

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: 43-64 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.

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 490W	Seminar: Historical Research (W)	3
Core Electives		
No more than 3 units may be taken at the 200 level. 400-level courses taken to fulfill a core elective requirement may not also fulfill the General Option Elective requirement.		
<i>Ancient and Classical History:</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
HIST 301	Greek History	
HIST 302	The Roman Republic	
HIST 303	Roman Empire	
HIST/MEST 362	Middle Eastern Empires	
HIST/MEST 362W	Middle Eastern Empires (W)	
HIST 373	Premodern East Asia	
HIST 409W	The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire: Christians, Romans, and Barbarians (W)	

Medieval and Early Modern Europe:

Select one of the following:		3
HIST 309	Romans of the East: The Byzantine Empire	
HIST 312	Medieval Europe	
HIST 313	Early Modern History	
HIST 411	Renaissance Civilization: 1300-1550	
HIST 412	The Reformation and Early Modern Europe: 1400-1660	
HIST 423	Tudor-Stuart Britain: 1485-1715	
<i>Modern Europe:</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
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 419	Gender, Sex, and Power in the Soviet and Post-Soviet World	
HIST 422	Balkan History	
HIST 429	Extreme Politics: Communism, Fascism, and Nazism in 20th Century Europe	
<i>Global History:</i>		
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 323	The British Empire	
HIST 361/MEST 302/RELS 302	Muhammad and the Qur'an	
HIST/MEST 363	The Modern Middle East	
HIST 371	African History	
HIST 374	Modern East Asia	
HIST/ASST 377	Gender in East Asian History	
HIST 380	Colonial Latin America	
HIST 381	Modern Latin America	
HIST/LAST 382	Modern Mexico	
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	Indigenous Latin Americans & Indigenismo	
<i>Early United States History:</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
HIST/AIST 230	The American Indian	

HIST 352	Early America to 1787
HIST 353	US History from 1787 to 1877
HIST 430	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 450	U.S. Foreign Relations to 1914
HIST 496	Material Culture

Modern United States History:

Select one of the following: 3

HIST/AFAM 231	African American History
HIST 330	Race, Gender, and Empire
HIST/WMST 335	Gender and Sexuality in American History
HIST 350	America's Vietnam Experience
HIST 351	Volatile Decade: America in the 1960s
HIST 354	US History from 1877 to 1945
HIST 355	US History from 1945 to the Present
HIST 435	The US in the Age of the World Wars
HIST 451	U.S. Foreign Relations Since 1914

Major Option

Select one of the following options: 10-31

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Social Science Pre-Credential (p. 2)

Total Units 43-64

Major Option Course Requirements

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

The General History Option: 10 units

Course	Title	Units
HIST 310	Careers for Historians	1
Select three of the following:		9
HIST 409W	The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire: Christians, Romans, and Barbarians (W)	
HIST 411	Renaissance Civilization: 1300-1550	
HIST 412	The Reformation and Early Modern Europe: 1400-1660	
HIST 419	Gender, Sex, and Power in the Soviet and Post-Soviet World	
HIST 422	Balkan History	
HIST 423	Tudor-Stuart Britain: 1485-1715	
HIST 429	Extreme Politics: Communism, Fascism, and Nazism in 20th Century Europe	
HIST 430	Early America	
HIST 431	The American Revolution	
HIST 432	The Early American Republic	
HIST 433	The Civil War and Reconstruction	

HIST 435	The US in the Age of the World Wars
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 450	U.S. Foreign Relations to 1914
HIST 451	U.S. Foreign Relations Since 1914
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	Indigenous Latin Americans & Indigenismo
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 10

The Social Science Pre-Credential Option: 31 units

Course	Title	Units
History		
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	
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
POLS 432	American Political Thought	
POLS 451A	Constitutional Law: Powers and Restraints	
POLS/MCGS 451B	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	
Religious Studies		
RELS 358	Religion in American Public Schools	3
Social Sciences		

SOSC 301 Spatial Concepts: Geographical Patterns and Processes 3

Total Units 31

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 6 units of honors course work 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 6 units of Honors in the Major course work. All 6 units are honors classes (marked by a suffix of H), and at least 3 of these units are independent study (399H, 499H, 599H) as specified by your department. You must complete each class with a minimum grade of B.
- You must have completed 9 units of upper-division course work 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 6 units of course work over the two semesters of their senior year.
- Your honors work culminates with a public presentation of your honors project.

While Honors in the Major is part of the Honors Program, each department administers its own program. Please contact your major department or major advisor to apply.

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.

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 U.S. 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.