Students are admitted to UCSC with a "proposed major" in most cases, and later petition to officially declare the major. Admission to UCSC does not guarantee acceptance into a particular major. Students must be declared in a major by the end of the second year (or equivalent), so learning about and preparing for a major is a primary goal for first-year students.

### Major: HISTORY

**Importance of an early start:**
This major is not highly sequential or course intensive. Although it is advisable to begin taking courses toward the major in the first year, it is not required.

**Qualification requirements and/or prerequisites 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.

**Frosh who intend to pursue this major should do the following things prior to the beginning of fall term...**

- Students should review the major requirements on the History website. A solid understanding of the requirements provides students with an invaluable head start to their college career and the major.
- History majors focus their studies in one of the three concentrations: 1) The Americas and Africa, 2) Europe, and 3) Asia and the Islamic World. Students should consider what kind of history interests them most.
- Prospective history majors are strongly encouraged to attend Summer Orientation where they will receive detailed information about the major requirements.

**...and should take these courses their first term:**


**Sample first year plan:**

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**Skills important for success in this major:**
Critical reading skills, analytical writing abilities, and the ability to gather, evaluate, and present evidence.

**Other information:**
Prospective history majors are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the 2016-2017 History Undergraduate Curriculum ([http://history.ucsc.edu/courses/HIS_courses_2016-2017.pdf](http://history.ucsc.edu/courses/HIS_courses_2016-2017.pdf)), an invaluable tool for making an enrollment plan for the coming academic year.

Prospective history majors are encouraged to broadly explore their history related interests. Enroll in one history class from a different area of concentration (e.g. Europe in the fall, Asia and the Islamic World in the winter, Americas and Africa in the spring) throughout your first year of study. Each of the three classes will help you make major degree progress, regardless of what concentration you ultimately decide to focus in.

**Links to More Information:**
- [http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/](http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/) (general info)
- [http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/](http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/) (major requirements, course descriptions, etc.)
- [http://history.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/history-major/](http://history.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/history-major/) (program website)

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