

# History Major

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## 1.) PREPARATION:

- **Area A:** You must take one complete history sequence - History 2A/B/C, 2A/4B/4C, or 17A/B/C. *We do not currently offer 4A, so 2A can substitute instead.* These courses do *not* need to be taken in order. The 2 series covers world history, the 4 series covers European history, and the 17 series covers US history.
- **Area B:** You must take history 9. This is an introduction to research methods course, and is currently offered every quarter except summer. History 9 is major restricted during the first pass time, so only History and History of Public Policy and Law majors will be able to enroll then.
- **Area C:** You must take any other lower division history course in any historical field. *Courses not used in area A may be applied to this requirement.*

## 2.) UPPER-DIVISION:

- **Area A:** You must take at least one Undergraduate Research Seminar, which is any upper division history course with the letter “R” after it. These courses are typically around 15-20 students, meet once per week, and focus mainly on composing a 15-20 page research paper on the topic of the course. We recommend taking a few other upper division history courses before jumping into this. These courses will often have required prerequisites, or require instructor approval to add. **Please note that these courses are never offered over summer, and need to be taken during the regular year.**
- **Area B:** You must take 36 units of upper division history elective courses. These can be fulfilled by any upper division course in the history department.

## 3.) BREADTH REQUIREMENTS:

- You must take at least three history courses (upper or lower division) focusing before 1800 from the specified list.
- You must take one course (upper or lower division) in at least 4 of the 6 regional categories.
- *These courses overlap with both your upper division and lower division major requirements. These courses can count for your other major requirements simultaneously. For example, if you take History 2A, this course will count towards your lower division sequence requirement, as one course focusing before 1800, and as a World History regional requirement.*

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- All courses taken for the major *must* be taken for a letter grade
- At least 20 of your upper division major units must be taken in-residence at UCSB (NOT through EAP or another university)
- Lower division courses from community college *can* count towards this major!
- You *do not* need to complete all the lower division requirements before beginning to take upper division history courses.
- You must earn at least a 2.0 in all of the upper division major courses *and* in the major altogether (lower div + upper div) in order to graduate with this major
- No more than 8 upper division units may overlap between this major and the upper division portion of a double major. No more than 5 upper division units may overlap between this major and the upper division portion of a minor.
- All substitutions outside the history department must be approved by the history faculty/advisor. Find our list of approved substitutable upper division courses [HERE](#). If you would like to substitute a course not on this list, please submit it through our [online petition form](#) (syllabus is required for petitioning). You may petition up to *8 upper division units* from outside the history department to apply to this major.
- You can view our yearly course offerings on the department [website](#).



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