

HISTORY

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College of Arts and Humanities

Department of History

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Program Description

History as an academic and professional discipline continually looks for the best ways to help us understand times, people, and places very different from our own. It also provides tools to identify and analyze the processes of historical development that have shaped the world we live in today. One cannot understand the present without carefully studying the past.

The CSUDH History Department offers three degree programs: a 45-unit Bachelor of Arts, a 63-unit Bachelor of Arts Education Option, and a minor. Students in both major degree programs complete two lower-division pre-requisite courses in world history before attaining upper-division status. These courses introduce students to the patterns of change and continuity that shaped ancient, classical, post-classical and modern societies as they learn how historians find and evaluate evidence. Upper-division courses study specific eras and topics in greater depth. Students in both major programs complete a sequence of disciplinary methods courses (HIS 300 Theory and Practice of History (3), HIS 400 Proseminar in History (3), and HIS 490 Senior Seminar In History (3)), in which they learn the skills necessary to engage in independent historical inquiry. The 45-Unit Bachelor of Arts degree program is designed to allow students maximum flexibility to tailor their course of study to their interests and needs; the 63-unit History Education Option is recommended for students interested in teaching history and social science in grades 7-12. Completion of the Education Option degree with a GPA of 2.85 or better satisfies the California Teacher Credentialing Commission's subject matter competency requirement, enabling graduates to enter post-baccalaureate teacher credential programs without completing the CSET exam in social science. To earn a minor in History, students complete fifteen units by taking five upper-division electives.

Academic Advisement

To facilitate student attainment of academic and career goals, the History Department requires all majors to meet with a faculty advisor each semester prior to class registration. Faculty advisors provide students with information about departmental requirements, course availability, coursework expectations, internship and scholarship opportunities, and career options. Students are also strongly encouraged to consult with an advisor before applying for graduation. Faculty mentors also help students prepare for graduate work in history, education, and other related fields.

Career Possibilities

The study of history emphasizes not only the acquisition of knowledge about a diverse range of global societies; it also develops transferrable skills and a commitment to civic engagement. It thus prepares undergraduates for a wide range of career opportunities. According to a recent study by the American Historical Association, students who earn Bachelor's degrees in history work in a variety of fields, including education (as teachers and administrators), management, law, government, the non-profit sector, libraries, museums, and archives. Approximately half of those who earn Bachelor's degrees in history go on to earn Master's degrees, professional degrees in related fields, or a Ph.D. Again, students who are preparing for a career teaching social science in grades 7-12 are encouraged to enroll in the History Education Option. Completion of this degree option is the first step toward meeting the state's requirements for a teaching credential. Department advisors regularly provide students with information about both career resources on campus and opportunities for study abroad, internships, and scholarships.

Student Life

The Department hosts two student organizations: the CSUDH History Club, a student organization open to all CSUDH students, and local chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the national honor society for history majors. The Tau Epsilon chapter of Phi Alpha Theta promotes the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication, and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians.

The Department sponsors two annual scholarship programs for history majors: the Jack T. Kilfoil Scholarship, and the Pamela D. Emerson Environmental and Social Justice Scholarship. Each academic year, students also have two opportunities to publish their work in The Toro Historical Review, the undergraduate journal of the CSUDH History Department.

Bachelor of Arts in History

Total Course Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree

See the "Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/baccalaureate-degrees-undergraduate-studies/>)" in the University Catalog for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 40 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

Elective Requirements

Completion of elective courses (beyond the requirements listed below) to reach a total of a minimum of 120 units.

General Education Requirements (49 units)

See the "General Education (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/double-counting-general-education-courses/general->

education/)” requirements in the University Catalog or the Class Schedule for the most current information on General Education requirements and course offerings.

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement

See the “Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/graduate-writing-examination/>)” in the University Catalog.

Minor Requirements

No minor required.

Major Requirements (45 units)

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this degree.

A. Lower Division Required Courses (6 units)

HIS 120 World History I (3)

HIS 121 World History II (3)

B. Upper Division Requirements (39 units)

1. Required Courses (9 units)

HIS 300 Theory and Practice of History (3)

HIS 400 Proseminar in History (3)

HIS 490 Senior Seminar In History (3)

Note: HIS 300 Theory and Practice of History (3), HIS 400 Proseminar in History (3), and HIS 490 Senior Seminar In History (3) must be completed with a grade of C or better.

2. Non-U.S. History Courses (9 units)

Select three courses in non-U.S. history (representing at least two regions) from the HIS courses numbered (305, 310-319, 360-269, and 395), when the subject is appropriate (9 units).

3. U.S. History Courses (9 units)

Select three courses in U.S. history. Two should be period courses, selected from the HIS courses numbered (330-366). One should be topical, selected from the HIS courses numbered (340-359 or 395), when the subject is appropriate (9 units).

4. Upper-Division Courses (12 units)

Select four additional upper-division courses, one of which must be a topical course (HIS courses numbered 301, 340 - 352, 354, 370 - 390, and 395). The other three may be any upper-division courses (12 units).

History/Social Science Education Option

1. Required Courses (21 units)

HIS 120 World History I (3)

HIS 121 World History II (3)

HIS 300 Theory and Practice of History (3)

HIS 305 World History for Teachers (3)

HIS 341 California (3)

HIS 400 Proseminar in History (3)

HIS 490 Senior Seminar In History (3)

2. United States History Requirements (9 units)

Select one from each group

Group A: Early America

HIS 300 Theory and Practice of History (3)

HIS 331 United States: Revolutionary and Constitutional Period (3)

Group B: The Nineteenth Century

HIS 332 US Early National Period (3)

HIS 333 United States: Civil War and Reconstruction (3)

Group C: The Twentieth Century

HIS 334 Emergence of Modern America (3)

HIS 335 United States: War and Depression (3)

HIS 336 United States: Recent Period (3)

3. Global History Requirements (12 units)

Select one from each group:

Group A: Early Global

HIS 360 African History to the 1880's (3)

HIS 362 Traditional China (3)

HIS 364 Traditional Japan (3)

HIS 366 Colonial Latin America (3)

HIS 368 Mexico: Colonial (3)

Group B: Modern Global

HIS 361 African History from the Colonial Era to the Present (3)

HIS 363 Modern China (3)

HIS 365 Modern Japan (3)

HIS 367 Modern Latin America (3)

HIS 369 Mexico: National Period (3)

Group C: Ancient to Early Modern Europe

HIS 310 The Ancient World (3)

HIS 311 Medieval Europe (3)

HIS 312 Renaissance and Reformation (3)

HIS 313 The Age of Absolutism and Enlightenment (3)

HIS 318 History of Medieval Russia (3)

Group D: Modern Europe

HIS 314 Emergence Modern Europe (3)

HIS 315 20th Century Europe (3)

HIS 319 History of Imperial Russia, 1689-1917 (3)

HIS 320 History of the USSR and Post-Soviet Russia (3)

4. Social Science Requirements (21 units)

ECO 210 Economic Theory 1A Micro (3)

ECO 211 Economic Theory 1B Macro (3)

GEO 350 World Geography (3)

POL 100 General Education Political Science: World Perspectives (3)

Political Science

Select one course:

POL 354 American Political Thought (3)

POL 361 American Constitutional Law: Civil Rights (3)

Comparative Religions

Select one course:

PHI 383 Comparative Religions (3)

HIS 370 History of Early Monotheism (3)

Areas of Study

Select one course:

APP 101 Introduction To Asian Studies (3)

APP 212 Introduction to Comparative Ethnic and Global Societies (3)

CHS 100 Chicana/o Cultural Roots (3)

CHS 205 Introduction to Chicana/o Literature (3)

CHS 212 Introduction to Comparative Ethnic Studies (3)

WMS 250 Foundations in Women's Studies (3)

5. Subject Matter Competency in Social Sciences

To receive certification of Subject Matter Competency in Social Sciences for credentialing, students will be required to maintain a 2.85 GPA in

the major with a C or better in all courses. They must also successfully complete and submit a teaching portfolio to the department.

Minor in History (15 units)

Requirements

Electives (15 units)

Select five upper-division courses with the assistance of an advisor.

Note: Minors are not required to complete HIS 400 Proseminar in History (3) or HIS 490 Senior Seminar In History (3). Minors who wish to enroll in HIS 400 Proseminar in History (3) must pass HIS 300 Theory and Practice of History (3) with a grade of "C" or better; minors who wish to enroll in HIS 490 Senior Seminar In History (3) must first pass HIS 400 Proseminar in History (3) with a grade of "C" or better.

Specific History Subject Matter Authorization (33 units)

Holders of a Single Subject or Multiple Subject credential issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing may secure a Specific History Subject Matter Authorization that allows the holder to teach the specific subjects in grades preschool, K-12, and classes organized primarily for adults.

For other requirements governing issuance of this authorization, consult the Teacher Education section of this catalog or contact the School of Education Student Services Center.

Complete each of the following courses or equivalent as approved by the History Department Advisor:

Required Courses

A. Lower Division (9 Units)

HIS 101 History Of United States (3)

HIS 120 World History I (3)

ANT 102 Ancient Civilizations (3)

HIS 121 World History II (3)

B. Upper Division (12 Units)

GEO 350 World Geography (3)

HIS 301 Individual, Family, and Community in Historic Perspective (3)

HIS 341 California (3)

or

GEO 359 Geography Of California (3)

or

POL 312 State and Local Government: Organization and Problems (3)

GE Area F3. Integrative Studies in the Social Sciences/Cultural Pluralism (3)

C. Additional Coursework (12-15 units)

Select any combination of the courses below to add up to 33 units

HIS 305 World History for Teachers (3)

HIS 310 The Ancient World (3)

HIS 311 Medieval Europe (3)

HIS 312 Renaissance and Reformation (3)

HIS 313 The Age of Absolutism and Enlightenment (3)

HIS 314 Emergence Modern Europe (3)

HIS 315 20th Century Europe (3)

HIS 318 History of Medieval Russia (3)

HIS 319 History of Imperial Russia, 1689-1917 (3)

HIS 360 African History to the 1880's (3)

HIS 361 African History from the Colonial Era to the Present (3)

HIS 362 Traditional China (3)

HIS 363 Modern China (3)

HIS 364 Traditional Japan (3)

HIS 365 Modern Japan (3)

HIS 366 Colonial Latin America (3)

HIS 367 Modern Latin America (3)

HIS 368 Mexico: Colonial (3)

HIS 369 Mexico: National Period (3)

HIS 330 US Colonial Period (3)

HIS 331 United States: Revolutionary and Constitutional Period (3)

HIS 332 US Early National Period (3)

HIS 333 United States: Civil War and Reconstruction (3)

HIS 334 Emergence of Modern America (3)

HIS 335 United States: War and Depression (3)

HIS 336 United States: Recent Period (3)

HIS 340 American West (3)

HIS 343 African American History from Africa to Reconstruction (3)

HIS 344 African American History: Reconstruction to the Present (3)

HIS 345 History of the Mexican American People I (3)

HIS 346 History of the Mexican American People II (3)

HIS 348 Labor In American Society (3)

HIS 352 Topics in United States Foreign Relations History (3)

HIS 354 History of American Immigration (3)