

History of Public Policy and Law Major

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1.) PREPARATION:

- You must take either History 5 or 7. Visit the history department website link above for descriptions of these courses. 5 and 7 are offered in *alternating* years, and are only offered *once per year*. Our next planned course offering is **History 7 in fall 2021**.
- You must take history 9. This is an introduction to research methods course, and it 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.
- 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.
- You must take any lower division history course that focuses on cultures outside the US and Europe. We offer lower division history courses in African, Middle Eastern, Latin American, and Asian history every quarter.
- You must take 8 units in the listed cognate disciplines, with the courses being in *different disciplines*. AP courses and community college coursework may cover this requirement!

2.) UPPER-DIVISION:

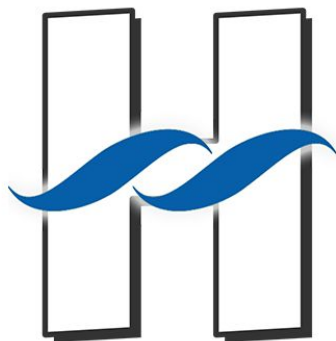
- **Area A:** You must take 8 units from the listed categories, with *at least one course from category 1*. Courses in category 1 mainly focus on the United States, while courses in category 2 focus on regions outside the US. *Courses from area A cannot simultaneously count in area B, but any courses not used in area A that are applicable to area B will count there.*
- **Area B:** You must choose one nation, continent, or time period, and take 12 upper division history units in this area. Then, you must take 12-16 upper division history units in anything *outside* of what you chose for your first area. For example, if you chose Africa as your continent for the first area, then you would need to take three upper division courses in African history. Then, for the second area, you could take two US history courses, one Asian history course, and one Latin American history course.
- **Area C:** You have two options for fulfilling the research requirement. Your first option is to take a four-unit one-quarter history research seminar from the list on the major sheet, OR you can take any upper division history course with the letter "R" after it, as long as you get the topic approved by our faculty advisor [Professor](#)

[Bergstrom](#) before you take the course. Your second option is to take our eight-unit two-quarter senior thesis course. You do not need to decide which you want to complete right now, but reach out to your [undergraduate advisor](#) for more information on the differences between these two options. *Note that the number of units needed to complete part two of area B depends on which research seminar option you choose for area C. If you choose to complete the four-unit seminar for area C, you will need 16 units in area B, and if you choose the eight-unit thesis course for area C, you will only need 12 units in area B.*

***Please note that your upper division area B-1, B-2, and C courses will NOT automatically appear in your GOLD progress check. You *must* complete this [google form](#) to indicate where you want each of your upper division courses to apply in your progress check, or else it will appear blank. This form can also be found on our [website](#).**

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. 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 can view our yearly course offerings on the department [website](#).



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