

HISTORY

The History major offers students a means to encounter the peoples and cultures of the past and develop critical thinking, research, and writing skills essential for understanding the present. The program exposes students to underlying connections between the study of past times and places and the roots of that study in human concerns about values, identities, issues, and policies. In their lower-division courses, majors will have the opportunity to explore the histories of different cultures or ideas across time. Students at the upper-division level hone their knowledge of different cultures, societies, and ideologies, and will apply that knowledge to independent research through a capstone course.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) GENERAL OVERVIEW

One introductory course:

- **Approaches to History**

Three lower-division courses.
Examples include:

- **How to Be An American: Global Histories of U.S. Citizenship**
- **Climate Change: Science, History and Solutions**
- **Business & East Asian Culture, 1800-Present**
- **History of Science, Technology & Medicine**
- **Histories of South Asia**
- **Fascism**
- **The Worlds of Medieval Europe**
- **One course from 4 geographic areas - two that focus on the period before 1800 and two that focus on the period after 1800 - to fulfill the Geographic & Temporal Breadth requirements**

Six upper-division courses. Examples include:

- **Early Modern Things: Material Culture in Early Modern Life**
- **The Crusades**
- **The U.S.-Mexico Border**
- **Feminist Histories of South Asia**
- **Drugs: A Global Cultural History**
- **Mass Violence & Comparative Genocide in Modern World History**
- **Religion & Difference in the Modern Middle East**
- **Cinema and History**
- **Afro-Latin America**
- **Senior Capstone**

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

CLIO: The USC Department of History's official student association, open to students of all majors and disciplines. It is an event-oriented club dedicated to stimulating, sustaining, and promoting interest in history through participation in campus programs and excursions around Los Angeles that highlight members' diverse areas of interest.

The Scroll: An online journal founded and run by History undergraduates in order to promote undergraduate research in History at USC. There are two editions each year, one in the Fall and one in the Spring.

Faculty-Led Programs: Maymesters allow students to engage in a short-term study abroad experience. Maymester opportunities include "Sex and the City: Constructing Gender in London, 1700-1900" and "Women of Rome, from Antiquity through the Middle Ages", with more in development.

For additional information, please consult the USC Catalogue.