## History and Respective Benchmark

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|                    | • High school graduate or GED  
|                    | • Admission to UMES  
|                    | • Selection of History as a major |

### Qualifying Level: First Semester
- **Freshman Year**
  - Complete minimum of 15 credits in General Education
  - Earn 2.5 grade point average

### Level 1: Second Semester
- **Freshman Year through First Semester Sophomore Year**
  - Complete HIST 101 with grade of “C” or better
  - 30 hours (total 41 credit minimum) of general education courses with an overall gpa of 2.5 (i.e., ENGL 101, ENGL 102, ENGL 203, ENGL/001, MATH 102 or higher, Science and Lab, PSYC 200)

### Level 2: Second Semester
- **Sophomore Year through First Semester Junior Year**
  - Complete physical science course (i.e. ENVS 101)
  - Complete 6 hours in a foreign language
  - Complete 12 hours in Non-History Courses (i.e. ECON 201 or 202, ARTS 212, ENGL 346, ENGL 218)
  - Complete 6 hours in ARTS, MUSC, THAR or ENGL-Literature (300 – 400 level)
  - Complete 9 credits in HIST courses with a grade of “C” or better (100 – 200 level)
  - Maintain 2.7 gpa in HIST courses

### Level 3: Second Semester
- **Junior Year through End of Senior Year**
  - Complete 6 hours in a foreign language
  - Complete 5 hours in HIST courses with a grade of “C” or better (100 – 200 level)
  - Complete18 hours of HIST courses (300 – 400 level)
  - Complete HIST 497 with grade of “C” or better
  - Complete 13 hours of Free Electives
  - Maintain an overall gpa of 2.5 and 2.7 in major courses with no grade lower than “C”
  - Apply for graduation
  - Complete successful Graduation Audit

### Total Credits to complete History: 120