**Application for Honors Program in History 2025-2026**

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| Applicant Information | | | | | | | |
| Full Name: |  | | | Date: | |  | |
| Email Address: |  | | Phone: | |  | | |
| BU ID: |  | | History GPA: |  | Overall GPA: | |  |
| Major(s): |  | | Faculty Advisor: |  | | | |
| Are you writing an honors thesis for any other departments? | |  | If so, which? |  | | | |

Senior history majors who have completed HI 200 (or transfer equivalent) and possess the requisite grade point level (a minimum of 3.0 in all courses, 3.5 in all history courses) can choose to complete the History Department’s Honors Program by enrolling in HI 401/402, a two-semester seminar that will guide students through the research and writing of an honors thesis. The ultimate goal will be the production of a 45-50 page honors thesis on a subject of the student’s choice, grounded in primary research. The seminar instructor will advise students individually and facilitate a workshop environment for all thesis writers. Students will also closely work with a faculty advisor in History (a related research discipline can be discussed with the instructor), with whom they have taken classes or worked before, and are responsible to approach the advisor and obtain their assent to supervise the thesis. **HI 401/402 will count jointly as a single 400- or 500-level seminar towards completing the History major.**

You may not apply the remaining four credits to your History major; these are considered Honors Program credits earned on top of the courses required for the concentration. In the unlikely event that you do not make acceptable progress on your thesis in HI 401 during the Fall semester, you may be asked (in consultation with your advisor) not to enroll in HI 402 in the Spring. Students who complete only HI 401 with a passing grade may still apply the seminar to the history major seminar requirements. **Students who fulfill the requirements for HI 401 and HI 402 and who receive a grade of B+ or higher on the thesis will graduate with Honors in History.**

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| In order to apply for the Honors Program, please fill out the above applicant information and attach the following:   1. **An essay sample that best portrays your writing abilities in general, and in History in particular.** 2. **A brief description of your proposed project, with preliminary secondary source bibliography and a general research question and hypothesis, also indicating whether you have located a collection of archival or primary sources and listing them. If you have not yet determined the primary source base for your project, do you intend to conduct primary research in the Boston area, or to travel?** 3. **An unofficial copy of your most recent transcript.**   ***Students wishing to write a senior thesis must secure the approval of a faculty advisor and the seminar instructor IN ADVANCE. Instructor for 2025-2026: Sarah Phillips (sphillips@bu.edu).*** |

Students should turn in their applications to the History Department as soon as they would like it to be considered, preferably by June 1st, 2025, but no later than June 30th, 2025. Professor Phillips will contact interested students once the application is received. An in-person or Zoom meeting may be required in addition to the application.