REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HISTORY MAJOR – 50 units*

Numbers in parentheses after course titles indicate units of credit per course (3 or 4)

LOWER DIVISION COURSES: 12 units

REQUIRED:
HIST 1A + HIST 1B     World History (3 & 3)
or
HIST 10A + HIST 10B    Western Civilization (GE Area D2) (3 & 3)

REQUIRED:
HIST 15A + POLS 15B U.S. History & Government (GE Area US1-2-3 & D2-3) (3 & 3)
or
HIST 20A + HIST 20B    History of the American People (GE Area US1) (3 & 3)

CORE COURSES: 10 units

REQUIRED:
HIST 99                History Fundamentals (3)
HIST 100W              Writing Workshop (prerequisites: 99 & WST) (SJSU Studies Area Z) (3)
HIST 102               Historiography (prerequisite: 100W) (4)

UPPER DIVISION COURSES: 28 units*

REQUIRED: SEVEN upper-division courses distributed among the four fields (see below) as follows:

- TWO courses from one field
- TWO courses from a second field
- ONE course from a third field
- TWO courses from any field(s)

Among these SEVEN courses, at least TWO Advanced Topics courses (any fields) and at least TWO pre-1750 courses.

*Students who take HIST 153, 155, or 188 can graduate with 49 total units and 27 upper-division units in the major. Only ONE of these courses can “double count” for the History major AND for SJSU Studies. See the undergraduate advisor for details.

FIELDS

ANCIENT & MEDIEVAL

104 Advanced Topics in Ancient History (4)
112 Ancient West to 500 BCE (4)
114 Ancient West, 500 BCE-400 CE (4)
121A Medieval Worlds 400-1000 (4)
121B Medieval Worlds 1000-1500 (4)
126 Advanced Topics in Medieval History (4)

MODERN EUROPE

122 Renaissance and Reformation (4)
124 Early Modern Europe (4)
143 Europe, 1750-1900 (4)
144 Europe, 1900-1945 (4)
145 Europe & the World Since 1945 (4)
146 Advanced Topics in European History (4)
153 Women in Europe (SJSU Studies Area V) (3)

UNITED STATES

173 New World Encounters, 1400-1750 (4)
174 Colonial & Revolutionary America to 1800 (4)
175 Inventing America, 1800-1860 (4)
176 Civil War & Reconstruction (4)
177 Industrial America, 1877-1920 (4)
178 Crash, Depression, & War, 1920-1950 (4)
179 Cold War America, 1950-Present (4)
181 Advanced Topics in American History (4)
188 Women in the United States (SJSU Studies Area S) (3)
189A California to 1900 (GE Area US3) (4)
189B California since 1900 (GE Area US3) (4)

WORLD

103 Modern Middle East (4)
109A China to 1800
109B China since 1800
110B Japan since 1750
132 Advanced Topics in World History (4)
155 20th Century World (SJSU Studies Area V) (3)
162 Colonial Latin America (4)
163 Modern Latin America, 1800-Present (4)
167 Advanced Topics in Latin American History (4)
173 New World Encounters, 1400-1750 (4)

Advanced Topics courses: HIST 104, 126, 132, 146, 167, and 181. These courses cover different topics every semester with different subtitles. Check department course listings every semester for topics being offered. Advanced Topics courses are equivalent to other 4-unit upper-division History courses in workload and difficulty. “Advanced” does NOT mean “harder.”

Pre-1750 courses: HIST 104, 109A, 112, 114, 121A, 121B, 122, 124, 126, 162, 173, 174, and possible some other Advanced Topics courses, depending on topic. See the Undergraduate Advisor for details.

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