

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ
NEW STUDENT MAJOR ADVISING SUMMARY FOR 2018-2019 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 have any qualification requirements. and/or prerequisites. It is advised that students complete at least one lower division history course (HIS 1-99) before declaring the major, but it is not required.

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

- Review the [major requirements](#) and [sample four year plan](#) on the History Department website. Familiarizing yourself with the major and its requirements will give you an invaluable head-start to your college career.
- History majors focus their studies in one of the three concentrations: 1) The [Americas and Africa](#), 2) [Europe and the Mediterranean World](#), and 3) [Asia and the Pacific](#). You should consider what kind of history interests them most and what you'd most like to study.
- Prospective history majors are advised 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:

Enroll in one history class from a different area of concentration (e.g. Europe and the Mediterranean World in the fall, Asia and the Pacific Islamic World in the winter, Americas and Africa in the spring) throughout your first year of study. Example:

Sample first year plan:

Fall: HIS 10A: *United States History to 1877* OR
HIS 70B: *Modern European History, 1815 - Present*

Winter: HIS 80Y: *World War II Memories in the U.S. and Japan* OR
HIS 12: *Introduction to Latino American History*

Spring: HIS 9: *Introduction to Native American History* OR
HIS 76: *he 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 familiarize themselves with the [2018-2019 History Undergraduate Curriculum](#), an invaluable tool for making an enrollment plan for the coming academic year.

Prospective history majors are encouraged to broadly explore their interests in history. Courses taken in the first year will help you make major degree progress as well as informed decisions about your long term academic goals.

Links to More Information:

<http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/> (general info)

<http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/>

(major requirements, course descriptions, etc.)

<http://history.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/history-major/> (program website)

Questions?
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