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.

**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.

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### 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.

### 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 major guidelines for study abroad and look into history-related programs.

### 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** and complete your senior thesis.
- Complete any "bucket list" courses and remaining major, college, and campus requirements.

### 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.
- Attend **workshops at the Office of Undergraduate Research**.
- Attend the 101 Circus undergraduate research showcase and learn about the capstone projects of fellow History majors.
- Enroll in a **Sophomore Seminar** such as HISTORY 84, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.
- Assist faculty in their research through URAP.
- Enrich your studies with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.

### 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
- **Archeologist**, 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.

### Connect and build community

- Get a 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 events.
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- **Consult the college advisor** to major and career fields in the Career Connections Handbook.

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### 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.
- Work with a community organization in an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
- Go on a service-learning trip with the Alternative Breaks Program.
- Brush up on your foreign language(s) or learn new ones, especially if conducting archival research for your senior thesis.

### Reflect and plan your future

- **Visit Berkeley Career Engagement** and the Career Counseling Library.
- **Develop a plan** for getting career ready.
- **Sign up for Handshake and CareerMail**.
- Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series or a winter internship.
- **Refine your education so far and skills** and experience you still wish to build.
- **Discuss career options and goals** with a Career Educator.
- **Think about doing an internship** and attend an internship fair.
- Learn about graduate and professional school opportunities through the Career Connections Handbook.

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