

# HISTORY

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Famed American author and humorist Samuel Clemens (a.k.a. Mark Twain) is often credited with saying, "History does not repeat itself, but it often rhymes." History majors at D&E will be asked to examine the past with a critical eye. Coursework will focus on the reading and evaluation of the most recent historical scholarship, while students themselves will be asked to engage in their own research and analysis of the past using historical primary sources. A degree in history at D&E will prepare you to critically analyze complex information, engage in worthwhile research, and present your work to a wider audience.

## POPULAR COURSES

- Civil War History
- Southern History
- History of U.S. Foreign Policy
- Recent American Political History
- 20th Century European History

## PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENTS

- Teaching
- Law
- Academia/Graduate School
- Public Relations
- Archival Research
- Public History
- Corporate Management

**13:1** Student to Faculty Ratio

**45** Undergraduate Programs

**<700** Students Enrolled



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## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Ester Bolmenaes, Class of 2020: In addition to majoring in history, Ester pursued a minor in political science. She was also a member of the D&E tennis team and found time to participate in a number of theatrical productions on campus. As she finished up her studies at D&E, Ester secured an internship with the humanitarian organization World Vision. She attended the University College London, where she will take part in their International Security program.

**"The history department at D&E has taught me so many essential skills. The depth of the lectures have instilled a longing to look at all matters holistically, which has encouraged stronger critical thinking - a skill that is crucial to a successful college and career journey. Being a small department also gave a lot of opportunity to interact with and get all the help I needed from professors and peers. All in all, this department has put me in a perfect spot for learning to use the resources available and to inspire me and others to be and become more passionate people."**

**- Ester Bolmenaes, Class of 2020**