The Study of History at SFState
Freshman and Sophomore Year

During the first two years of matriculation, History Majors should prepare themselves for upper division work.

We highly recommend that they successfully complete English 214 prior to their Junior year so that they are ready to take History 300 GWAR.

In addition, we encourage students to finish the 12 units of lower division coursework required:

History 120 US History to the Reconstruction
History 121 US History since the Reconstruction

**AND**

History 110 Western Civilization to 1500CE
History 111 Western Civilization since 1500 CE

**OR**

History 114 World History to 1500CE
History 115 World History since 1500 CE

Students considering a teaching certification should take History 114 and 115.

You can still move onto upper division course work if you have not finished the lower division requirements for the major.

Come by Science 276 to talk to us and learn more about the major. Advisors are available to help you plan your time here at SFState and help you graduate on time M-TH 9-12 and 1-4 or you can meet with professors during their office hours: http://history.sfsu.edu/content/undergraduate-advising

History majors spend their time talking about really cool things like zombies, the political and social revolutions spearheaded by women, persons of color, and the disabled, cannibalism, comic books, and pirates!

The study of History imparts skills that are applicable to all employment endeavors, as it fosters the intellectual rigor and curiosity that results in strong civic engagement. Studying History makes us better citizens, stronger writers, better critical thinkers, and more attune to the lived experiences of those around us.

Whether you need to craft a strong cover letter, marketing copy, a legal brief, or make a coherent argument for why you deserve a raise, the critical thinking and communication skills you hone as a History major during your time at SFState will serve your well.

Junior and Senior Year Planning on the reverse side
The Department of History at SF State supports the rights of all who come here in search of an education.

Dreamers and Immigrants
All genders and sexualities
All ages
All religions
All ethnicities and races
All disabilities and abilities
All who strive to achieve
All who wish to learn
We need your perspectives in our classrooms.

We, all of us together, are the stuff of which history is made.

Any student who has not completed English 214 by the start of their Junior year is highly encouraged to do so.

English 214 is a pre-requisite to History 300 GWAR, where you will learn the nuts and bolts of history research, analysis and writing. This is where you’ll learn all the secrets about being a real historian.

History 300 GWAR is required not only to finish the major, but as a pre-requisite for the history Proseminars (HIST640/642/644). All Majors must complete at least one Proseminar in order to graduate, so the writing pre-requisite sequence is important:

English 214  ➔  History 300  ➔  Proseminar

We train well-rounded historians. To achieve this goal, all majors must take classes in three temporal, geographic, or thematic areas, one of which must be US History.

Assuming you have finished your 12 units of lower division course work as described on the other side of this handout, your junior and senior year will include:

- 12 Upper Division units in a primary area of focus (One of which is usually a Proseminar)
- 2 each 6 unit secondary areas of focus, for a total of 12 units
- History 300GWAR, 3 units

Students may choose from the following areas of emphasis:

US, Europe (before OR after 1500, not both), Asia, India, Middle East, Africa, Latin America, Gender, Sexuality, and the Body, Empire and Imperialism, and Religion and Society.