

BA IN HISTORY (LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE)

Units required for Major: 45
Total units required for BA: 120

Program Description

History, in the broad sense, is the study of all human experience. It examines the people, institutions, ideas, and events from the past to the present. The study of history contributes to cultural literacy and develops critical thinking and other useful skills while helping students understand the present and plan for the future. Historical study provides a solid, fundamental preparation for careers in business, industry, government, and education. It also serves as excellent preparation for law school, foreign service, international work, urban affairs, historical consulting, and library science.

History is an academic discipline offering both breadth and focus. At Sacramento State, the History major includes four lower division survey courses and four upper division seminars to help hone reading, writing, critical thinking, and research skills. In addition, students choose six electives from a wide variety available, spanning the globe and time periods. The flexibility of the major allows students to focus on particular areas of interest or to explore a wide range of histories. Those interested in pursuing careers in law and public advocacy should consider the concentration in Law and Social Justice. Those interested in pursuing middle or high school history teaching should complete the History/Social Science Pre-credential Program.

1. Program Requirements

| Code | Title | Units |
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| Required Core Lower Division Courses (12 Units) | | |
| HIST 17A | United States History, 1607-1877 ¹ | 3 |
| HIST 17B | United States History, 1877-Present ¹ | 3 |
| HIST 50 | World History I: to 1500 | 3 |
| HIST 51 | World History from 1500 to the Present. | 3 |
| Required Core Upper Division Courses (12 Units) ² | | |
| HIST 100 | Introduction to Historical Skills | 3 |
| HIST 100R | Developing Historical Skills. (Developing Historical Skills) ¹ | 3 |
| Select one of the following: | | |
| HIST 192A | Seminar in Recent Interpretations of United States History | 3 |
| HIST 192B | Seminar in Recent Interpretations of European History | 3 |
| HIST 192C | Seminar in Recent Interpretations of Asian History | 3 |
| HIST 192E | Seminar in Recent Interpretations of African History | 3 |
| HIST 192F | Seminar in Recent Interpretations of Latin American History | 3 |
| HIST 192Z | Seminar in Recent Interpretations of a Special Topic | 3 |
| Select one of the following: | | |
| HIST 197A | Senior Research Seminar: United States History | 3 |
| HIST 197B | Senior Research Seminar: World History | 3 |

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| HIST 197C | Senior Research Seminar: Public History | |
| Required Courses for Concentration (21 Units) | | |
| HIST 151B | Founding Documents: American Democracy before 1800 (Concentration) | 3 |
| HIST 173 | The History of the Civil Rights Movement: From Reconstruction to Deconstruction, 1865-Present | 3 |
| HIST 180 | American Legal History | 3 |
| Select three upper division history courses from the list below: | | |
| HIST 153 | Civil War and Reconstruction, 1840-1890 | |
| HIST 156 | The Sixties: Years of Hope, Days of Rage | |
| HIST 165 | American Environmental History | |
| HIST 167 | History of American Women | |
| HIST 171A | American Indian History to 1840 | |
| HIST 171B | American Indian History since 1840 | |
| HIST 172A | LGBTQ Histories | |
| HIST 172B | Queer Black Histories | |
| HIST 174A | History of Disability in the United States | |
| HIST 174B | History of Madness in the United States | |
| HIST 175A | Sex, Population, and Birth Control in America | |
| HIST 177 | The African-American Experience, 1603-Present | |
| HIST 178 | Mexican-American History | |
| HIST 179 | American Immigration History | |
| HIST 181 | Anarchists and Revolutionaries: Transnational Radicalism in America | |
| HIST 186B | History of California Water | |
| HIST 188 | American Labor History | |
| Select one upper division history course from the list below: | | |
| HIST 121 | Democracy and Human Rights in the Era of the French Revolution and Napoleon | 3 |
| HIST 122C | Women's Global Activism in the 20th Century | |
| HIST 131 | History of Sexuality in Comparative Perspective | |
| HIST 133 | Twentieth-Century World History | |
| HIST 137A | Latin American Revolutions in the Twentieth Century | |
| HIST 139A | Global Environmental History in the Age of Imperialism, 1450-Present Day | |
| HIST 174C | Disability in World History: A Comparative History | |
| Total Units | | 45 |

- ¹ Course also satisfies General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.
- ² HIST 100, 100R, and 197 form a research and writing sequence in the major. History majors should take HIST 100 in the second semester of their sophomore year or the first semester of their junior year (or after completion of at least 9 units of the required lower division coursework for the major). Students should complete a WPJ portfolio in the same semester as they take HIST 100 and the following semester should take HIST 100R. HIST 100R is in turn a prerequisite for HIST 197, which should be typically completed in a student's final semester. Ideally, HIST 192 should be completed the semester before HIST 197.

Notes:

- Students should consult with a faculty advisor in their first semester at Sacramento State.
- Study of a foreign language is recommended.

- For substitutions in requirements, students should consult with a faculty advisor early in their program. Substitutions require the approval of the Department Chair.

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| English Composition II | 3 |
| Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE) ² | 0 |
| Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement ³ | 6 |

General Education Requirements ¹

| Code | Title | Units |
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| Area A: Basic Subjects (9 Units) | | |
| A1 | Oral Communication | 3 |
| A2 | Written Communication | 3 |
| A3 | Critical Thinking ² | 3 |
| Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (13 Units) | | |
| B1 | Physical Science | 3 |
| B2 | Life Forms | 3 |
| B3 | Lab (Note: Lab experience to be taken with one of the following: B1, B2 or B5) | 1 |
| B4 | Math Concepts | 3 |
| B5 | Additional Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. | 3 |
| Area C: Arts and Humanities (12 Units) | | |
| C1 | Arts | 3 |
| C2 | Humanities ³ | 3 |
| C1/C2 | Area C Course ³ | 3 |
| C1/C2 | Area C Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. | 3 |
| Area D: The Individual and Society (9 Units) | | |
| | Area D Course ³ | 3 |
| | Area D Course | 3 |
| | Area D Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. | 3 |
| Area E: Understanding Personal Development (3 Units) | | |
| | Area E Course ⁴ | 3 |
| Area F: Ethnic Studies (3 Units) | | |
| | Area F Course | 3 |
| Total Units | | 49 |

¹ To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<http://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).

Note: There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad/>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email (advising@csus.edu).

² Required in Major; also satisfies Graduation Requirement.

³ If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). "C- or better required." The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement are described here: <https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html> (<https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html>)

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² HIST 10 recommended.

³ Required in Major; also satisfies GE.

⁴ HIST 21 recommended.

Graduation Requirements ¹

| Code | Title | Units |
|---|--|-------|
| Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (6 Units) | | |
| | American Institutions: U.S. History ² | 0 |
| | American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government | 3 |
| | Writing Intensive (WI) | 3 |
| Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (9 Units) | | |