

MAJOR FIELD ASSESSMENT PLAN
B. A. HISTORY

The mission of Southeastern Louisiana University is to meet the education and cultural needs, primarily of Southeast Louisiana, to disseminate knowledge and to facilitate life-long learning through quality instruction, research and service in a safe, student-centered environment.

The purpose of the B.A. in History is to provide students with a general humanistic knowledge in the field of government, ability to analyze and interpret problems and achievements of past and present societies, and prepare them to pursue professions in the field of law, journalism, government service, and teaching.

Goal 1

History majors should have a knowledge primarily of the history of the United States and Europe, as well as other parts of the world--the Middle and Far East, Africa, and Latin America.

A. Expected Outcome

Students completing the baccalaureate program in History will compare favorably in their knowledge of History with those students graduating from a national sample of history programs in institutions comparable to SLU.

Assessment

SLU graduating history majors will have an average total score on the ETS Major Field Achievement Test in History which meets or exceeds the 50th percentile rank on a national sample of schools comparable to SLU. The MFAT will be administered to all graduating seniors in the Fall and Spring Semester.

B. Expected Outcome

Students graduating with a BA in History will indicate satisfaction with the instructions they received.

Assessment

- a. On the SLU Exit survey, at least 80% of Graduating History majors will indicate they were satisfied with the instruction they received in both beginning course and advanced courses.

- b. On the Alumni survey, at least 80% of History majors will indicate they were satisfied with the instruction they received in their major. Also, at least 80% of those students who graduate school in History will indicate that their instruction at SLU prepared them for graduate school.

Goal 2

History majors will look upon their undergraduate education as a rewarding experience which has enabled them to advance their personal and professional goals and to assume the responsibilities of citizenship in a competent and enlightened manner.

Expected Outcome

Student graduating with a BA in History will be prepared for graduate study.

Assessment

- a. On the Alumni survey, at least 80% of those students who went on to graduate school in History will indicate that their instruction at SLU prepared them for graduate school.
- b. On the Alumni survey, at least 50% of those students who desired to go on to graduate school will have been accepted into a graduate program.
- c. On the Alumni survey, at least 80% of students who are employed in a field related to their major will indicate that SLU provided the knowledge and skills they need.

Goal 3

To provide students the necessary skills to engage in scholarly research in the area of history.

A. Expected Outcome

History majors will be able to use the library and other sources to conduct research.

Assessment

B. Expected Outcome

History majors will be able to write research papers, properly documented, using the language of the field, and free of academic jargon.

Assessment

C. Expected Outcome

History majors will be able to analyze and read critically material in their fields and should be able to discuss the readings orally and in writing.

Assessment