Program Description

History has been called the memory of human group experience, the collective record 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.

Program Curriculum

The undergraduate curriculum in History is designed to prepare students to function effectively in an increasingly globalized world. It emphasizes the examination of historical events and developments through broad historical themes and cross-disciplinary histories. The program consists of three interlocking parts. Required courses include lower division courses in United States and world history designed to provide a broad foundation in national and global history, a lower-division course in historical methodology, an upper-division course in historical writing and advanced historical methods, a capstone experience, and an applied learning experience. Students will explore the wealth of human historical experience across time and place. They will take five courses in the history of the world’s regions, including the Americas, the Asian world, the Transatlantic world, the Mediterranean world, Europe, and Africa and the Middle East. They will also take three courses from at least two of the following themes: Empires; War and Freedom; and Changing and Challenging Identities. Finally, students will have an opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge they have developed in an internship, supervised collaborative research, or another project or setting.

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. Courses that satisfy the US history requirement include HIST 1210 and 1220 or their equivalent. For information about the United States History competency examination, see below.

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 semester. A student who waits until the senior year to challenge the history requirement may jeopardize graduating on schedule.

Advanced Placement (AP) Program

The Department of History 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.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Major in History

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*The SELF requirement may double count with B, C, or D. JYDR may be satisfied in major, minor or other university requirement. Students are waived from UD area of their program. GWAR may be satisfied with waiver exam. Capstone may be satisfied within the senior seminar.
Requirements for the Major in History (46-48 units)

Lower Division
1. United States History survey – two courses, HIST 1218, 1228, or equivalents
2. World Civilizations – two courses, HIST 1418 and 1428 or equivalents
3. The Historian’s Craft – HIST 2000

Upper Division
1. HIST 3008
2. Five courses, chosen from at least three of the following regions. At least two must focus on the period before 1700 (bold).
   a. The Americas, HIST 3110, 3120, 3130, 3140, 3150, 3210, 3228, 3230, 3240, 3258, 3260, 3310, 3320, 3330, 4210, 4220, 4230, 4240
   b. The Asian World, HIST 3460, 3470, 3480, 3490, 4410, 4420, 4430, 4440
   c. The Transatlantic World, HIST 3610, 3620, 3630
   d. The Mediterranean World, HIST 3640, 3510, 4638, 4640
   e. Europe, HIST 3520, 3530, 3540, 3550, 3560, 3570, 3580, 3590, 4510
   f. Africa and the Middle East, HIST 3410, 3420, 3430, 3440, 3450
3. Themes. Three courses from at least two of the following themes:
   a. Empires, HIST 3440, 4638, 4510, 4420
   b. War and Freedom, HIST 3310, 3130, 3540, 3570, 3580, 3620, 3640, 4210, 4430
   c. Changing and Challenging Identities, HIST 3210, 3228, 3230, 3260, 3430, 3450, 3460, 3470, 3520, 3530, 3550, 3560, 3610, 3630, 4010, 4220, 4230, 4240, 4410, 4440, 4640
4. Applied history. 1-3 units in an internship, faculty-supervised collaborative research, oral history project or other approved applied history experience, HIST 4860
5. Capstone course: HIST 4900

Requirements for the Minor in History

The minimum requirements for a History minor are four courses totaling 12 semester units; three of these courses (9 semester units) must be upper division.

Requirements for the Social Science Teacher Preparation Program Within the Bachelor of Arts Degree 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.

The Social Science Subject Matter Preparation Program is designed for students interested in a career teaching social science at the secondary school level. The program satisfies the requirements set by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC), which has authorized CSUB to offer an approved single subject teacher preparation program in Social Science. The program provides subject matter preparation for entry into a single subject credential program. Students who successfully complete and meet the program requirements can request subject matter certification from the program coordinator. While the subject matter program is not an academic major, course work for the program can be used to satisfy requirements in certain academic majors, and in CSUB’s General Education program. It is therefore important that students meet regularly with the Social Science Program Coordinator for advising. Please note that the Social Science Subject Matter 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 more information, contact the program coordinator, Alicia Rodriguez, 661-654-2166.
Requirements for the Major in History and Social Science Preparation Program

I. Core Requirements (8 courses; 24 units)
   - HIST 1218 and 1228
   - Four courses from the following:
     HIST 1418 and 1428; HIST 3240 or PLSI 3420; ECON 2018 and 2028
   - One of the following:
     SOC 3300, or ECON 3550, or PLSI 3370 and INST 3900

II. Breadth and Depth requirements (7 courses; 21 units)
   - Choose ONE COURSE from EACH of the following groups:
     A. U.S. History
        HIST 3110, 3120, 3130, 3140, 3150
     B. World History and Perspectives (One from each group):
        1. Africa/Asia
           HIST 3410, 3440, 3470, 3480, 3490
        2. Europe/Latin America
           HIST 3560, 3570, 3310, 3320, 3330, 4510,
        3. International Relations/Global Perspectives
           ECON 3118, 3410, PLSI 3020, 3320, 3350, 3360, 3510, 3610
     C. U.S. Constitution/Government
        PLSI 3140, 3450, 3210, 3230, 3150
     D. International Economics
        ECON 4108, 4400, PLSI 4640
     E. Comparative religious/ethical systems
        RS 1108, 1128, 1138, 3208, 3238, 3240, 3250, 3368, 3538, 3548, 4518, 4528

The History program is enriched by our student History Club, the history honor society (Phi Alpha Theta), the Public History Institute (housed in our Department), the History Forum (speaker series), the History Newsletter, and our collaboration with the Walter Stiern Library’s Historical Research Center (which provides research and intern opportunities for our students).