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 have any qualification requirements and/or prerequisites, and does not limit the number of students it will accept into the major. It is strongly advised that students complete at least one lower division history course (HIS 1-99) before declaring the major.

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

- Review the major requirements on the History Department website. An early understanding the major's requirements provides students with an invaluable head start to their college career.
- 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 and what they'd most like to study.
- Prospective history majors are strongly encouraged to attend Summer Orientation where they will receive detailed information about the major requirements and assistance with their fall history course selection.

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

- A lower division survey course in their chosen concentration. Please see the History Department website for a complete listing of these courses.

**Sample first year plan:**

- **Fall:** HIS 10A: *United States History to 1877* OR HIS 44: *Modern South Asia, 1500 to Present*
- **Winter:** HIS 80Y: *World War II Memories in the U.S. and Japan* OR HIS 70A: *Modern European History, 1500-1815*
- **Spring:** HIS 9: *Introduction to Native American History* OR HIS 40B: *The Making of Modern East Asia* OR HIS 75: *Film and the Holocaust*

**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 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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