

History of Public Policy and Law Major, B.A.

View the History Department Website [HERE](#)

View the HPPL Major Sheet by on the PDF listed under “Requirments Download” [HERE](#)

View the History Department’s Yearly Course Offerings [HERE](#) and Spring Quarter 2025 Courses [HERE](#)

To Complete the History of Public Policy and Law Major, you must fulfill the following requirements. **PLEASE NOTE** that you DO NOT need to take and complete these classes in any particular order. You also do not need to complete your lower division requirements before your upper division requirements, although some of the upper-division history courses may have lower division prerequisites. It’s important to check your eligibility for any classes you are planning to take in the future!

Preparation for the Major

- History 5 or 7
 - Please note that History 5 and 7 are offered only ONCE per year (in Fall Quarter) on alternating years (History 5 and 7 are not taught in the same academic year)
- History 9
 - Please note that History 9 is not offered in the summer.
- American History Sequence **OR** World History Sequence **OR** European History Sequence
 - American History Sequence: History 17A, 17B, & 17C
 - World History Sequence: History 2A/ W2A (or 4A), 2B, & 2C
 - European History Sequence: History 4A (or 2A/ W2A), 4B, & 4C
- Any Lower Division history course on a culture outside the U.S. and Europe
 - UCSB offers lower division history courses on African, Asian, Latin American, and Middle Eastern cultures.
- 2 Courses from the following cognate disciplines, with the courses being in *different disciplines*:
 - Anthropology 2
 - Black Studies 5, 6
 - Economics 1, 2, 9
 - Environmental Studies 1, 3
 - Feminist Studies 20, 60
 - Global Studies 2
 - Philosophy 3, 4
 - Political Science 1, 6, 7, 12

- Sociology 1

Upper-Division Major

You must Complete 40 Upper Division History Units, distributed as follows:

Area A

- 8 units from the following history courses, with at least one from category 1. Please note that a course cannot simultaneously apply to both categories.
 - Category 1 (U.S.): History 104SS, 136M, 142AL, 142E, 144J, 144L, 144W, 160C, 162B, 163A, 163B, 165S, 166 LB, 170A, 170B, 171C, 171D, 171ME, 172A, 172B, 174B, 174C, 178A, 178B
 - Category 2 (World): 101MQ, 104G, 105A, 105CW, 105II, 112C, 112E, 121D, 123C, 127A, 127F, 132, 135B, 135C, 136M, 136W, 136CA, 144B, 144L, 144W, 146T, 1467D, 147G, 148U, 148LP, 148B, 149BF, 151B, 151C, 154LB, 159C, 161B, 168A, 168B, 179B, 185A, 185B, 185CQ, 187B, 193AW, 193F

Area B

- B1: 12 Upper Division units in the history of ONE geographical region
 - You must complete 3 Upper Division Courses from a single (the same) A-F area selected from the Area 2 Breadth Requirement course listings on the History BA major sheet. Please refer to the major sheet listed under “Requirements Download” [here](#) to view the applicable courses.
 - For example, you could take 3 Upper Division courses in Asian History to fulfill this requirement
- B2: 12-16 Upper Division units in the history of other geographical regions that are NOT from the region you are choosing for Area B1.
- **(PLEASE NOTE)**: Unless a student is pursuing the Honors Thesis Program, they MUST take 4 upper division History Courses for Area B2 NOT 3 courses. See blue flag below for further explanation).
 - You must complete 4 Upper Division Courses (3 UD courses if you are pursuing the Honors Thesis) from any other A-F area selected from the Area 2 Breadth Requirement course listings on the History BA major sheet, other than the B1 area

you selected. Please refer to the major sheet listed under “Requirements Download” [here](#) to view the applicable courses. Your B2 courses do not have to be selected from the same geographic area.

- For example, if you choose to take 3 Asian History Courses for your B1 requirement, you would have to take 4 courses in the history of any areas outside of Asia. (Please refer to [this section](#) of the document to determine how many courses you would need to take).
- **PLEASE NOTE** that History 174Q & 196SJ and COURSES USED IN AREA A OR C are NOT applicable to either of your B1 requirements.

Area C

- At least One Undergraduate Research Seminar in History
 - Research Seminars in History are any History UD Courses listed with the letter “R”. You have the option to take a regular history research seminar (4 units) or the History Senior Thesis Research Seminar (8 units). Please note that the Senior Thesis is taught over the course of two quarters as 195IA and 195IB
 - Recommended Courses: 170R, 171R, 174R, 178R OR 195IA & IB

PLEASE NOTE that the number of units taken for your B2 requirement depends on the units you take for your Area C requirements. If you take 4 units for Area C (one non-Senior Thesis research seminar), you will need to take 16 units for area B2 (4 courses). If you take 8 units for Area C (2 research seminars or the Senior Thesis), you will only need to take 12 units for area B2 (3 courses).

PETITIONING YOUR CLASSES IN YOUR MAJOR PROGRESS CHECK

The courses you select for your B1, B2, and Area C requirements DO NOT automatically apply to your major progress checks on GOLD. To apply certain courses to your B1, B2, and/or Area C major requirements, you must send an email to the History Department’s undergraduate advisor history-undergraduate-advisor@ucsb.edu stating which courses you would like to apply to these areas. (Don’t forget to include your name and perm number)!

MAJOR REGULATIONS

- Grading Options
 - All major courses must be taken for a letter grade (Pass or No Pass is not allowed). This includes major preparation courses, Upper Division major courses, and any courses applied to the major from other departments.
- GPA Requirements
 - Your GPA must be a 2.0 overall UC average in all your upper-division major courses AND in all courses (lower division preparation courses and upper division courses) for the major.
- Double Majors
 - With the approval of each department chairperson, up to a total of 8 units may be applied simultaneously (overlap) to both of your Upper Division majors and up to a total of 5 units may be applied simultaneously to this major and the upper division requirements of a non-history minor.
- Substitutions
 - All substitutions outside the history department must be approved by the history faculty/advisor. A list of currently approved substitutions can be found [here](#). To officially substitute a pre-approved course, you must email History Department's undergraduate advisor history-undergraduate-advisor@ucsb.edu stating which substitutions you would like to apply to your major requirements. If you would like to substitute a course not on this list, send an email to history-undergraduate-advisor@ucsb.edu requesting which courses you would like to petition for your major requirements. Once the faculty committee approves or rejects the petition, the Advisor will update you.