***Department of History***

***East Tennessee State University***

***Requirements for History Honors-in-Discipline (HiD) Program***

Upon graduation, by successfully completing the requirements for the 21-credit hour. Honors-in-Discipline (HiD) Program, the student transcript lists all Honors-in-Discipline courses with an Honors designation.

**I. Admission**

**1. Entering Freshmen:** Freshmen entering the Honors-in-Discipline (HiD) Program of the Department of History must have a high school GPA **of 3.2** overall or an **ACT composite score of 25** or greater.\*

**2. Students entering program after their Freshman year at ETSU:** Entrance of students after their Freshman year will be based on their academic performance at ETSU. To be admitted into the History HiD Program students must have an overall **GPA of 3.2** and **a GPA of 3.5 in history courses.\***

**3. Transfer Students:** Entrance of transfer students into the History HiD Program of the Department of History will be based on their academic performance at their previous college, university, or community college. To be admitted students must have an overall GPA **of 3.2.\***

**\*Students seeking admission should submit an application form along with a written statement of purpose (300-500 words) explaining one’s career objective and how it relates to the study of history.**

**II. Standards Students Must Complete or Maintain for Retention**

1. The catalogue requirements of a regular history major, including

1.1 History 1110/1120 World History.

1.2 History 2010/2020 American History.

1.3 History 3410 Introduction to Historical Methods.

1.4 History 4018-088 Honors Thesis (see V below).

2. At least **12 hour load per semester** (not all classes have to be in history).

3. **An overall GPA of 3.25, and a 3.3 GPA in history classes at ETSU**

**III. HiD Designated Courses**

1. Students will complete **15 hours of any 3000- or 4000-level courses** designated as Honors-enriched (HiD) courses.

2. Students must obtain the **permission of the course professor** to allow the student to take the class as a HiD course.

3. The student will complete all regular requirements of the course but, in addition, will be given an enriched HiD experience, the nature of which will be left to the individual faculty member teaching the course.

**IV. Procedure for Admission to HID Program & Obtaining HiD Course Designation**

1. See the History Department HiD Advisor for admission into the program.

2. Request course professor's permission to do a class as a HiD course.

3. Sign a form (obtained from the HiD Advisor) agreeing to the course professor's terms allowing you to take the course as a HiD course, and make two copies of the agreement.

4. The professor retains the original agreement.

5. The student keeps the second copy.

6. Give the third copy to the departmental Undergraduate Advisor (who is different from the HiD Advisor) who will create the **HiD course designation (-088)** and enter it into the Student Information System to legitimize your status.

**V. Honors Thesis (History 4018-088)**

1. The Honors Thesis is done in capstone courses that will be directed by a faculty member in the Department of History.

2. In addition to the thesis director, two additional faculty members will be

appointed to the student's advisory committee (with one of these faculty members from another department).

3. The thesis project should be a **year-long, 6 credit hour** endeavor begun in the

Senior-year Fall semester (3 credits) and completed during the following Spring semester (3 credits).

4. The thesis project may be a research paper. Alternatively the thesis project may, for example, explore another culture through a study abroad program, with the student providing analyses and conclusions about the experience of the culture through art, film, etc. The student's **advisor must approve the format** of the thesis project.

5. The student will make a public presentation of the thesis project and give copies of it to the History Department, the University Honors Program, and (if required) to the Sherrod Library.

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