

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY 2009-2010

Attn: First Year and Transfer Students

Monday through Friday 8 AM TO 12 NOON & 1 PM TO 5 PM
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HISTORY MAJOR

A minimum of twelve courses are required for the major. The history major does not require an exam for entrance and does not limit the number of students it will accept into the program. It is strongly advised that students complete at least one introductory history course before declaring the major. In reading what follows, students should be aware that the history curriculum is divided into the following regions:

- 1) The Americas and Africa
- 2) Asia and the Islamic World
- 3) Europe

DECLARING THE MAJOR

Each history major selects an area (named above) as a region of concentration. In consultation with the history undergraduate adviser and faculty adviser, the student plans a program of study to fulfill the following distribution of courses. Students are required to attend a mandatory pre-declaration workshop. The schedule for these is posted outside the department office (201, Humanities 1) and online at <http://history.ucsc.edu>

REQUIREMENTS

- One introductory survey course in the chosen region of concentration
- Four courses in the region of concentration, three of which must be upper-division
- Two courses from each of the remaining two regions for a total of four courses
- Two upper-division history electives
- A comprehensive exit requirement in the chosen region of concentration. Students may choose to complete either a seminar (one quarter: HIS 190, HIS 194 or HIS 196) or a thesis (two quarters: HIS 195A & B).
- The twelve (minimum) courses in History must also satisfy Distribution Requirements:
 - One course covering a time period before 600 A.D.
 - Two courses in a time period before 1800 A.D.
 - A maximum of four courses may be lower-division

Interdisciplinary coursework: The History Department encourages its majors to take upper-division courses in disciplines related to history, including sociology, literature, anthropology, American studies, politics, Latin American and Latino studies, and others. Students who wish to substitute one or two appropriate courses for history electives must meet with their history faculty adviser and complete a course substitution form (available at <http://history.ucsc.edu>). These courses may or may not also be applied toward a second major or a minor; consult the History Department.

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HISTORY MINOR	Eight history courses, at least four of which must be upper-division. There is no comprehensive exit requirement for the minor. Students who wish to declare a history minor should contact the undergraduate adviser.
AP HISTORY	Students with AP History credit from high school earn credit toward UCSC graduation requirements, but do not earn credit toward fulfilling the history major requirements.
TRANSFER STUDENTS	<p><i>Course Credit From Other Institutions:</i> Transfer students may apply up to three history courses taken elsewhere toward the history major or minor. These courses must appear on the student's Transfer Credit Summary in order to be accepted by the department. A Transfer Course Approval form (also available at http://history.ucsc.edu) must be submitted to the History Department for review.</p> <p><i>UC Transfers:</i> The department will accept most UC transfer history courses as long as they fulfill a major requirement. The number of courses accepted will be determined by the undergraduate adviser. Students must take a minimum of six upper-division courses at UCSC, one of which must include History 190, 194, 195A & 195B, or 196 to fulfill the exit requirement.</p> <p><i>Summer Orientation:</i> All transfer students participating in summer orientation are encouraged to bring a copy of their unofficial transcript with them. Students do not need to submit transcripts to the department for review prior to summer orientation.</p> <p>Transfer courses do not satisfy the chronologic distribution or survey course requirements. A minimum of nine history courses must be taken at UCSC for the major; five for the minor.</p>
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	Proficiency in a foreign language is strongly recommended for all history students and is essential for those who plan to pursue postgraduate studies in history. Many Ph.D. programs in history require applicants to read one or two additional languages beyond English. The UC Education Abroad Program (EAP) is appropriate for history majors both to enhance language skills and take history courses elsewhere. For additional EAP information, contact UCSC's International Programs at (831) 459-2858 or by e-mail alien@cats.ucsc.edu . The office is located at 107 Classroom Unit (behind the Bay Tree Bookstore). Students may also visit the EAP website at http://oie.ucsc.edu/eap/index.shtml .
ANY QUESTIONS?	If you have any questions, please contact the History Undergraduate Adviser at (831) 459-2982 or e-mail historyundergrad@ucsc.edu . To view requirements, download forms, or read the undergraduate handbook, please visit our website at http://history.ucsc.edu .