Portrait of the Major
As a history major, you’ll study the origins of contemporary civilization and its political, economic, social and cultural aspects; awaken to a consciousness of other cultures, ways of thought and standards of value; recreate as fully and as accurately as possible significant periods of history; learn how to find, analyze and interpret historical evidence; and develop a sense of historical perspective. History majors develop an ability to communicate well, both orally and in writing, and the capacity to think clearly and analytically.

Curriculum Highlights
Thiel College’s history major is based on the presumption that knowledge about the past constantly changes the way we think about ourselves in the here and now. Human beings learn from experience; therefore, analyzing the lives and decisions of others, even if they are distant in time and space from our everyday lives, leads to a deeper level of learning. The history curriculum at Thiel encourages students to think critically about the world around them and their place within it, as individuals, as citizens and as participants in the global community. Our courses offer well-informed surveys of major historical events and long-established historical debates, but they also introduce students to the most innovative, new fields of contemporary historical studies.

Special Features
By studying history at Thiel College, you’ll be able to:
• Work closely with experienced and enthusiastic instructors—class sizes in the History Department range from three to 20 students, depending on level and intensity of class. Individualized attention allows you a greater depth of understanding and engagement.
• React to the Past—at Thiel, you will be able to participate in historical simulations (such as the tumultuous debates in the French Parliament during the French Revolution or trench warfare during World War I) that will bring history to life in and out of the classroom.
• Join Phi Alpha Theta—members of Thiel’s chapter of this international history honor society can present their original research at the Phi Alpha Theta regional conference each year. You’ll be able to convey your ideas in a meaningful way to your colleagues, peers and professors.
• Study abroad—you’ll have the opportunity to study abroad in countries such as Italy and Nicaragua with our professors to deepen your understanding of global cultures while earning credit toward your degree.

Career and Graduate School Outlook
Studying history prepares you for a wealth of careers and post-graduate study including museum curation, information management, ministry, education and many more. Recent Thiel graduates with degrees in history have gone into business, graduate school, law school, work at the Holocaust Museum and public school teaching.

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“M y undergraduate experience at Thiel has been important to me because of the opportunities and the education that I have been able to achieve so far. Thiel has offered me the chance to become involved in many different organizations on campus that have helped to set me up for a successful future. The education that Thiel has provided me with goes well beyond my expectations and has allowed me to understand my major much more clearly. History is much different as a major than what you learn about it in high school. High school simply teaches you the requirements, but a major in history teaches you the actual truths about our past and why things are the way they are today. History gives students the chance to become expert researchers and also gives students a wide range of knowledge about American history, European history and world history. With this degree many students choose to go on to grad school, or choose to take their knowledge and either teach or become researchers.”

“A s a history major, I learned about the past and began to understand the nature of the discipline. Through their skillful instruction, the faculty at Thiel College effectively prepared me for a future as a history graduate student. Dr. Koshan, as well as Dr. Bloomfield and Dr. Buck, challenged me in the classroom and provided opportunities to participate in the profession by organizing conferences and presenting papers. I am therefore deeply indebted to them—and to Thiel College—for guiding me and stimulating my intellectual development.”

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