

Recommended First Quarter Schedule

Course	Units
Entry Level Writing Course (ELWR)^ or Lower Division College English Composition	3-4
Any lower division History course (listed 1-99)^	3-4
Foreign Language*	5
GE Course or First Year Seminar**	1-3
Total Units:	12 - 16

Alternative Courses

*Additional GE Course if Foreign Language has been met with AP/IB or exam score.	3-4
^ Students should not take GE or major courses with Writing Experience (WE) until ELWR is satisfied.	
Explore First Year Seminars: https://fys.ucdavis.edu/	
**Consider the History Department's First Year Seminar: "The One Where You Learn About History" when it is offered.	

First Quarter Schedule Notes:

- Students are encouraged to begin their first quarter taking one lower division History course, one foreign language beginner course, and the College of Letters & Science composition requirement to create a balanced first quarter schedule.
- Do not take more than two History courses at a time! The reading workload can be extremely dense, and two History classes a quarter tends to be a good balance for students in the major. Be aware of taking similar discipline courses alongside History, such as Comparative Literature, English, etc. and the reading amount it will require.

Placement Exams

Recommended

Foreign Language: All students pursuing an A.B. degree in the College of Letters and Science complete a Foreign Language through the 15-unit level (For example: through SPA 003 or above.) Please see the UC Davis Language Center website for details on course placement or proficiency exams if you have familiarity with a language other than English.

Not Required

Math: The History major requirements do not require the Math Placement Exam. If you plan to take Math courses, be sure to review placement requirements prior to enrollment.

Chemistry: The History major requirements do not require the Chemistry Placement Exam. If you plan to take Chemistry courses, be sure to review placement requirements prior to enrollment.

Computer Science: The History major requirements do not require the Computer Science Placement Exam. If you plan to take Computer Science courses, be sure to review placement requirements prior to enrollment.

Recommended First Year Goals

- Understand the different concentrations available within the History major and explore interests the different regions, including Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East, United States, and World.
- Make progress completing the 5 lower division courses for the History major requirement.
- Confirm with major and college advisors about how any transfer coursework or AP/IB scores will apply to your major and/or degree requirements.
- Explore a new area of interest –History is highly interdisciplinary!
- Read the History Weekly Announcements email for information on programs, internships, and course offerings.

AP/IB Exams and Major Requirements

AP/IB Exams	Score	UCD Course	Can repeat for credit at UCD?
AP US History	3,4,5	HIS 17A and 17B	Yes, can repeat; consult with advisor
AP European History	3,4,5	HIS 4B and 4C	Yes, can repeat; consult with advisor
AP World History	3,4,5	No class equivalency, but yields units	Yes, can repeat; consult with advisor
IB History of Americas	5,6,7	HIS 17A and 17B	Yes, can repeat; consult with advisor
IB History of Europe	5,6,7	HIS 4C only	Yes, can repeat; consult with advisor
IB History of the Islamic World	5,6,7	HIS 6	Yes, can repeat; consult with advisor
IB History of Africa	5,6,7	HIS 15	Yes, can repeat; consult with advisor

Please note: This chart only covers scores that yield major credit for History.

For the most up-to-date list of all AP and IB scores and their credit at UC Davis, please refer to the charts available on the UC Davis Admissions website. <https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/freshman/exam-requirements>

Additional information:

Students can complete a year-long History Honors Thesis Program during their senior year (HIS 104A, 104B and 104C) and the latter two courses can be used towards major requirements credit (except for HIS 101/102/103 seminars).

The History department includes Study Abroad programs to Cuba, Vienna, and more! Students are also encouraged to explore UC Education Abroad Programs to study in foreign countries and gain credit towards the major – just see department advisors first!

The History major requires a total of 60 units, which leaves at least 120 units to complete for the College requirement, so many students in the major also pursue a minor or double major, you may be interested in looking into other studies to pursue along with History. Popular choices include Political Science, International Relations, and Sociology.