

Program Learning Outcomes History

1. **Factual Knowledge.** Students will demonstrate a basic grasp of important people, places, and events in the past. They will be able to identify the who, what, when, where, why, and historical significance of key actors and moments in history.
2. **Writing Proficiency.** Students will demonstrate an ability to use primary documents to write an essay interpreting the past. They will show that they can develop a clear thesis that is supported by evidence, and construct an essay that is analytical rather than merely descriptive.
3. **Culture.** Students will demonstrate knowledge of cultural concepts within a historical context, ability to compare different cultures, and awareness of cultural issues.
4. **Historical Method.** Students will demonstrate an understanding of change over time. They will show that they grasp the basics how historians work, how to frame historical questions, the difference between primary and secondary sources, and the various ways of constructing interpretations of the past.