Department of History
School of Arts and Humanities

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Program Description
History has been called the memory of human group experience, the collective repository of all that has happened in the past, and the emotions, ideals, and values that have given human experience its sense of continuity, causation, and meaning. As an academic discipline it is perhaps the broadest of the liberal arts, certainly the least restricted by subject and scope. It requires the development of analytical skills, the use of deductive and inductive reasoning, the mastery of knowledge from different cultures and epochs, and the ability to express ideas in clear, readable prose. The study of history has practical rewards as well. It provides students with a broad cultural background and inculcates skills of analysis and composition that are considered essential to the study of education, literature, law, government, communications, journalism, public service, and business. The department’s Program Goals and Student Learning Objectives can be found at its website.

Program Curriculum
The undergraduate curriculum in History consists of three interlocking but distinct parts. Lower division courses (HIST 100-299) are developmental courses designed for potential history majors, for students who wish to satisfy specific goals in CSUB’s General Education Program, for students seeking courses to fulfill American History and Institutions requirements, and for those who simply want to explore an historical period, topic, or theme. History courses numbered 300-399 are courses designed for students with at least junior standing but are open to sophomores as well. Courses numbered 400-499 are courses for juniors and seniors, which may, with departmental approval, also be taken by graduate students for graduate credit. HIST 499 (Individual Study) may be taken only with the consent of the department chair. HIST 490 and 492 (Senior Seminar courses) may be taken only by graduating seniors in the major.

American History and Institutions Requirements
Satisfaction of the American Institutions requirements shall be met by no less than one course in United States History and one other course in United States Government, or respective examinations administered by the History and Political Science Departments. For information about the United States History competency examination, see below. For courses that satisfy the United States history portion of the American Institutions Requirement, see page 52.

Examination Procedure Statement
While the Department of History strongly advises all students to meet the history portion of the American Institutions Requirement through classroom experience, an alternative method is available to those who want to fulfill the requirement by challenge examination. A student who intends to challenge the requirement by examination must apply to the Department of History during the first three weeks of the quarter. A student who waits until the senior year to challenge the history requirement may jeopardize graduating on schedule.

Advanced Placement (AP) Program
The History department accepts scores of 3 or better on Advanced Placement examinations in United States History, European History, and World History as satisfying the most nearly equivalent lower division courses in the major. History majors, however, must take an additional upper-division course in the area in which they receive AP credit.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Major in History
Total Units Required to Graduate 180 units
Major Requirements 71 units
Lower Division 25
Upper Division 46
Minor Requirement 20 units
Other University Requirement 67-72 units
CSUB 101 2
American Institutions 0*
Area A 15
Area B 15
Area C 10
Area D 15
Theme 1 5
Theme 2 0-5*
Theme 3 5
GRE 0*
GWAR (Exam) or Class 0*
*satisfied in major
Additional Unit 17-22 units
See http://www.csub.edu/schedules.shtml for a current list of courses satisfying university-wide requirements.

Requirements for the Major in History (71 units)
Lower Division
1. United States History survey – two courses, HIST 231, 232, or equivalents
2. Western and World Civilizations – one course from each of the following three groups. You must choose at least one course in western civilization and at least one in world history or a non-western civilization (Asia, Latin America, Africa). The third course may be either a western civilization course or a course in world history or a non-
western civilization provided that you choose one from each of the three chronological periods:  HIST 202 or 210; 204 or 211; 206 or 212, 222, 240 or 250

Upper Division
1. HIST 300
2. Two courses in United States history
3. One history course that satisfies the GRE requirement
4. Two courses in Ancient Mediterranean or European history
5. Two courses, one each in two of the following four regions: Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Latin America
6. HIST 490 or 492

The satisfactory completion of one of the three options listed below:
1. A special minor consisting of at least 20 quarter units, 15 of which must be upper division, approved by the student’s advisor, taken outside the major discipline.
2. A minor consisting of at least 20 quarter units within a major program designed by another discipline.
3. An interdisciplinary concentration or minor in one of the specially developed areas (see “Interdisciplinary Concentration and Minors,” page 95).

Requirements for the Minor in History
The minimum requirements for a History minor are four courses totaling 20 quarter units; three of these courses must be upper division. A student minoring in History shall choose one of the following options:

General History Minor
The student shall choose one upper-division History course from each of the following categories:

a. United States
b. Ancient Mediterranean or Europe
c. Africa, Asia, Latin America, or the Middle East

In addition, the student shall complete sufficient coursework in History to total 20 quarter units.

History Minor Complementing the Student’s Major
In consultation with his/her major department, a student shall select a minimum of four courses totaling 20 quarter units that complement the major. At least three of these courses must be upper division. The minor must be approved by the chair or designated representative of the major department no later than the beginning of the student’s senior year.

Social Science Teacher Preparation Program Within the BA in History
The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) has authorized CSUB to offer an approved single subject teacher preparation program in Social Science. The program certified in 1992 expired July 1, 2009. Students who began course work prior to 2009, but who did not complete all program requirements, must complete the requirements of the new CCTC approved program or pass all parts of the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET) in Social Science.

The new program follows. For information about the program, contact the Social Science Program Coordinator, Alicia Rodriguez, 661-654-2166.

Requirements for the Major in History and Social Science Preparation Program
I. Core Requirements (10 courses; 50 quarter units)
   HIST 231 and 232
Three courses from the following, one of which must be in world history:
   HIST 202 or 210, 204 or 211, 206 or 212, 374, ECON 201 and 202
One of the following:
   GEOG 302, GEOG/ECON 395, HIST 330, PLSI 332, INST 390

II. Breadth and Depth requirements (7 courses; 35 units)
Choose ONE COURSE from EACH of the following groups:

A. U.S. History
   HIST 351, 352, 356, 357, 358, 359

B. World History and Perspectives (One from each group):
   1. Africa/Asia
      HIST 327, 413, 423, 424, 425, 426, 481
   2. Europe/Latin America
   3. International Relations/Global Perspectives
      ECON 311, 341, PLSI 304, BEHS 307, PLSI 308, 309, 323, 324, 371

C. U.S. Constitution/Government
   PLSI 314, 315, 316, 317, 335

D. International Economics
   ECON 410, 440, PLSI 404

E. Comparative religious/ethical systems
   RS 110, 111, 316, 320, 323

Gender, Race, Ethnicity Requirement
In addition, Social Science students must satisfy the University’s GRE requirement through one of the following courses taken from a discipline other than that of their declared major: ANTH 438, ECON 380, HIST 421, 462, 465, 466, 467, 468, PLSI 339, PSYC 421, RS 326, SOC 327, 335, 336, 337, 338, 370.

Students should consult the catalog for additional requirements for a BA in History. Taken alone, the Social Science Preparation Program is neither a degree program nor a major. Also, please note that only those courses earning a C- or higher may be counted toward the Social Science Preparation Program and an overall minimum GPA of 2.7 is required for certification of subject matter competency.