UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ  
NEW STUDENT MAJOR ADVISING SUMMARY FOR 2015-2016 FROSH

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:** If possible, a lower division survey course in their chosen concentration: HIS 11B (Americas and Africa), HIS 70A (Europe), HIS 40A, (Asia and the Islamic World)

**Sample first year plan:**

- **Fall:** HIS 70A: Modern European History, 1500-1815 or HIS 80X: Civil Rights Movement: Grassroots Change and American Society
- **Winter:** HIS 10B: United States History, 1877 to 1977 or HIS 30: The Making of Modern Africa
- **Spring:** HIS 44: Modern South Asia, 1500 to Present or HIS 50: Introduction to the History of Ancient Egypt

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

- Students should familiarize themselves with the annual history course list (http://history.ucsc.edu/courses/class-schedule-view.php); an invaluable tool to understanding how history courses satisfy major requirements.
- Students are encouraged to explore courses in all three areas of concentration in their first year.

**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)

**Questions? Contact an Adviser!**

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