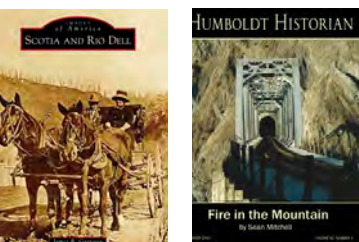




History



Program Overview

History is the study of our collective past, not only the kings and battles, but also the lives of ordinary people, cultural and intellectual life, social change, and technology, economy, and environment. The study of history helps us to understand who we are and where we came from, and helps explain interactions among diverse social groups, governments, and peoples. Historians examine processes of causality, change, and continuity and work to redefine historical narratives in ways that are meaningful to contemporary audiences and the issues we face today.

To help students better understand the patterns of the past and their significance for our present and future, the Department of History offers a wide array of courses in United States, European, Asian, Latin American, and Middle Eastern history that cover diverse topics including war and diplomacy, colonialism and empire, social and cultural change, gender and sexuality, evolution and revolution, and the environmental impact of human activity. The History major also provides students with professional skills through assignments and opportunities to work as interns in local archives, libraries, and historic sites.

The History Education concentration offers students a single-subject major in History while simultaneously preparing them to teach social studies in California schools with coursework in economics, geography, politics, and sociology. This is a waiver major, meaning that students will not be required to take the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET) as part of their teaching credential.

Critical thinking, research and analysis, and written and oral presentation are skills that form the core of the History major and are highly sought after by employers. History students will graduate with the knowledge and skills needed for a great many occupations in the modern economy and gain entry to a wide range of careers including not only academics and teaching, but also editing and publishing, historical preservation and interpreting history for the public, and careers in law, politics, and business.

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Bachelor of Arts

History
History Education

Minor

Related Careers

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Archivist
Business Person
Consultant
Diplomat
Editor
Historian
Journalist
Law Clerk
Librarian
Museum Specialist
Park Interpreter
Police Officer
Politician
Preservationist
Professor
Publicist
Teacher
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