Outcomes/Goals for all students completing their History Core Courses:

1. Students participating in the Gonzaga Core Curriculum will demonstrate a general understanding of western and world historical traditions, as well as basic skills in historical analysis.

2. Students will demonstrate knowledge of Catholic and Christian civilization; of Western tradition and its cultural legacy; of the philosophical, religious, and cultural differences that have defined the distinctions between various civilizations in history; of the diverse political, social, and economic practices that have influenced the development of various historical ethnic groups into the nations of the modern world.

Additional Outcomes/Goals for History majors and minors:

3. Students will demonstrate the ability to apply historical lessons to contemporary challenges and opportunities through the use of a variety of historical methods of inquiry and analysis.

4. Students will demonstrate the ability to write clearly, cogently, and effectively on historical issues; to discuss and explain complex historical concepts precisely and persuasively; to understand the difference between primary and secondary historical sources.

5. Students will exhibit independent and creative thought through the evaluation of historical evidence, including primary and secondary sources.

6. Students will demonstrate a variety of practical research and communication skills with a view toward preparing for post-graduate work in history, law, teaching, archival research, library sciences and other professional careers.

7. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the various subfields in the historical discipline, as well as the various methodologies that inform contemporary historical research and writing.