



History, B.A.

Learning history is about more than looking into the past. It also means examining complex ideas of previous events to help us understand what's happening now and to chart a more successful future. This deep exploration hones critical thinking, analysis, and writing skills—the foundation for a successful career in almost any occupation.

The program offers a wide array of courses in U.S., European, Asian, and Latin American history as well as mentoring, internships, and community. The education concentration prepares students interested in teaching to enter a Single Subject Secondary Education program upon graduation.

Experience Your Learning

History students have ample opportunity to work with fellow students and the local community through internships, workshops, and other special events.

In the Senior Seminar in History, a capstone course, students use and refine the research, critical thinking, oral presentation, and writing skills they learned as History majors to pursue research projects and write research papers.

The annual Career Workshop helps students find career opportunities in almost any field as they translate history knowledge into their cover letters, resumes, and interviews.

At the Humboldt Student History Conference, students present their research to peers, the History faculty, and the public, and a scholar from outside the area is brought in to deliver a keynote address.

The History Internship program places students with local museums, libraries, parks, and local government offices to gain experience with Public History.

Did you know?

- **History Club students were the first undergraduates to attend the American Historical Association meeting, and the club's consistent attendance led the AHA to start supporting undergrads with a reception, poster presentations, and a career fair.**
- **Student writing tutors—History majors who have mastered writing—are available to support their fellow students' success.**
- **Short-term workshops (City of 10,000 Buddhas weekend, Latino Film Festival, International Education Week) allow students to work together while earning credits.**



Academics & Options

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The History Department offers an array of courses and internships with museums, historical societies, city governments, and parks. Students can work together and earn credits through weekend and short-term workshops. You will graduate with the knowledge needed for almost any occupation, from editing and publishing to historical preservation and consulting.

Minors

- History Minor
- Religious Studies Minor

Concentrations

History General

Prepares students for a wide variety of professional careers as well as for graduate school to earn an M.A. & Ph.D. in History or law school to earn a J.D.

History of Religions

Provides a classical Liberal Arts education focusing on what is sometimes referred to as Comparative Religions. Strengthens capacities for cross-cultural awareness and creative problem-solving, and prepares students to work in diverse fields, such as education, government, and healthcare. Centers field education through a wide array of experiential workshops.

History Education

This California state-approved Subject Matter Program prepares students to enter the fifth credential year for Single Subject Secondary Education Teaching Credential programs in Social Science and takes the place of the California Subject Examination for Teachers.

Offering both classroom experience and the opportunity to participate in California's oldest History Day competition, this concentration offers a B.A. in History along with the coursework in Economics, Geography, Politics, and Sociology that is necessary for teaching Social Science in California.

Get Involved

History Club

A student-run group of history buffs that organizes activities, which have included trips to the American Historical Association—among the most prominent historical associations in the country—and to nearby locations, such as historic Chinatown in Eureka.

Religious Studies Club

Student-run group that hosts guest speakers and teachers, and organizes events centering around spiritual and secular communities, dedicated to an exploration of belief and behavior.

History Day

A one-unit course for students who support and judge Cal Poly Humboldt's regional History Day event, an exciting, history-based learning experience for students from fourth–12th grades.

Scholarship Opportunities

History majors and History Education majors are eligible for several awards sponsored by the History Department.

Careers

A degree in History prepares students for many careers, from education to law.

- Analyst
- Archivist
- Diplomat
- Historian
- Law Clerk
- Librarian
- Museum Specialist
- Politician
- Professor/Teacher
- Writer



The teachings in the various cultural backgrounds, as well as their various historical struggles, have allowed me to better relate to the underserved community in which I currently practice. I will never forget that which I have gained from Cal Poly Humboldt and its professors."

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