CSULB College of Liberal Arts Advising Center

2025 - 2026 Bachelor of Arts in History
45 Units

Use this checklist in combination with your official Academic Requirements Report (ARR). This checklist is not intended to replace advising. Consult the advisor for appropriate course sequencing. *Curriculum changes in progress. Requirements subject to change.*

To be considered for admission to the major, complete the following Major Specific Degree Requirements (MSDR) by 60 units:
• Minimum 2.0 overall GPA • Grades of "C" or better in GE Foundations, Arts and Humanities (Area 3), and Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area 4) • First-Time, First Years (Freshmen) who began in Fall 2021 or later: Grade of "C" or better in Ethnic Studies (Area 6)

	Courses	Prerequisites
History Lower Division Courses - Complete **TWO** from the following courses (6 units total):		
	HIST 101: Facts, Evidence, and Explanation (3)	
	HIST 111: World History: Origins to 1500 (3)	
	HIST 112: World Since 1500 (3)	
	HIST 131: Early Western Civilization (3)	
	HIST 132: Modern Western Civilization (3)	
	HIST 141: Jewish Civilization (3)	
	HIST 172: Early United States History (3)	
	HIST 173: Recent United States History (3)	
	HIST 290: Selected Topics in History (3)	GE Foundations
Additional Lower Division Course - Complete **ONE** of the following courses (3 units total):		
	AFRS 120: African American History to 1865 (3)	Corequisite: One GE Foundation
	AFRS 121: African American History Since 1865 - Present (3)	Corequisite: One GE Foundation
	AIS/HIST 105: American Indian History - Pre 1871 (3)	
	AIS/HIST 106: American Indian History - Post 1871 (3)	
	ASAM 120: Asian American History (3)	Corequisite: One GE Foundation
	HIST 140/HEBW 100: Jewish Humor (3) ** An advisor must manually add HIST 140/HEBW 100 to the list of courses for this area in the Academic Requirements Reports (ARR). See an advisor for details.	
Complete **ALL** of the following courses with grades of "C" or better (8 units total):		
	HIST 301: Methodology of History (4)	History Majors Only
	HIST 302: Theory and History (4)	HIST 301
Complete the following course (4 units total):		
	HIST 499: Senior Seminar (4)	HIST 301, 302; 18 Units of Upper Division HIST, Including 6 Units in Senior Seminar's Concentration; Upper Division Standing
Gender/Race/Ethnicity - Complete **ONE** of the following courses as part of either the Field of Emphasis or the Breadth requirement. These units are included in the Field of Emphasis or Breadth unit total.		
	CHLS 300: Chicano History (3)	GE Foundations
	HIST 309: Men and Masculinity (3)	
	HIST 319: Women in the Ancient and Medieval West (3)	
	HIST 338: Modern European Women's History (3)	
	HIST 344: Tradition and Crisis: The Jews of Modern Europe (3)	
	HIST 393: Jews of the Modern Middle East (3)	
	HIST 394: Middle Eastern Women (3)	
	HIST 395: Gender, Sexuality, and Desire in World History (3)	Upper Division Standing
	HIST/WGSS 406: Women, Gender, and Sexuality in Asia (3)	Upper Division Standing
	HIST 412: Migration and Ethnicity in Modern China (3) ** An advisor must manually add HIST 412 to the list of courses for this area in the Academic Requirements Reports (ARR). See an advisor for details.	

	HIST 470: American Jewish History (3)	
	HIST 475: American Immigration and Ethnicity (3) ** An advisor must manually add HIST 475 to the list of courses for this area in the Academic Requirements Reports (ARR). See an advisor for details.	
	HIST/WGSS 485A: History of Women in the U.S. Early Period (3)	
	HIST/WGSS 485B: History of Women in the U.S. Since 1850 (3)	
	HIST 486: History of Afro-Americans in the United States (3)	
Fields of Emphasis - Complete **18 UNITS** in **ONE** of the following options (18 units total): **Option 1**: **9 UNITS** in **TWO** fields **Option 2: 6 UNITS** in **THREE** fields (See a History Advisor if selecting this option)		
A: Africa and the Middle East		
	HIST 392: Contemporary Africa, 1940 - Present (3)	
	HIST 393: Jews of the Modern Middle East (3)	
	HIST 394: Middle Eastern Women (3)	
	HIST 418: Central Asia and Afghanistan, Twentieth Century (3)	Upper Division Standing
	HIST 420: Modern Israel: Histories and Peoples (3)	
	HIST 432: Change and Continuity in the Modern Middle East (3)	
B: Ancient and Medieval Europe		
	HIST/CLSC 310: The Greek World (3)	
	HIST/CLSC 312: Roman World (3)	
	HIST 313: Ancient Greece (3)	
	HIST 314: Roman History (3)	
	HIST 315: Egypt, Sumer, and the Ancient Near East (3)	
	HIST 316: Early Middle Ages (3)	
	HIST 317: High Middle Ages (3)	
	HIST 318: Byzantine Empire (3)	
	HIST 319: Women in the Ancient and Medieval West (3)	
	HIST 332: The Age of the Renaissance (3 units)	
	HIST 341A: Foundations of Russia (3)	
	HIST 351: Medieval England (3)	
	HIST 413: Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean (3)	
	HIST 434: Muslims, Christians, and Jews Medieval Spain: Coexistence and Conflict (3)	
C: Asia		
	HIST 382A: Imperial China (3)	
	HIST 382B: Modern China (3)	
	HIST 383B: Modern Japan (3)	
	HIST 384: Pop Culture in Japan (3)	
	HIST 385: Histories of South Asia (3)	
	HIST 386: History of Modern Southeast Asia: Colonial Era to the Vietnam War (3)	
	HIST 388: Contemporary China (3)	
	HIST 390: The Environmental Evolution of Asia (3)	Upper Division Standing
	HIST/WGSS 406: Women, Gender, and Sexuality in Asia (3)	Upper Division Standing
	HIST 407: Japan and the United States in the 20th Century (3)	
	HIST 412: Migration and Ethnicity in Modern China (3)	
	HIST 497: Selected Topics in Asian History (3)	Consent of Instructor
D: Latin America		
	HIST 362: Colonial Latin America (3)	
	HIST 364: Latin American Nations (3)	

	HIST 457: Cycles of Violence in Mexico (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
	HIST 459: Religion in Colonial Latin America (3)	
	HIST 460: Slavery, Resistance, and Freedom in Latin America (3)	
	HIST 462: Mexico (3)	
	HIST 463/GLST 476: Power and Violence in Latin America and the Caribbean (3)	Consent of Instructor
	HIST 464: Latin American Environmental History (3)	
	HIST 465: Seeing Latin America: Visual Culture and History in the Latin American World (3)	Upper Division Standing
	HIST 466: Selected Topics in Latin American History (3)	
	HIST 476: The History of Social Activism (3)	GE Category Area 1
E: Modern Europe (Including Britain) - HIST 330 or 331 required; Both HIST 330/331 allowed		
	HIST 304: The Holocaust (3)	
	HIST 330: Early Modern Europe (3)	
	HIST 331: History of Modern Europe, 1789 - Present (3)	
	HIST 333: Reformation Europe (3)	
	HIST 334: Early Modern France, 1589 - 1789 (3)	
	HIST 336: The French Revolution and Napoleon (3)	
	HIST 338: Modern European Women's History (3)	
	HIST 340: Europe Since 1945 (3)	
	HIST 341A: Foundations of Russia (3)	
	HIST 341B: Modern Russia (3)	
	HIST 343: Modern Eastern Europe (3)	
	HIST 344: Tradition and Crisis: The Jews of Modern Europe (3)	
	HIST 353: Tudor and Stuart England (3)	
	HIST 356: Georgian and Victorian Britain (3)	
	HIST 357: Recent Britain (3)	
	HIST 400: History of Western Scientific Thought (3)	
	HIST 437: History of Germany, 1871 to Present (3)	
F: United States - Complete at least one course from HIST 373, 375, 376, 378, 379, 380A, or 380B; and one 400-level		
	CHLS 300: Chicano History (3) ** An advisor must manually add CHLS 300 to the list of courses for this area in the Academic Requirements Reports (ARR). See an advisor for details.	GE Foundations
	HIST 305: Digital Methods in History (3)	
	HIST 306: Playing the Past: Games as Historical Narrative, Public Memory, and Cultural Representations (3)	Upper Division Standing or Consent of Advisor
	HIST 307: A Critical History of Computing and Video Game Technology (3)	Upper Division Standing or Consent of Advisor
	HIST 308: Law and Civilization (3)	
	HIST 309: Men and Masculinity (3)	
	HIST 373: United States: Age of Revolution (3)	
	HIST 375: The United States Emerges as a Nation (3)	
	HIST 376: United States: Civil War and Reconstruction (3)	
	HIST 378: United States History: 1877 - 1920 (3)	
	HIST 379: United States: Twenties, Depression, and World War II (3)	
	HIST 380A: The United States in the Liberal Era, 1945 - 1968 (3)	
	HIST 380B: The United States Since 1968 (3)	
	HIST 401: History for Secondary Social Science Teachers (4)	
	HIST 407: Japan and the United States in the 20th Century (3)	
	HIST 451: The United States in the World (3)	Upper Division Standing

	HIST/AMST 453: Television Borders: Cultural Crossings in the U.S. Southwest and South (3) ** An advisor must manually add HIST 453 to the list of courses for this area in the Academic Requirements Reports (ARR). See an advisor for details.	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
	HIST 470: American Jewish History (3) ** An advisor must manually add HIST 470 to the list of courses for this area in the Academic Requirements Reports (ARR). See an advisor for details.	
	HIST 471: The American West (3)	
	HIST 473: California History (3)	
	HIST 474: The History and Culture of American Cities (3)	
	HIST 475: American Immigration and Ethnicity (3)	
	HIST 477A: American Cultural History (3)	
	HIST 477B: American Cultural History (3)	
	HIST 482: Recent American Environmental History (3)	
	HIST/WGSS 485A: History of Women in the U.S. Early Period (3)	
	HIST/WGSS 485B: History of Women in the U.S. Since 1850 (3)	
	HIST 486: History of Afro-Americans in the United States (3)	
	HIST 487: Madness, Mental Health, and Psychiatry in America (3)	
	HIST 488: The United States on Drugs: Cultural, Political, and Medical Histories (3)	
	HIST 489: Selected Topics in Legal History of the United States (3)	
	HIST 496: Selected Topics in United States History (3)	
G: World		
	HIST 303: Rebels and Renegades (3)	
	HIST 305: Digital Methods in History (3)	
	HIST 306: Playing the Past: Games as Historical Narrative, Public Memory, and Cultural Representations (3)	Upper Division Standing or Consent of Advisor
	HIST 307: A Critical History of Computing and Video Game Technology (3)	Upper Division Standing or Consent of Advisor
	HIST 308: Law and Civilization (3)	
	HIST 345: Comparative Genocide (3)	
	HIST 349: The History of Food (3)	
	HIST 395: Gender, Sexuality, and Desire in World History (3)	Upper Division Standing
	HIST 396: Contemporary World History (3)	HIST 111 or 131 or Consent of Advisor
	HIST 397: Global Environmental History, 1500 - Present (3)	GE Foundations
	HIST 398: Global Histories of Health, Medicine, and Disease, 1500 - Present (3)	GE Foundations
	HIST 401: History for Secondary Social Science Teachers (4)	
	HIST 402: Oral History Methods (1 - 3)	
	HIST 435: History of the Francophone World (3)	HIST 112 or 132 or Consent of Advisor
	HIST 436: Challenging Empire: The Ordeals of Decolonization (3)	GE Foundations
	HIST 438: History of Marxist Thought (3)	GE Foundations; HIST 302
	HIST 439: Global Freud: Psychoanalysis and the Clinic in World History (3)	
	HIST 440: The Silk Roads (3)	HIST 111 or 131 or Consent of Advisor
	HIST 441: Mediterranean World (3)	HIST 111 or 131 or Consent of Advisor
	HIST 442: The Indian Ocean in World History (3)	HIST 111 or 131 or Consent of Advisor
	HIST 443: The Early Modern Atlantic World (3)	HIST 111 or 132 or Consent of Advisor
	HIST 444: The Pacific Ocean in World History (3)	HIST 111 or 131 or Consent of Advisor
	HIST 450: Foucault and His Critics (3)	
	HIST 451: The United States in the World (3)	Upper Division Standing

	HIST 476: The History of Social Activism (3)	GE Category Area 1
	HIST 492: Proseminar in World History (3)	Consent of Instructor
Breadth - Complete **6 UNITS** of upper division History courses **outside** of the student's fields of emphasis (6 units total):		
	Course 1:	
	Course 2:	

In order to graduate from CSULB, students must complete General Education/GWAR/Major requirements and have a minimum of 120 units (40 must be upper division) with at least a 2.0 in all GPAs (Overall, CSULB, Major).

Additional Information

- **See online Catalog for additional course information, limitations, and requirements**
- Some courses may also fulfill GE requirements. Visit the GE website for course selection: csulb.edu/student-records/general-education-requirements.
- **A course can only be used to satisfy one major requirement, with the exception of the Gender/Race/Ethnicity course, which may be double counted in the emphasis or breadth units**.
- Study of foreign language/literature strongly recommended.
- Students are strongly advised to see their History Department Advisor regularly to keep on top of their classes and to learn about internships, double-counting classes, and the Honors Program.
- HIST 301 must be taken in the first semester of upper-division course work in the major.
- Students will develop a portfolio (beginning with HIST 301) reflecting work in the History major. The portfolio will be evaluated as one of the requirements in the Senior Seminar (HIST 499). Students must complete 18 units of upper division work in the major.
- In addition to completing 45 units in the major, students pursuing Honors in HIST are required to take HIST 498H during the semester prior to taking HIST 499 and 6 units of additional Upper Division History courses in consultation with the Department Honors Advisor. Three of those units must come from a designated Applied History course, such as HIST 305 or 306 or 402.
- Students taking HIST 401, 450, or 476 should work with their History Department Advisor if intending to use any of these courses in a Field of Emphasis in which courses are not already approved.
- **Students wishing to pursue the Social Science Credential in addition to the major must see a Social Science Credential advisor as many classes can count in the major, for GE, and for the credential.**

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