
History

In the College of Arts and Letters

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Faculty

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Chair: Ferraro

The Dwight E. Stanford Chair in American Foreign Relations:
Cobbs Hoffman

The Nasatir Professor of Modern Jewish History: Baron
Professors: Baron, Christian, Cobbs Hoffman, Ferraro, Kornfeld, Wiese

Associate Professors: Beasley, Colston, Elkind, Kuefler
Assistant Professors: Abalahin, Blum, Campbell, DeVos, Edgerton-Tarpley, Le, Passananti, Pollard, Putman, Yeh

Lecturers: Crawford, DiBella, Guthrie, Hay, Kenway, Lide, Mahdavi-Izadi, McKanna, Nobiletti, Putko, Roy, Weeks, White, Ysursa

Offered by the Department

Master of Arts degree in history.

Major in history with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.

Minor in history.

The Dwight E. Stanford Chair in American Foreign Relations

A gift from alumnus Dwight E. Stanford, who earned a bachelor's degree in American history in 1936 from San Diego State College (now SDSU), established The Dwight E. Stanford Chair in American Foreign Relations. The holder of the Chair is Elizabeth Cobbs Hoffman, a distinguished scholar-teacher who is an expert on economic and political relations between the United States and the Third World, and on the history of the Cold War.

The Nasatir Professor of Modern Jewish History

The Nasatir Professorship was established in honor of the late Professor Abraham Nasatir, a specialist in European colonial history in North America. Nasatir taught history at SDSU for 46 years and was active in the community as an advocate of Jewish education. The Professorship is now held by Lawrence Baron, a distinguished scholar of European intellectual history and Holocaust studies.

The Major

History is the study of humanity's recorded past, encompassing almost all aspects of human activity and behavior. The arts, sciences, technology, economics, politics, war, ideology, and social attitudes all constitute the subject of history.

The purpose of history education is not primarily the accumulation of information on particular events, regions, or cultures, but rather the development of knowledge and skills to collect and sift historical evidence, analyze and interpret historical behavior, and apply historical understanding to self-transformation and civic participation. Study of

the ideas, attitudes, and actions of people in the past sharpens a person's own sense of values, provides a context for present decision making, and cultivates a more compassionate spirit toward peoples whose way of life may be different from one's own.

The training in basic skills and the broad range of knowledge students receive in history courses prepare history majors for a wide variety of careers in law, government, politics, journalism, publishing, private charities and foundations, public history, business, and science. Teaching at the primary to university levels also offers opportunity for history majors who continue their education at the graduate level.

Impacted Program

The history major is an impacted program. To be admitted to the history major, students must meet the following criteria:

- Complete with a minimum GPA of 2.20 and a grade of C or higher: History 100, 101, and six units selected from History 105, 106, 109, 110, 115, or 116. These courses cannot be taken for credit/no credit (Cr/NC);
- Complete a minimum of 60 transferable semester units;
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.40 or higher.

To complete the major, students must fulfill the degree requirements for the major described in the catalog in effect at the time they are accepted into the premajor at SDSU (assuming continuous enrollment).

Advising

All College of Arts and Letters majors are urged to consult with their department adviser as soon as possible; they are required to meet with their department adviser within the first two semesters after declaration or change of major.

Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs Web site was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

History Major

**With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences
(Major Code: 22051)**

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements." No more than 48 units in history courses can apply to the degree.

A minor is not required with this major.

Preparation for the Major. History 100, 101, and six units selected from History 105, 106, 109, 110, 115, or 116. (12 units)

These prerequisite courses may not be taken Cr/NC and must be completed with a minimum GPA of 2.20 and a grade of C or higher in each class.

Language Requirement. Students will be required to successfully complete the third college semester or fifth college quarter or four years of high school in one foreign language to fulfill the graduation requirement. Refer to section of catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Students must have fulfilled the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 8 or above before taking History 400W and earn a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 30 upper division units in history to include History 400W; three units from History 450W, 451, or 452, and a minimum of nine units in field (a) Thematic, Comparative, and Interdisciplinary History; six units in field (b) The Ancient through Early Modern World; and nine units in field (c) The Modern World. At least nine upper division units must be at the 500-level. Up to six units from other departments may be applied to the history major upon written approval of the undergraduate adviser. Up to six units of study abroad history courses may be applied to the history major upon prior written approval of the undergraduate adviser. It is the student's obligation to determine which courses fulfill his/her field requirements.

History Minor

The minor in history consists of a minimum of 18 units in history to include six sequential units in the lower division. Twelve units must be in upper division history, distributed in no more than two of the fields listed under the history major.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

History Honors Thesis

The department offers undergraduates of superior achievement the opportunity to write a history honors thesis leading to special recognition upon graduation. History 490, Senior Honors Thesis, is open to students who rank in the top 20 percent of senior history majors and who have successfully completed History 400W. Interested students should consult the undergraduate adviser in the History department.

Honors Program

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General Information

The University Honors Program provides a broad academic foundation for SDSU's most academically engaged undergraduate students. Honors students are exposed to subjects in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. The objective of the program is to provide the richest possible intellectual experience by helping students become conversant in multiple disciplines, think flexibly, solve problems and pursue the creative expression of ideas. Building upon the university's commitment to educate students for a global world, the University Honors Program provides a distinctive learning community for students who seek creative, innovative and responsible ways to understand and engage the international community.

The University Honors Program courses are small, discussion-based, and rigorous. The program also helps students become engaged in intellectual co-curricular activities, undergraduate research and study abroad. Students may receive special travel assistance from the University Honors Program to present research at regional and national conferences and are eligible for a variety of scholarships awarded through the University Honors Program (including a study abroad scholarship).

San Diego State University rewards completion of the University Honors Program requirements with recognition at commencement (name and thesis title is included in the convocation program), a special transcript annotation, a University Honors Program graduation banquet and a University Honors Program certificate as a supplement to the diploma. The University Honors Program also provides a special honors medallion to its graduates, especially suited for wearing at commencement.

Admission to the Program

The application deadline for entering first year students is February 28. Applications from continuing and transfer students are accepted on a rolling admissions basis. For entering first year students, eligibility for acceptance into the University Honors Program is determined by several factors, including SAT score (a combined score for verbal and mathematics of 1200 or above) or ACT score (a composite score of 28 or above), or high school GPA (3.7 or above), and thoughtful completion of the entry essay. For continuing and transfer students, eligibility is determined according to collegiate GPA (3.3 or above) and quality of the entry essay. Applicants that are close to meeting these quantitative criteria and who also evidence intellectual curiosity should still apply. Once admitted to the University Honors Program, students must maintain at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA and earn a 3.0 or higher in all honors courses. For additional information and to download the application, interested students should consult the Web site at <http://www.sdsu.edu/honors>.

Curriculum

Study Abroad. All University Honors Program students are required to complete a study abroad experience. The Honors Program recognizes that students may have limited time and/or resources to engage in study abroad. To accommodate students' needs, a combination of short-term and long-term options is available to students. To meet the study abroad requirement, students may choose either short-term study tours, summer abroad programs, semester-long, or year-long exchanges. See the Honors Adviser to make arrangements to meet this requirement.

Honors Thesis/Project. The program is committed to developing a community of undergraduate scholars and promotes research opportunities for highly motivated undergraduate students. All honors students must complete a major piece of original research or creative work with a faculty member.

Honors Contract Courses. Students may, upon concurrent approval of the student, departmental faculty member, and director of the University Honors Program, complete a contract to convert a non-honors course into an honors course for many upper division courses.

Departmental Honors Programs. The University Honors Program supports students who are active in their departmental honors programs. Students may receive credit for taking departmentally-based honors courses, including the senior thesis.