



Explore the events, ideas, and movements that have shaped human societies across time. History at Franklin equips you to analyze change, understand the present, and make informed decisions about the future.



LUGANO, SWITZERLAND



**FRANKLIN
SWITZERLAND**

U.S. UNIVERSITY & SWISS UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE

BACHELOR'S STRUCTURE

THE BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 120 CREDIT HOURS

The History (HIS) major at Franklin emphasizes critical thinking, analysis, and effective communication through reading, writing, and oral presentations. You will study past events to gain insights into contemporary issues, preparing yourself for careers in law, business, diplomacy, government, international organizations, journalism, education, or for advanced graduate study.

CORE REQUIREMENTS

66
CREDITS

Academic Travel
(12 credits)
Academic Writing
(12 credits)
First Year Seminar
(3 credits)
Global Responsibility
(18 credits)
Modern Language
(15 credits)
Quantitative Literacy
(6 credits)

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

48
CREDITS

Introductory History
Courses
(6 credits)
The Writing of History:
Theory and Method
(3 credits)
Historical Studies
(21 credits)
Interdisciplinary Studies
(12 credits)
The Writing of History II:
Capstone Requirement
(6 credits)

ELECTIVES

6
CREDITS

In order to meet the minimum requirements of 120 credits, you will need to add elective courses

GET TO KNOW OUR FACULTY



MARCUS PYKA

Associate Professor
and Program Director,
History



FINTAN HOEY

Associate Dean
for Student Success,
Professor of History



ARIANE MOTTALE

Adjunct Professor
of Modern Languages
(Italian) and History

LEARN MORE

AND DISCOVER
THE COURSE LIST

ACADEMIC TRAVEL

EXPERIENCE THE PLACES YOU STUDY

Academic Travel courses allow students to learn beyond the classroom by exploring real-world environments alongside knowledgeable and passionate professors, turning travel destinations into immersive, living classrooms.

EXPLORE SOME MAJOR-RELATED ACADEMIC TRAVELS

HIS 275T HISTORY OF MODERN IRELAND: UNION AND DIS-UNION, 1798-1998 – IRELAND

Explore Ireland's social, economic, and political transformations over two centuries, focusing on its complex relationship with Britain. Analyze events from the famine to the Celtic Tiger while understanding broader cultural and societal shifts.

HIS 241T MODERN TÜRKİYE: DREAMS OF MODERNITY

Trace Türkiye's evolution from the Ottoman Empire through Atatürk's reforms to the Erdoğan era, examining the nation-building processes that have shaped modern Turkish identity. This course explores the political and social transformations that turned Türkiye into a key actor in the Middle East and North Africa.

HIS 268T HISTORY OF MODERN JAPAN

Explore Japan's rapid transformation from forced opening in the 1850s to industrialization, empire, postwar recovery, and today's economic and environmental challenges. Field research across Japan offers firsthand insight into how these historical shifts continue to shape Japanese society and its global role.



LEARN MORE

ABOUT ACADEMIC TRAVEL
AND EXPLORE OUR COURSES

TUITION AND FEES

The cost of attendance at Franklin University for a first-year undergraduate student or transfer student has two main factors.

DIRECT COSTS*: Tuition, housing, meals and health insurance.

INDIRECT COSTS: Books, materials, travel, and personal expenses.

*Some special conditions apply to students from partner institutions.

Please contact admissions@fus.edu for details.

SWISS/EU/EEA TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE

The Tuition and Fees shown below are in Swiss Francs (CHF) for

Swiss citizens or nationals of an EU/EEA member state.

TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE DIRECT COSTS*	AVERAGE INDIRECT COSTS**	TOTAL
First Semester	CHF 22,650	+ CHF 2,150	= CHF 24,800
Second Semester	CHF 22,150	+ CHF 2,150	= CHF 24,300

US/CANADA TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE

The Tuition and Fees shown below are in US dollars (USD) for

US citizens or permanent residents and to Canadian citizens

TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE DIRECT COSTS*	AVERAGE INDIRECT COSTS**	TOTAL
First Semester	\$35,105	+ \$2,700	= \$37,805
Second Semester	\$34,555	+ \$2,700	= \$37,255

INTERNATIONAL TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE

The Tuition and Fees shown below are in Swiss Francs (CHF) for students who are **not citizens of Switzerland, the US, or an EU country.**

TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE DIRECT COSTS*	AVERAGE INDIRECT COSTS**	TOTAL
First Semester	CHF 36,435	+ CHF 2,650	= CHF 39,085
Second Semester	CHF 35,935	+ CHF 2,650	= CHF 38,585

FOR FURTHER DETAILS

Visit www.fus.edu/admissions-and-aid/tuition

WHY CHOOSE FRANKLIN?



Dual Accreditation
US (MSCHE)
& Swiss (AAQ)



Residential Campus
8 Residence Halls



350+ Students
55+ Countries
8K+ Alumni Community



Academic Travel
Once a Semester for
Experiential Learning



19 Majors
1 Master
(Master of Arts in Sustainability
and Transformation)



WURI Ranking 2025
24th for Innovation
19th for Ethics and Integrity
17th for ESG Trend



10:1
Student to
Faculty Ratio



75% of Franklin graduates
obtain full-time employment
within 6 months after graduation.

3-YEAR OPTION

This major is also offered as a 3-year accelerated bachelor's degree, designed for students with specific high school academic credentials who are admitted to Franklin with advanced standing credit, equivalent to 30 US credits. This option grants students a jump start on their introductory level University courses.

HOW TO APPLY

- 1 Online Application**
Apply online through our [website](#) or [Common App](#).
- 2 Academic Transcripts**
Submit your official high school transcripts.
- 3 Personal Statement**
Share what motivates you, the experiences that have shaped you, and the goals you hope to achieve.
- 4 Recommendation Letter**
Provide one letter from individuals who can speak to your academic strengths and/or extracurricular involvement.
- 5 English Proficiency (if required)**
If your studies were not in English, submit a TOEFL, IELTS, or equivalent scores.
- 6 Interview**
A conversation for us to learn more about your ambitions, interest, and what drives you—so we can help design a path for your success at Franklin.
- 7 WELCOME TO FRANKLIN**

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Write to our counselors at admissions@fus.edu or visit www.fus.edu