DISCOVER HISTORY AT PACIFIC

The Department of History is an active, thriving community where students develop their human values, critical thinking skills, and an appreciation of issues that have been of perennial importance.

The department offers a wide variety of courses that cover diverse themes. Some focus on specific time periods, while others take a regional approach. All courses are intended to show that the study of history is exciting, vibrant and vitally relevant to understanding the world in which we live.

History students have the opportunity to meet and work closely with a faculty of internationally recognized scholars committed to providing students with the knowledge and skills necessary for success in many professions.

Our students graduate with the ability to understand how the events of the past, the reality of today, and the direction of the future inseparably connect.

THE MAJOR

The Department of History offers two BA degree programs in history and social science.

Students can choose from courses ranging in topics such as global and transnational history, environment and science history, pre-Modern Europe or Classics, 20th century Europe, Early North America, United States, Asia, and Latin America. Two minors, in history and public history and museum studies, are also offered for students who are committed to other academic tracks.

THE EXPERIENCE

Students in the department have the opportunity to work on summer research projects, role-playing pedagogies, field trips to historic locations, and digital content creation (e.g. Delta region stories and the Digital Delta Project). These are just a few of the ways Pacific makes history come alive.

THE OUTCOMES

History and social sciences graduates go on to diverse careers in fields such as education, law, research, libraries and archives, and museums.

STUDENT VOICE

“I chose to study History because, quite honestly, I love it. I think that History is beautiful and that the words people have said, the actions they’ve carried out, and their stories are each like their own works of art. It’s like a story that never ends as we constantly keep writing and interpreting it. It’s like a story that never ends as we constantly keep writing and interpreting it.”

ALYSSA RODRIGUEZ

BA History
The History Department is comprised of a team of internationally recognized scholars committed to providing students with knowledge and skills necessary for success in many professions. We believe that the study of history is exciting, vibrant and vitally relevant to understanding the world in which we live. Through intense classroom contact, innovative pedagogical methods and extensive student research projects, we instill in our students human values, critical thinking skills and an appreciation for the complexities of issues that have been of perennial importance. As professional historians, we have been particularly successful in disseminating these values to a broader audience, by lecturing publicly and publishing works for both academic and popular audiences.

**Teaching Credential Track**

Teaching credential candidates wishing to qualify to teach history at the secondary level should complete the Single Subject Credential in the Social Sciences. Information on specific course requirements may be obtained from your adviser or the department chair. For other credential requirements, students should consult faculty in the School of Education.

**Faculty**

Edith Sparks, Professor  
Kenneth Albala, Professor  
Kris Alexanderson, Assistant Professor  
Laura Gutierrez, Assistant Professor  
Jennifer Helgren, Associate Professor and Chair

**History Courses**

**OVERVIEW**

**Degrees Offered**

Bachelor of Arts

**Majors Offered**

History  
Social Sciences

**Minors Offered**

History  
Public History and Museum Studies

HIST 001. Chair's Seminar. 1 Unit.  
HIST 010. Western Civilization I. 4 Units.  
HIST 011. Western Civilization II. 4 Units.  
HIST 020. United States History I. 4 Units.  
HIST 021. United States History II. 4 Units.  
HIST 030. East Asian Civilization I. 4 Units.  
HIST 031. East Asian Civilization II. 4 Units.  
HIST 040. Colonialism in Latin America. 4 Units.  
HIST 041. The Problem with Latin America. 4 Units.  
HIST 050. World History I. 4 Units.  
HIST 051. World History II. 4 Units.  
HIST 060. A History of Medicine. 4 Units.  
HIST 061. Global History of Food. 4 Units.  
HIST 062. History of Warfare. 4 Units.  
HIST 063. History of Science and Technology. 4 Units.  
HIST 064. A History of Alcohol and Intoxicants. 4 Units.  
HIST 065. Women and War. 4 Units.  
HIST 070. Historical Imagination. 4 Units.  
HIST 080. Introduction to Public History and Museum Studies. 4 Units.  
HIST 089. Public History Practicum. 1 Unit.  
HIST 093. Special Topics. 4 Units.  
HIST 100. Renaissance and Reformation. 4 Units.  
HIST 101. Tudor and Stuart England. 4 Units.  
HIST 102. The Spanish Empire. 4 Units.  
HIST 103. Oceans and the Maritime World.  
HIST 111. Europe in Turmoil 1900-1945. 4 Units.  
HIST 112. History of the Holocaust. 4 Units.  
HIST 113. Europe Since 1945. 4 Units.  
HIST 114. Modern Germany. 4 Units.  
HIST 119. History Goes to Hollywood. 4 Units.  
HIST 120. Native American History. 4 Units.  
HIST 123. Civil War Era. 4 Units.  
HIST 124. History of the American West. 4 Units.  
HIST 125. Early America: From Settlement to New Nation. 4 Units.  
HIST 130. History of California. 4 Units.  
HIST 132. American Immigration. 4 Units.  
HIST 133. Women in United States History. 4 Units.  
HIST 135. Women in Time and Place. 4 Units.  
HIST 136. American Environmental History. 4 Units.  
HIST 137. His-panic™ USA. 4 Units.  
HIST 138. United States Since 1945. 4 Units.  
HIST 139. Borderlands. 4 Units.  
HIST 140. Southeast Asia and the West. 4 Units.  
HIST 141. Pre-Modern China to 1840. 4 Units.  
HIST 142. Modern Chinese History. 4 Units.  
HIST 143. Japan in War and Peace. 4 Units.  
HIST 144. Contemporary China. 4 Units.  
HIST 150. Women in Latin America. 4 Units.  
HIST 151. People's History of Mexico. 4 Units.  
HIST 160. The Capstone (Pacific History Seminar). 4 Units.  
HIST 167. Gender in the History of Science/Medicine /Technology. 4 Units.  
HIST 187. Internship. 2-4 Units.  
HIST 189. Practicum. 2-4 Units.  
HIST 191. Independent Study. 2-4 Units.  
HIST 193. Special Topics. 4 Units.  
HIST 197. Independent Research. 1-4 Units.