



Major Overview

What can we hope to understand by studying the past? What relevance could the lives of people in ancient Egypt, medieval China, even in such recent epochs as Soviet-dominated Eastern Europe or colonial India have to our modern world? Historians know that all modern culture and conflict can only be understood by turning to its historical roots. The events, people, triumphs and mistakes of the past are the key to understanding the forces and factions at work today. As a history major at UC Davis, you will work with some of the country's foremost historical researchers and writers, whose areas of expertise span the ages and the globe. Your study will prepare you for postgraduate study in history, law or other areas or to enter any career requiring independent critical thought.

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Appointments: Beginning in June 14. [Click here for appointment details.](#)

*In addition to completing this course, you will also be required to watch or attend a [Major Advising Webinar](#) (live and pre-recorded options available) before scheduling an individual appointment.

Recommended Major Courses

- 1 Upper Division History (HIS) course in your first concentration -- 4 units
- 1 Upper Division History (HIS) course in your second concentration -- 4 units

**If you haven't completed all the lower division coursework for your chosen emphasis, consider taking 1 lower division HIS course instead of 1 upper division course*

- [See list of Major Concentrations here](#)

Non-Major Course Recommendations

- 1 Upper Division Non-major elective -- 3-5 units
**Recommend a non-writing intensive course*
- [First Year Seminar](#) -- 1-2 units

Major Advisor Tips:

- Do not take more than two History courses at a time! The reading workload can be extremely dense, and two History classes a quarter tends to be a good balance for students in the major.
- Be aware of taking similar discipline courses alongside History, such as Comparative Literature, English, etc. and the reading amount it will require.

AP/IB Exams and Major Requirements

AP/IB Exam	Score	UC Davis Course	May be repeated for credit
AP US History	3,4,5	HIS 17A and 17B	Yes, can repeat; consult with advisor
AP European History	3,4,5	HIS 4B and 4C	Yes, can repeat; consult with advisor
AP World History	3,4,5	No class equivalency, but yields units	Yes, can repeat; consult with advisor
IB History of Americas	5,6,7	HIS 17A and 17B	Yes, can repeat; consult with advisor
IB History of Europe	5,6,7	HIS 4C only	Yes, can repeat; consult with advisor
IB History of the Islamic World	5,6,7	HIS 6	Yes, can repeat; consult with advisor
IB History of Africa	5,6,7	HIS 15	Yes, can repeat; consult with advisor

Please note: This chart only covers scores that yield major credit for this major. For the most up-to-date list of all AP and IB scores and their credit at UC Davis, please refer to the charts available on the [UC Davis General Catalog](#).