
Subject: American History Graduation Requirement

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1. Purpose

The Virginia House and Senate Joint Resolution 346 indicated that all state universities should “review their curriculum to incorporate American History as a requirement for a bachelor’s degree.”

2. Policy

All students who entered Summer or Fall 2001 and thereafter must meet an American History proficiency requirement as part of their degree requirements.

3. Procedures

Students may meet this requirement prior to enrollment at Virginia Tech by 1)SAT II American History and Social Studies Subject Test (550 or higher) or 2)AP US History Exam (Score of 3 or higher) or 3)IB Higher Level Exam: History – Americans (Score of 4 or higher) or 4)Dually enroll at a Virginia Community College in US History (HIS 121 or 122) or 5)dually enroll at an accredited four year college or university in a survey of US history course. A grade of C or higher will meet the graduation requirement. Students who fail to meet this requirement at entrance may do so after enrollment by successfully completing three (3) credit hours of any of the courses approved to meet this requirement. Approved courses are displayed on the Virginia Tech University Registrar website as well as published in the University Catalog. Currently enrolled students also may meet the requirement by successfully completing items 1, 4, or 5 above.

4. Definitions

5. References

Presidential Policy Memorandum No. 192, “American History”.

6. Approval and Revisions

Approved by the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies: March 22, 1999.

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