INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

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.

THE HISTORY CURRICULUM

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 101), students work closely with our faculty to conceptualize, research, and write a capstone thesis.

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

EXAMINING HISTORICAL TEXTS IN COLLABORATION WITH FELLOW STUDENTS AND A PROFESSOR IS AN INSPIRING EXPERIENCE. IT MADE ME SEE DIRECTLY HOW DOING GOOD HISTORICAL RESEARCH CAN BUILD AND STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES.

– Walker Laughlin ’20

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.

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 vcue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.
### FIRST YEAR
- 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.
- Explore your major and consider options with Berkeley Study Abroad.
- Service Center:
  - Enroll in history survey courses to meet the lower division requirements.
  - Explore study, internship, and research abroad majors.
- Course such as HISTORY 24, Discover new interests in a division requirements.
- Enroll in HISTORY 103 (proseminar) and consider applying for a one-year thesis project.
- Attend the 101 Circus undergraduate research showcase and learn about the capstone projects of fellow History majors.
- Attend the 101 Circus undergraduate research fellowship from the Bancroft Library.
- Consider applying for an undergraduate fellowship from the Bancroft Library.
- Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as Teach for America.
- Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor exchange program.
- Attend a professional association such as the American Historical Association (AHA).
- Complete any "bucket list" courses and remaining major, college, and campus requirements.

### SECOND 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 your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
- Enroll in HISTORY 103 (proseminar) and consider applying for a one-year thesis project.
- Enroll in HISTORY 101 (research seminar) and complete your senior thesis.
- Complete any "bucket list" courses and remaining major, college, and campus requirements.

### THIRD 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.
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
- Enroll in HISTORY 101 (research seminar) and complete your senior thesis.
- Complete any "bucket list" courses and remaining major, college, and campus requirements.

### FOURTH 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.
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
- Enroll in HISTORY 101 (research seminar) and complete your senior thesis.
- Complete any "bucket list" courses and remaining major, college, and campus requirements.

### 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
- Assistant, 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
- Junior, US District Court San Diego
- Marine Officer, US Marine Corps
- Operations Research Analyst, Kinetik
- Patent Agent, Genentech
- Recruiter, Zendrive
- Research Associate, Harvard
- Software Engineer, Twitter

### Graduate Programs
- Creative Writing, Masters
- Education, Masters
- Engineering Physics, PhD
- History, Masters
- 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.