

HISTORY 2009-10



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ

THE HISTORY MAJOR

The history program at UC Santa Cruz is designed to bring about an understanding of the ideas, experiences, and events that have shaped this country and the world at large. The program's main emphases are in social and cultural history, with additional strengths in intellectual and political history.

STUDY AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ B.A., Ph.D., undergraduate minor
- ◆ Talks, films, conferences, and workshops relevant to students of history are held all over campus throughout the year.
- ◆ Awards for undergraduate research and scholarship are available to eligible history students.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

High school students planning to major or minor in history at UC Santa Cruz need no special preparation other than the high school courses necessary for UC admission. Some background courses in history and a foreign language are helpful but not essential.

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Transfer students will find it useful to complete courses that satisfy campus general education requirements before coming to UC Santa Cruz. Transfer students may apply up to three history courses taken elsewhere toward the history major or minor. A minimum of five regularly scheduled history courses plus the comprehensive requirement must be taken from members of the UC Santa Cruz History faculty.

While it is not a condition of admission, students from California community colleges may complete the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) in preparation for transfer to UC Santa Cruz.

Transfer course agreements and articulation between the University of California and California community colleges can be accessed on the ASSIST web site at:

www.assist.org

RECOGNITION

Cynthia Polecristi, associate professor of history, has been selected to receive the 2009 John Dizikes Teaching Award in Humanities. This is Professor Polecristi's third teaching award since coming to UCSC. She is the author of *Preaching Peace in Renaissance Italy*, and is working on a book on street life and sociability in 19th-century Italy. The John Dizikes Award was established in 2002 to honor outstanding teaching efforts of humanities faculty at UCSC.

Alice Yang, associate professor of history, has been selected to receive a 2008–2009 Excellence in Teaching Award. Each year the Academic Senate recognizes a select group of UCSC instructors for teaching that is exemplary and inspiring.

Professor Yang researches historical memory, Asian American history, gender history, race and ethnicity, 20th-century U.S., and oral history.

History lecturer Gildas Hamel has been awarded one of the French government's highest academic honors, the *Palmes Académiques*, for his lifelong work teaching French language and culture. He is the fifth faculty member from UCSC to receive the award, which confers the rank of Chevalier (knight), and is given to those who have advanced the cause of French culture, education, and the arts. Christophe Musitelli, cultural attaché for the French Consulate General of San Francisco, presented Hamel with the award at a celebration of French Studies hosted by the UCSC Humanities Division and the History Department. The event also honored longtime history professor Jonathan Beecher—who received the *Palmes Académiques* himself in 1998—for his preeminent scholarship and teaching at UCSC.

Recent faculty publications include *Imperial Subjects: Race and Identity in Colonial Latin America* (Duke University Press, 2009), co-edited by Matthew O'Hara with Andrew Fisher; *The Game of Conservation: International Treaties to Protect the World's Migratory Animals* (Ohio University Press, 2009) by Professor Mark Cioc; and *Genealogies of Orientalism: History, Theory, Politics* (University of Nebraska Press, 2008) co-edited by Edmund Burke III with David Prochaska.

CAREERS

Business	Public administration
Communications	Publishing
Foreign service	Teaching
Historic preservation	Theology
Historical research	Writing
International relations	
International trade	
Journalism	
Law	
Museum management	

*These are only samples
of the field's many
possibilities.*

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

A minimum of 12 courses is required for the major. The history major does not require an exam for entrance and does not limit the number of students accepted into the program. It is strongly advised that students complete at least one introductory history course before declaring the major.

At UC Santa Cruz, the history curriculum offers three broad, geographically defined regions of concentration:

- The Americas and Africa
- Asia and the Islamic World
- Europe

Course Requirements: Each history major selects one of the three regions of concentration listed above. History majors who enter UC Santa Cruz during fall 2002 or later are required to take at least one lower-division survey course within their chosen region of concentration.

- Americas/Africa: History 10A, 10B, 11A, 11B, or 30
- Asia/Islamic World: History 40A, 40B, 41, or 43
- Europe: History 70A, 70B, 70C, 65A, or 65B

Transfer course work may or may not apply toward the survey course requirement; consult the History Department.

In consultation with the history undergraduate adviser and a faculty adviser, the student plans a program of study that will also fulfill the following distribution of courses:

- five courses in the region of concentration, one of which must be the lower-division survey course; three of the remaining courses must be upper-division;
- two courses from each of the remaining two regions of concentration;
- two upper-division history electives based in any of the regions of concentration;
- one comprehensive exit requirement (see below) in the student's chosen region of concentration.

Students may also choose to organize their course selections according to some general theme of special interest to them. Faculty and staff advisers will assist students who choose this option.

In addition to all course work, history majors must complete a senior check and exit survey in the first quarter of their senior year. For details, see the department web site.

DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

Among the 12 courses required for the major, at least three courses must meet chronological distribution requirements. One must be set before 600 A.D., and two must be set in periods prior to the year 1800 A.D. Also, no more than four of the minimum 12 courses may be lower division.

INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSE WORK

The History Department encourages its majors to take upper-division courses in disciplines related to history, including sociology, literature, community studies, American studies, politics, Latin American and Latino studies, and others. Students who wish to substitute one or two such appropriate upper-division courses for history electives must meet with their history faculty adviser and complete a course substitution form

(available online at the History Department web site). These courses are subject to the limitations in the *Transfer Preparation* section on the reverse and may or may not be applied toward a second major or minor from another department. Consult with the undergraduate adviser for further details.

COMPREHENSIVE REQUIREMENT

A comprehensive exit requirement in the student's chosen region of concentration can be fulfilled by completing an exit seminar (one quarter: 190-series, 194-series, or 196-series) or a thesis (two quarters: courses 195A and 195B). Please consult the History Department web site for a more detailed description of these courses.

LANGUAGE RECOMMENDATION

Proficiency in a foreign language is strongly recommended for all history students and is essential for those who plan to pursue graduate studies in history. Many Ph.D. programs in history require applicants to read one or two languages besides English. The UC Education Abroad Program (EAP) is appropriate for history majors as a means to both enhance language skills and take history courses elsewhere.

UC EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAM (EAP)

EAP offers students an opportunity to study abroad in 34 countries. Subject to the limitations in the *Transfer Preparation* section on the reverse, up to three courses in history completed through EAP may be applied toward major requirements. Consult the History Department web site, and speak with the undergraduate adviser for further details.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR

Students whose major area of interest is not history may nonetheless find that a minor in history makes an invaluable contribution to their studies. For the minor in history, eight history courses, four of which must be upper division, are required. There is no senior comprehensive requirement for the minor.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For further information about the history major and its requirements, see:

reg.ucsc.edu/catalog/html/programs_courses/hisPS.html

The History Department web site can be found at:
history.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/history/index.php

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