



REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HISTORY MAJOR – 50 units*

SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY

Numbers in parentheses after course titles indicate units of university credit for each 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 15 + POLS 15 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: HIST 99 & WST) (SJSU Studies Area Z) (3)
 HIST 102 Historiography (prerequisite: HIST 100W) (4)

UPPER DIVISION COURSES: 28 units*

REQUIRED: SEVEN upper-division courses as follows:

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

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

*Students who take HIST 153, 155, 185, and/or 188 may graduate with fewer than 50 total units and fewer than 28 upper-division units in the major because HIST 153, 155, 185, and 188 are 3-unit courses. See the History undergraduate advisor for details.

FIELDS

ANCIENT & MEDIEVAL

- 104 Advanced Topics in Ancient History (4)**
126 Advanced Topics in Medieval 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)

MODERN EUROPE

- 146 Advanced Topics in European History (4)**
 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)
 153 Women in Europe (SJSU Studies Area V) (3)

UNITED STATES

- 181 Advanced Topics in American History (4)**
 171 U.S. Constitutional & Legal History (4)
 173 New World Encounters, 1400-1750 (4)
 174 Colonial & Revolutionary America (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)
 185 LGBTQ+ History in the US (SJSU Studies Area S) (3)
 188 Women in the US (SJSU Studies Area S) (3)
 189A California to 1900 (GE Area US3) (4)
 189B California since 1900 (GE Area US3) (4)
 197 Introduction to Public History (4)

WORLD

- 132 Advanced Topics in World History (4)**
167 Advanced Topics in Latin American History (4)
 103 Modern Middle East (4)
 109A China to 1800 (4)
 109B China since 1800 (4)
 110A Japan to 1750 (4)
 110B Japan since 1750 (4)
 155 20th Century World (SJSU Studies Area V) (3)
 162 Colonial Latin America (4)
 163 Modern Latin America, 1800-Present (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; check department listings. Any Advanced Topics course can be taken more than once, but only with different topics. Advanced Topics courses are equivalent to other 4-unit upper-division courses in workload and difficulty. “Advanced” does NOT mean “harder.”

Pre-1750 courses: HIST 104, 109A, 110A, 112, 114, 121A, 121B, 122, 124, 126, 162, 173, 174, and possibly some Advanced Topics courses, depending on the topic. See the History undergraduate advisor for details.