History is at the foundation of everything we do. We cannot understand the world or hope to improve it without serious attention to the historical processes that created it. Our faculty's teaching and research cover almost the entirety of recorded history and span most of the globe. We are internationally respected for our expertise in many subfields of the discipline, including cultural, political, economic, religious, intellectual, urban, and imperial and world history, as well as histories of science and sexuality, among others. Faculty have won the most prestigious awards our profession has to offer, from MacArthur “Genius Grants” to Berkeley’s own Distinguished Teaching Award. Whether you choose to major or minor, we hope that you will join our community of historians and add your talents and strengths to ours.

Experiencing historical texts in collaboration with fellow students and a professor was an inspiring experience. It made me see directly how good historical research can build and strengthen communities.

— Walker Laughlin ’20

History at Berkeley is a highly flexible major that prizes and prioritizes original research. Students develop their own field of concentration while taking four lower division classes (emphasizing breadth) and eight upper division classes (emphasizing depth). In office hours, lectures, and particularly the two required small seminars (History 103 and 100), students work closely with our faculty to conceptualize, research, and write a capstone thesis.

**AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR**

- Join a History student organization such as Phi Alpha Theta or Clio’s Scroll.
- Connect with current students and faculty at the annual Faculty Student Dinner.
- Apply for the History Undergraduate Research Grant.
- Present your capstone project at The 101 Circus undergraduate research showcase.

**THE HISTORY CURRICULUM**

**Introduction to the Major**

**History**

Bachelor of Arts

**Connect with Us**

**Cal Day**
Come to UC Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for a special orientation for prospective students and their families, as well as a faculty presentation.

**Golden Bear Orientation**
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students. The History department also holds an annual orientation Welcome for new and continuing students in late August.

**Events**
Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff.

**Advising**
Students can schedule an advising phone appointment via the History Advising Calendar or connect via email: leahf@berkeley.edu.

**Advising Appointment Hours**
Monday - Thursday, 1-4:30pm

**How to Use This Map**

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit [ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps](http://ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps) for the latest version of this major map.
### HISTORY Bachelor of Arts

**Explore your major**
- Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Review major and college requirements, and consult the History Major Handbook.
- Enroll in History survey courses to meet the lower division requirements.

**Connect and build community**
- Get 1:1 mentoring through Berkeley Connect in History and L&S Mentors Program.
- Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
- Enroll in UGIS 98: College Success in L&S.
- Sign up for the History email list and start attending Department events.

**Discover your passions**
- Enroll in a Sophomore Seminar such as HISTORY 84, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.
- Assist faculty and graduate students in their research through URAP and SURF-SMART.
- Enrich your studies with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.

**Engage locally and globally**
- Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
- Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
- Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.

**Reflect and plan your future**
- Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.
- Check out the Career Center Yearly Planner.
- Sign up for Handshake and CareerMail.
- Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series or a winter externship.

**FIRST YEAR**
- Declare the major after completing three courses in the department, including at least two lower division courses.
- Research sample fields of concentration and start thinking about your own historical fields of interest.
- Review major guidelines for study abroad and look into history-related programs.

**SECOND YEAR**
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
- Enroll in HISTORY 103 (proseminar) and consider applying for a one-year thesis project.
- Submit your Field of Concentration Form.
- Attend workshops at the Office of Undergraduate Research.

**THIRD YEAR**
- Attend the 101 Circus undergraduate research showcase and learn about the capstone projects of fellow History majors.
- Welcome new students to UC Berkeley as a Golden Bear Orientation Leader.
- Check out the Library Guide for History and the History department’s Research and Writing Guide.
- Planning a one-year thesis project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program or SURF.
- Consider applying for an undergraduate fellowship from the Bancroft Library.
- Curious about entrepreneurship? Enroll in HUM 120: Entrepreneurship for All.

**FOURTH YEAR**
- Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Enroll in HISTORY 101 (research seminar) and complete your senior thesis.
- Complete any “bucket list” courses and remaining major, college, and campus requirements.
- Attend career and graduate school fairs.
- Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters. (See the History Major Handbook for “Advice for Requesting Letters of Recommendation”)
- Utilize job search tools from the Career Center.
- Meet employers at Employer Info Sessions and On-Campus Recruiting.
- Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.

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### WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

History alumni have gone on to a variety of successful careers in research, communications, education, law, business, public service, and many other professions.

### Jobs and Employers

- Admissions Specialist, App Academy
- Analyst Consultant, Mercer
- Associate, Defense Language Institute
- Asst. Editor, China Digital Times
- Communications Manager, Google Director, San Joaquin County
- Historical Museum
- English Teaching Assistant, Fulbright
- Executive Team Leader, Macy’s
- Law Clerk, US District Court San Diego
- Marine Officer, US Marine Corps
- Operations Research Analyst, Kinetix
- Patent Agent, Genentech
- Recruiter, Zendrive
- Research Associate, Harvard University
- Software Engineer, Twitter

### Graduate Programs

- Creative Writing, Masters
- Education, Masters
- Engineering Physics, PhD
- History, Masters, PhD
- International Relations, Masters
- Journalism, Masters
- Law, JD
- Political Science, Masters
- Public Administration, Masters
- Public Policy, Masters
- Secondary Education, Masters

Examples gathered from LinkedIn and the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.