Extracurricular Activities

CLIO: the History Club sponsors trips, fundraisers, lectures, and other student events. Recent trips included historic locations in Saratoga, Cooperstown, Toronto, and Philadelphia.

The purposes of this club are:
- Present programs of a historical focus and interest for the college community.
- Facilitate communications between the History Department and History Majors, History Minors and Social Education Majors by creating a forum for discussion and social meeting.
- Promote meetings which help history students plan for careers and graduate education.

What We Do: We go on trips to different cities and museums in the North East, we fundraise for the History Department Scholarship, we organize speakers, we watch historical movies, and we hold historical trivia in our meetings. It’s a fun time and anyone who has a passion for history should check us out!

https://www.facebook.com/groups/13661240283/

AHIS 396 Research Assistant: New York History: A Quarterly Journal (3 s.h.)
This course offers students a hands-on experiential learning, opportunity. Working under the supervision of the Editors of New York History: A Quarterly Journal (a peer-reviewed, scholarly history journal), students actively engage in the process of historical writing, editing, and publishing. In addition, the course provides students the opportunity to integrate and apply knowledge, obtained in the classroom, by working with the State University of New York at Oneonta's community partner, The New York State Historical Association. Experiential learning activities include the following: copy editing, proof reading, fact checking, scholarly research, bibliographic research, and the critical reading and discussion of scholarly essays. May be repeated for a total of 6 s.h. Approval of the advisor and department is required.

Prerequisites: 6 s.h. in AHIS, EHIS, HIST, or WHIS

HIST 396 Research Assistant for History (1-3 s.h.)
Working under the supervision of a faculty member, students actively participate in the process of historical research and writing. Activities may include the following: the collection, organization, and analysis of historical data; the collection and organization of bibliographic material; the organization of research material; and the critical reading and discussion of manuscripts. May be repeated for a total of 6 s.h. If P/F grade mode is selected credits cannot count toward the major.

Prerequisites: HIST major and 9 s.h. upper division history coursework.

Student Research Funding
History students are encouraged to apply to the Student Grant Program for Research and Creative Activity (funded by the State University College at Oneonta Foundation, Inc. and the SUNY Oneonta Alumni Association Administered by the College Senate Committee on Research and the Grants Development Office)

This program aims to encourage and support student research and creative activity at SUNY Oneonta. The College Senate Committee on Research awards grants for independent research and creative activity projects conducted by students with faculty sponsorship in any discipline or interdisciplinary area. The proposed projects should represent truly collaborative student-faculty efforts. Students are responsible for writing the proposal, carrying out the project, and presenting the project at Student Research Day.

Faculty sponsors are expected to be continuously involved through planning the project, assisting with its progress and assuring its completion within the specified time frame. Students are encouraged to work closely with their faculty sponsor.

More Information, application forms, and deadline. http://www.oneonta.edu/academics/frc/applications/applications.asp. Also contact Dr. Thomas Beal, Thomas.Beal@oneonta.edu or Dr. Mette Harder, Mette.Harder@oneonta.edu for more information.

Internship in History—HIST 397 (3-15 s.h.)
The History Department also provides an exceptionally strong internship program, offering students crucial work experiences in museums, archives, and historical sites across the state and further afield. An internship in History provides students with hands-on experience in the direct application of historical techniques including, but not limited to, the accession, classification and description of documents, research of subjects, and exhibition of artifacts. Students will be placed in field agencies on the basis of their interests and approval of personnel. Open to Jr. and Sr. History majors who have completed 12 s.h. in upper-level history courses and have passed the CWE. Approval of the advisor and department is also required

Please contact the departmental internship coordinator, Dr. Thomas Beal, Thomas.Beal@oneonta.edu to learn more.

Study Abroad: Department members, in addition, offer occasional on-site and study-abroad courses for which our students travel to Lithuania, Ghana, the New York canals, Civil War battlefields, New York City, Boston and other locations.

If you are interested in studying abroad, please contact the History Department Study Abroad advisor Dr. Mette Harder, Mette.Harder@oneonta.edu. You should also visit the SUNY Oneonta Office of International Education.

http://www.oneonta.edu/academics/inted/

Honor Society

Phi Alpha Theta (ΦΑΘ): the Department hosts a chapter of the national history honor society.

Phi Alpha Theta is an American honor society for undergraduate and graduate students and professors of history. Undergraduate students must complete a minimum of 12 semester hours (4 3-sh courses) in History, achieve a minimum GPA of 3.1 in History courses, and a GPA of 3.0 or better overall. Students enrolled in an online program are not eligible. Membership is not limited to History majors.

http://phialphatheta.org
Awards

Outstanding Senior in History Academic Achievement Award: Senior standing, minimum GPA of 3.5 in the major, exceptional academic improvement over four semesters, excellence in research, leadership & involvement in department, campus, & community activities, and participation in academic and/or professional situations outside the College.

Ethel Ray & Ada Crippen Award: Graduating senior with excellence in American History.

Redfield History Student: Graduating senior with excellence in History.

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Award: (United States History College Award, New York State Organization, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution). Resident of New York State, graduating senior at NYS College or University, essay of why US History is chosen as a field of study and future plans, letter of recommendation from faculty, GPA of B+ or higher.

Sam Caplen Service Award: This award is presented to a History major to recognize the outstanding service they have provided in the department of History.

Michael Wright Memorial Book Award: Award is presented to a graduating History major with demonstrated high achievement in coursework and participation in history-related activities outside the classroom. A book will be purchased in the student’s name to be donated to the Milne Library.

Essay Competition

The Maynard Redfield History Essay Competition: Students enter their best history essay in an annual competition. The Committee will accept and evaluate papers of any length—submitted in a history course offered at SUNY Oneonta. Students may present one essay for consideration in each category: 1. Short Essay (essays shorter than twelve pages); 2. Long Essay (essays longer than twelve pages); 3. Freshman/Introductory Course Essay (essays submitted either by a freshman or upper classman in an Introductory Course).

Essays become property of the Department of History and each will be properly disposed of at the end of the competition; therefore, students are required to submit photocopies of their paper.

Scholarships

Jacqueline Nicholson and History Department Scholarship: This award is given to an incoming first-year or transfer student majoring in History. This award is renewable.

To make a donation to one of the History Department Scholarship funds, please go to link below.
https://securelb.imodules.com/s/885/NoPageName.asp x?sid=885&gid=1&pgrid=359&cid=865&
Please check on “Other” and type in name of scholarship in box;
1. Jacqueline Nicholson and History Department Scholarship
2. Ralph Watkins Scholarship fund