

HISTORY BA

More Information

Advising Requirement

Advising is mandatory for this program. Consult your department advisor or program coordinator for information.

E-advising Tools

Students are encouraged to use the interactive e-advising tools that have been designed to help them graduate within four years. These tools can be accessed through the Student Center.

The student of history is a traveler in many lands. Like all travel, the study of the past broadens and enriches the human mind and provides us new perspectives on our lives today. The Bachelor of Arts in History offers two options for approaching this vital study. The social science pre-credential option is designed for students whose love of history leads them to teach history and social studies in secondary schools, while the general option attracts history enthusiasts considering a variety of careers (in business, law, museums, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and more).

Grading Requirement

All courses taken to fulfill program course requirements must be taken for a letter grade except those courses specified by the department as credit/no credit grading only.

Course Requirements for the Major: 46-61 units

Completion of the following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, is required of all candidates for this degree. Courses in this program may complete more than one graduation requirement.

Some courses appear under more than one heading, but each course may be used to fulfill requirements in only one area.

Course	Title	Units
Major Core		
HIST 101	World History to 1400	3
HIST 102	World History since 1400	3
HIST 300W	Historians and Historical Methodology (W)	3
HIST 345	Race, Power, and Privilege in American History	3
HIST 490W	Seminar: Historical Research (W)	3
Core Electives		
No more than 3 units may be taken at the 200 level.		
<i>Premodern:</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
HIST 301	Greek History	
HIST 303	Roman Empire	
HIST 304	The Age of Caesar and Augustus	
HIST/MEST 362	Middle Eastern Empires	
or HIST/MEST 362W	Middle Eastern Empires (W)	
HIST 373	Premodern East Asia	
<i>Europe:</i>		
Select one of the following:		3

HIST 309	Romans of the East: The Byzantine Empire
HIST 312	Medieval Europe
HIST 314	Modern Europe
HIST 322	Russian and Soviet History
HIST/WMST 326	Gender and Sexuality in Modern European History
HIST 328	Modern Germany: From Unification to Reunification
HIST 365	The Scientific Revolution
HIST 411	Renaissance and Reformations
HIST 414	Enlightenment and Revolutions
HIST 419	Gender, Sex, and Power in the Soviet and Post-Soviet World
HIST 429	Extreme Politics: Communism, Fascism, and Nazism in 20th Century Europe

Global:

Select two of the following:		6
HIST 205W	Global Environmental History (W)	
HIST/MEST 261/RELS 202	Islam and the World	
HIST 305	Catastrophe, Memory, and Society	
HIST 306	Food in World History	
HIST 317	Introduction to Digital History	
HIST 361/MEST 302/RELS 302	Muhammad and the Qur'an	
HIST/MEST 363	The Modern Middle East	
HIST 374	Modern East Asia	
HIST 380	Colonial Latin America	
HIST 381	Modern Latin America	
HIST/LAST 382	Modern Mexico	
or HIST/LAST 382W	Modern Mexico (W)	
HIST 463	Islamic Civilization	
HIST 473	Asia and the City	
HIST/ASST 474	Modern Korea	
HIST 475	Modern China	
HIST 480	Social Revolution in Latin America	
HIST 482	Native Latin Americans	
HIST 493	History, Memory, and Nationalism	

Early United States:

Select one of the following:		3
HIST/AIST 230	American Indian Histories Past and Present	
HIST 352	Early American History	
HIST 353	Nineteenth-Century US History	
HIST 430	Popular Memory and Commemoration in Early America	
HIST 431	The American Revolution	
HIST 432	The Early American Republic	
HIST 433	The Civil War and Reconstruction	
HIST 442	The Westward Movement	

HIST/WMST 443	Gender and Sexuality in Early America	
HIST 446	History of the American South	
HIST 496	Material Culture	
Modern United States:		
Select one of the following:		3
HIST/AFAM 231	African American History	
HIST/CHLX 235	Mexican American History	
HIST 316	Museums, Monuments, and Memorials: A Reckoning	
HIST 331	Music and the Politics of Race in US History	
HIST/WMST 335	Gender and Sexuality in American History	
HIST 351	Volatile Decade: America in the 1960s	
HIST 354	Twentieth-Century US History	
HIST 355	Topics in Contemporary US History	
HIST 435	Twentieth-Century War in American Society	
Major Option		
Select one of the following options:		13-28
General History (p. 2)		
Social Science Pre-Credential (p. 2)		
Total Units		46-61

Major Option Course Requirements

Students must select one of the following options for completion of the major course requirements.

The General History Option: 13 units

Course	Title	Units
Course Requirements		
HIST 310	Careers for Historians	1
Public History ¹		
Select one of the following:		3
HIST 316	Museums, Monuments, and Memorials: A Reckoning	
HIST 317	Introduction to Digital History	
HIST 430	Popular Memory and Commemoration in Early America	
HIST 489	Internship in Public History	
HIST 492	Archival Research Seminar	
HIST 493	History, Memory, and Nationalism	
HIST 494	Introduction to Public History	
HIST 496	Material Culture	
Upper Division Electives ¹		
Select three of the following:		9
HIST 411	Renaissance and Reformations	
HIST 414	Enlightenment and Revolutions	
HIST 419	Gender, Sex, and Power in the Soviet and Post-Soviet World	
HIST 429	Extreme Politics: Communism, Fascism, and Nazism in 20th Century Europe	

HIST 430	Popular Memory and Commemoration in Early America	
HIST 431	The American Revolution	
HIST 432	The Early American Republic	
HIST 433	The Civil War and Reconstruction	
HIST 435	Twentieth-Century War in American Society	
HIST 442	The Westward Movement	
HIST/WMST 443	Gender and Sexuality in Early America	
HIST 445	History of California	
HIST 446	History of the American South	
HIST 463	Islamic Civilization	
HIST 473	Asia and the City	
HIST/ASST 474	Modern Korea	
HIST 475	Modern China	
HIST 480	Social Revolution in Latin America	
HIST 482	Native Latin Americans	
HIST 489	Internship in Public History	
HIST 492	Archival Research Seminar	
HIST 494	Introduction to Public History	
HIST 496	Material Culture	
HIST 498	Special Topics	
Total Units		13

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The Social Science Pre-Credential Option: 28 units

Course	Title	Units
Course Requirements		
History		
HIST 313	Early Modern History	3
HIST 445	History of California	3
HIST 495	Portfolio Evaluation	1
Economics		
ECON 102	Principles of Macroeconomic Analysis	3
ECON 103	Principles of Microeconomic Analysis	3
Education		
EDTE 255	Introduction to Democratic Perspectives in K-12 Teaching	3
Geography		
GEOG 352	The United States	3
Select one of the following:		3
GEOG 301W	Global Economic Geography (W)	
GEOG 303	Geography and World Affairs	
SOSC 301	Spatial Concepts: Geographical Patterns and Processes	
Political Science		
Select one of the following:		3
POLS 402	State and Local Government	
POLS 404	Interest Groups and Lobbying	
Select one of the following:		3

LEGL 451A	Constitutional Law: Powers and Restraints
LEGL/MCGS 451B	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
POLS 432	American Political Thought
Total Units	28

History and Art History Double Major

Students may elect a History and Art History double major. Up to nine units of appropriate upper-division Art History (ARTH) courses may be applied to the History major. Prior approval by a department advisor and the chair is required.

History and Economics Double Major

Students may elect a History and Economics double major. Up to six units of appropriate upper-division Economics (ECON) courses may be applied to the History major. Prior approval by a department advisor and the chair is required.

History and Geography Double Major

Students may elect a History and Geography double major. Up to nine units of appropriate upper-division Geography (GEOG) courses may be applied to the History major. Prior approval by a department advisor and the chair is required.

Electives Requirement

To complete the total units required for the bachelor's degree, select additional elective courses from the total University offerings. You should consult with an advisor regarding the selection of courses which will provide breadth to your University experience and possibly apply to a supportive second major or minor.

Honors in the Major

Honors in the Major is a program of independent work in your major. It requires six units of honors coursework completed over two semesters.

The Honors in the Major program allows you to work closely with a faculty mentor in your area of interest on an original performance or research project. This year-long collaboration allows you to work in your field at a professional level and culminates in a public presentation of your work. Students sometimes take their projects beyond the University for submission in professional journals, presentation at conferences, or academic competition. Such experience is valuable for graduate school and professional life. Your honors work will be recognized at your graduation, on your permanent transcripts, and on your diploma. It is often accompanied by letters of commendation from your mentor in the department or the department chair.

Some common features of Honors in the Major program are:

- You must take six units of Honors in the Major coursework. All six units are honors courses (marked by a suffix of H), and at least three of these units are independent study (399H, 499H, 599H) as specified by your department. You must complete each course with a minimum grade of B.
- You must have completed 9 units of upper-division coursework or 21 overall units in your major before you can be admitted to Honors in the Major. Check the requirements for your major carefully, as there may be specific courses that must be included in these units.

- Your cumulative GPA should be at least 3.5 or within the top 5% of majors in your department.
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- Most students apply for or are invited to participate in Honors in the Major during the second semester of their junior year. Then they complete the six units of coursework over the two semesters of their senior year.
- Your honors work culminates with a public presentation of your honors project.

Honors in the Major is not part of the Honors Program. Each department administers its own program. Please contact your major department or major advisor to apply.

See Bachelor's Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/bachelors-degree-requirements/>) for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 39 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

General Education Requirements: 48 units

See General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/>) and the Class Schedule (<http://www.csuchico.edu/schedule/>) for the most current information on General Education Requirements and course offerings.

Diversity Course Requirements: 6 units

You must complete a minimum of two courses that focus primarily on cultural diversity. At least one course must be in US Diversity (USD) and at least one in Global Cultures (GC). See Diversity Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/diversity-requirements/>) for a full list of courses. Most courses taken to satisfy these requirements may also apply to General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/>).

Upper-Division Writing Requirement

Writing Across the Curriculum (EM 17-009 (<http://www.csuchico.edu/prs/EMs/2017/17-009.shtml/>)) is a graduation requirement and may be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of four Writing (W) courses, two of which are designated by the major department. See Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning and Writing Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/mathematicsquantitative-reasoning-writing-requirements/>) for more details on the four courses. The first of the major designated Writing (W) courses is listed below.

- HIST 300W Historians and Historical Methodology (W)

The second major-designated Writing course is the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GW) (EO 665 (<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/9585618/latest/>)). Students must earn a C- or higher to receive GW credit. The GE Written Communication (A2) (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/#A2>) requirement must be completed before a student is permitted to register for a GW course.