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## 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 [ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps](https://ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps) for the latest version of this major map.

## CONNECT WITH US

### 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.

## ADVISING

Students can schedule an appointment with the History undergraduate advisor or send an email to [history-undergradadvising@berkeley.edu](mailto:history-undergradadvising@berkeley.edu). Visit [history.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/advising](https://history.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/advising) for advising hours and appointment signups.

# HISTORY

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## 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.



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“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

## 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**.

## 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.

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