Pursue obtaining a FTNTT replacement position, if not a PIN, following the retirement of one faculty member and the resignation of another. We currently lack coverage of Latin America, one of our critical areas in both the Americas concentration and the International concentration of the History major.

6. Facilities: Maintain and improve classroom, office and meeting room facilities. (CLAS Goal 1, 4 and 5)
 - ❖ Replace antiquated and often damaged desk-chairs with mobile furniture in three remaining History classrooms (Dunkle 101, 215 and 319), now that Dunkle 123 has mobile furniture.
 - ❖ Update audio-visual equipment in History classrooms as needed.
 - ❖ Update computers and printers in History faculty offices as needed.
 - ❖ Continue to upgrade and utilize the Humanities Center as a classroom and meeting space.

History Department Mission Statement:

The mission of the History Department is to provide FSU students with rigorous training in History through the major and to support the University's liberal arts and sciences mission through offerings in the GEP, FSU colloquia, FSU Connections, upper level electives and a minor, as well as through its contributions to the Social Science and International Studies majors and a number of cross-disciplinary minors. Above all, the History Department teaches critical thinking, analytical skills and writing skills to prepare our majors to face the challenges of the twenty-first century.

History Department Vision Statement:

The History Department will be recognized regionally, throughout the state, nationally, and internationally for providing excellent disciplinary academic programs and for being productive in historical research. Besides offering a History major with rigor and global coverage, the department will continue its exceptional contribution to the liberal education of FSU students and to the reputation of FSU as the premier educational and cultural center for the region through its participation in the GEP, Social Science major, International Studies major, Liberal Studies major, African American Studies minor, Women's Studies minor, International Studies minor, Sustainability Studies minor and Journalism minor.