History

Overview

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Associate Degrees for Transfer

A.A.-T. in History

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The Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) student completion requirements (as stated in SB1440 law):

1. Completion of a minimum of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
   A. The Intersegmental GE Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University GE-Breadth Requirements (CSU GE-Breadth).
   B. A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.

2. Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

ADTs also require that students must earn a “C” or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis.

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**One course from the following group if not used above:**

A minimum of 3 units from the following:

- ANTH 481 Honors Cultural Anthropology (3)
- ANTH 310 Cultural Anthropology (3)
- ANTH 320 Introduction to Archaeology and World Prehistory (3)
- ECON 302 Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
- ETHNS 300 Introduction to Ethnic Studies (3)
- GEOG 320 World Regional Geography (3)
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- POLS 480 Introduction to International Relations - Honors (3)
- or POLS 310 Introduction to International Relations (3)
- PSYC 320 Social Psychology (3)
- SOC 321 Race, Ethnicity and Inequality in the United States (3)
- or SOC 482 Race, Ethnicity and Inequality in the United States - Honors (3)
- WGS 300 Introduction to Women and Gender Studies (3)

**Total Units:** 18

The Associate in Arts in History for Transfer (AA-T) degree may be obtained by completion of 60 transferable, semester units with a minimum 2.0 GPA, including (a) the major or area of emphasis described in the Required Program, and (b) either the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements.

### Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- evaluate and analyze diverse experiences and perspectives in history through an examination of conflicting narratives and power imbalances.
- demonstrate an understanding of distinct local, regional, and global experiences and their interconnectedness to foster active civic engagement.
- generate significant open-ended questions about the past, and critically analyze primary and secondary sources to construct oral and written historical arguments.
- demonstrate breadth of knowledge of important social, economic, cultural, political, and intellectual currents while recognizing the continuum between the past and present.

### Associate Degrees

#### A.A. in History

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Transfer Program: Transfer students should consult the Transfer Information section in this catalog and the History or related major sections of the catalog for the specific institution to which they wish to transfer to determine admissions, general education, and major requirements. Consultation with an SCC counselor is advised.

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History (HIST) Courses

HIST 300 History of Western Civilization

This is a study of Western Civilization from pre-historic times to the Reformation. The focus of the course will be on the history of Europe, including a general account of those political, economic, and social institutions as well as the cultural and intellectual forces that have contributed to the making of European societies. The course will examine prehistorical culture, the Ancient Near East, Greece, Rome, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, and the Reformation. Students should expect to write a minimum of 3,000 words.

HIST 302 History of Western Civilization

This is a study of Western Civilization from the Renaissance to the present. The course will focus on the political, economic, social, cultural, and intellectual forces that have contributed to the making of modern European societies. Students should expect to write a minimum of 3,000 words.

HIST 307 History of World Civilizations to 1500

This is a study of Western Civilization from pre-historic times to the Reformation. The focus of the course will be on the history of Europe, including a general account of those political, economic, and social institutions as well as the cultural and intellectual forces that have contributed to the making of European societies. The course will examine prehistorical culture, the Ancient Near East, Greece, Rome, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, and the Reformation. Students should expect to write a minimum of 3,000 words.

HIST 308 History of World Civilizations, 1500 to Present

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This course surveys world history to 1500 with an emphasis on the dynamic interaction of cultures and peoples. The course will emphasize the role of social, political, economic, cultural, and intellectual forces as they shape the major world civilizations. It will also focus on the legacy of these civilizations and their contributions to our present cultures.

HIST 308 History of World Civilizations, 1500 to Present

Units: 3
Hours: 54 hours LEC
Prerequisite: None.
Advisory: Eligibility for ENGWR 300, ENGWR 108, or ESLW 340, or placement through the assessment process.
Transferable: CSU; UC
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area C2; CSU Area D6; IGETC Area 3B; IGETC Area 4F
C-ID: C-ID HIST 150
Catalog Date: June 1, 2020

This course is a survey of world history from 1500 to the present with an emphasis on the dynamic interaction of cultures and peoples. The focus is on the role played by social, political, economic, cultural, and intellectual forces in shaping the major world civilizations, the legacies of these civilizations, and the ongoing tension between tradition and modernity.

HIST 309 World History in the Twentieth Century

Units: 3
Hours: 54 hours LEC
Prerequisite: None.
Advisory: Eligibility for ENGWR 300, ENGWR 108, or ESLW 340, or placement through the assessment process.
Transferable: CSU; UC
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D6; IGETC Area 4F
C-ID: C-ID HIST 160
Catalog Date: June 1, 2020

This course examines the major historical developments of the 20th Century world: nationalist and revolutionary movements; the development of modern capitalist, communist, and fascist systems; the dynamics of modern colonialism; postcolonial issues; ethnic conflict; environmental challenges; the emergence of new global systems, and the significance of new communication technologies for political movements and nation-states.

HIST 310 History of the United States

Units: 3
Hours: 54 hours LEC
Prerequisite: None.
Advisory: Eligibility for ENGWR 300, ENGWR 108, or ESLW 340, or placement through the assessment process.
Transferable: CSU; UC
General Education: AA/AS Area V(a); AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area C2; CSU Area D6; CSU Area F1; CSU Area F2; IGETC Area 3B; IGETC Area 4F
C-ID: C-ID HIST 130
Catalog Date: June 1, 2020

This course surveys the history of the United States by examining its Native American, European, and African backgrounds beginning with pre-historic migrations of America’s first inhabitants through the end of Reconstruction in 1877. This course emphasizes the roles played by cultural, economic, intellectual, political, and social institutions in American history, with an eye toward understanding the history of multiple ethnic groups in a comparative framework. Credit may be earned for History 310 or History 483, but not for both.

HIST 311 History of the United States

Units: 3
Hours: 54 hours LEC
Prerequisite: None.
Advisory: Eligibility for ENGWR 300, ENGWR 108, or ESLW 340, or placement through the assessment process.
Transferable: CSU; UC
General Education: AA/AS Area V(a); AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area C2; CSU Area D6; CSU Area F1; CSU Area F3; IGETC Area 3B; IGETC Area 4F
C-ID: C-ID HIST 140
Catalog Date: June 1, 2020

This course covers the development of American Institutions and society from Reconstruction to the present and partially fulfills American Institutions requirements for California State University and the University of California. The course emphasizes the role played by political, economic, social, cultural, and intellectual forces on the culture and development of multiple ethnic groups in a comparative format. Credit may be earned for History 311 or History 484 but not for both.

HIST 314 Recent United States History

Units: 3
Hours: 54 hours LEC
Prerequisite: None.
Advisory: Eligibility for ENGWR 300, ENGWR 108, or ESLW 340, or placement through the assessment process.
Transferable: CSU; UC
General Education: AA/AS Area V(a); AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area C2; CSU Area D6; IGETC Area 3B; IGETC Area 4F
C-ID: C-ID HIST 485
Catalog Date: June 1, 2020

This course covers United States history from 1945 to the present, offering an in-depth study of post-World War II United States history. The course emphasizes the role played by political, economic, social, cultural, and intellectual forces in shaping the American past and leading to present society. A major focus is the culture and development of multiple ethnic groups in a comparative format. Credit may be earned for History 314 or History 485 but not for both.
HIST 320 History of the United States: African-American Emphasis

This course covers the development of American Institutions and society from Reconstruction to the present and partially fulfills American Institutions requirements for California State University and the University of California. The course emphasizes the role played by political, economic, cultural, and intellectual forces in American society and the development of multiple ethnic groups in a comparative format. Beginning on the African Continent, this course will also examine the origins of the Atlantic Slave Trade and its implications for North American labor systems, including slavery. The course pays particular attention to the ways in which black people have influenced the development and development of this nation; and examines the ways in which racial issues have shaped American society, culture, and politics. Credit may be earned for HIST 320 or HIST 486, but not both.


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HIST 327 History of the Chicano/Mexican American

This course examines the history of Chicanos/Mexican Americans in North America. It explores pre-Columbian civilizations and the experiences of Chicanos/Mexican Americans within the United States from the colonial period to the present. This course investigates the social, political, economic, legal, and cultural experiences of Chicanos/Mexican Americans and their contributions to American institutions.

HIST 344 Survey of California History: A Multicultural Perspective

This course is a survey of the history of California with an emphasis on the evolution of the state as a multicultural society, beginning with Native Californian cultures prior to contact with Europeans and continuing to the present. Above all, the course examines, compares, and evaluates the historical experiences of Native Californian, Spanish, Mexican, Asian, African American, European American, and other cultural groups and the role the dynamic interaction of those groups has played in creating contemporary realities in California. Field trips to local sites of historical significance may be included.

HIST 360 History of African Civilizations

This course is an introductory survey of African history from prehistory to the present. Major topics will include the rise of societies and states in Africa to 1500 CE, the introduction of Christianity and Islam, the Atlantic slave trade, European colonialism, and the emergence of nation states in modern Africa. The course examines the development of social, political, and economic institutions in Africa, the interactions of peoples and cultures, and Africa’s place in global history.

HIST 364 Asian Civilization

This course is an introductory survey of Asian history from prehistory to the present. Major topics will include the rise of societies and states in Asia to 1500 CE, the introduction of Buddhism and Islam, the Silk Road, European colonialism, and the emergence of nation states in modern Asia. The course examines the development of social, political, and economic institutions in Asia, the interactions of peoples and cultures, and Asia’s place in global history.
This course surveys Asian civilizations to 1600 with an emphasis on East Asia and South Asia. The course focuses on the major social, cultural, economic, and political transformations of Asia, particularly highlighting the influence of these peoples and states on each other and the world. The course will provide students with a historical understanding of topics such as: the rise of complex societies, states, and empires across Asia; the relationship between settlement-based civilizations and the herding civilizations of Central Asia; the emergence of various philosophies, religions, and identities across Asia; Asian technology and innovations; the impact of the Mongol Empire; and the changing relationship of Asia to the wider world.

### HIST 365 Asian Civilization

**Units:** 3  
**Hours:** 54 hours LEC  
**Prerequisite:** None.  
**Advisory:** Eligibility for ENGWR 300, ENGWR 108, or ESLW 340, or placement through the assessment process.  
**Transferable:** CSU; UC  
**General Education:** AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D6; IGETC Area 3B  
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### HIST 373 History of Mexico

**Units:** 3  
**Hours:** 54 hours LEC  
**Prerequisite:** None.  
**Advisory:** Eligibility for ENGWR 300, ENGWR 108, or ESLW 340, or placement through the assessment process.  
**Transferable:** CSU; UC  
**General Education:** AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area I; AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area C2; CSU Area D6; IGETC Area 3B  
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This general survey of Mexican history introduces the cultural, economic, political, and social factors that have shaped Mexico from the pre-Columbian era to the present. Topics of study include pre-Columbian civilizations such as the Olmecs, Maya, and Aztecs and their cultural contributions through architecture and fine arts, the Spanish conquest, colonial New Spain, race, class, and gender in Mexican society, wars of independence and nation building, foreign invasions by the United States and France, the age of Porfirio Diaz, the Revolution of 1910, the modernization of Mexico, and U.S.-Mexico relations.

### HIST 375 The History of Modern Latin America and Caribbean

**Units:** 3  
**Hours:** 54 hours LEC  
**Prerequisite:** None.  
**Advisory:** Eligibility for ENGWR 300, ENGWR 108, or ESLW 340, or placement through the assessment process.  
**Transferable:** CSU; UC  
**General Education:** AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area V; CSU Area C2; CSU Area D6; IGETC Area 3B; IGETC Area 4F  
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This course offers a general survey of Latin America and Caribbean history from the 19th century to the present, with focus on social, political, economic, and cultural developments. Course themes include the complex and gradual process of nation building, the region’s incorporation into the global economy, the impact this has had on development and consequential nationalistic re-assertions, the way in which notions of race, class, and gender have informed these processes; the politics of populism, revolution, dictatorship and democracy; and the complex relationship Latin America and the Caribbean share with the United States.

### HIST 380 History of the Middle East

**Units:** 3  
**Hours:** 54 hours LEC  
**Prerequisite:** None.  
**Advisory:** Eligibility for ENGWR 300, ENGWR 108, or ESLW 340, or placement through the assessment process.  
**Transferable:** CSU; UC  
**General Education:** AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area I; AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area C2; CSU Area D6; IGETC Area 3B; IGETC Area 4F  
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This course surveys the history of the Middle East (Southwest Asia) and North Africa with emphasis on the period from the 6th century CE (AD) to the present. The course focuses on the major social, economic, political, and cultural transformations of the region, while taking into account both regional and global contexts of interaction and change in a comparative format. This course will provide students with a historical understanding of the impact of European colonialism, the discovery of petroleum and its consequences, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and the role played by the United States in the region.

### HIST 381 Modern Palestinian History and Culture

**Units:** 3  
**Hours:** 54 hours LEC  
**Prerequisite:** None.  
**Advisory:** Eligibility for ENGWR 300, ENGWR 108, or ESLW 340, or placement through the assessment process.  
**Transferable:** CSU; UC  
**General Education:** AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area D; IGETC Area 4  
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This course is an introduction to modern Palestinian history and culture. After establishing the ancient historical context of Palestine at the crossroads of Asia, Africa, and the Mediterranean and as an early center of agriculture and civilization, this course focuses mainly on 16th century Ottoman rule to the present. The course covers the impacts of Ottoman rule, the pressures of British and French imperialism, the British Mandate over Palestine, the establishment of the state of Israel, and current Palestinian realities. Palestine’s social and cultural diversity, as well as its place in the imagination of people and movements outside the region, is an important part of its history.

### HIST 483 History of the United States - Honors
This course surveys the history of the United States by examining its Native American, European, and African backgrounds, beginning with Indigenous peoples before 1492 and ending with the collapse of Reconstruction in 1877. This course emphasizes the roles played by cultural, economic, intellectual, political, and social institutions in American history, with an eye toward understanding the history of multiple ethnic groups in a comparative framework. The class is conducted in a seminar format and uses an intensive instructional methodology that is designed to challenge motivated students. Because of the similarity of the courses, credit may be earned for only one of the following courses: History 310, 320, 483, or 486.

HIST 484 History of the United States - Honors

- Units: 3
- Hours: 54 hours LEC
- Prerequisite: None.
- Advisory: Eligibility for ENGR 300, ENGR 108, or ESLW 340, or placement through the assessment process.
- Transferable: CSU; UC
- General Education: AA/AS Area V(a); AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area C2; CSU Area D6; CSU Area F1; CSU Area F2; IGETC Area 3B; IGETC Area 4F
- C-ID: C-ID HIST 130
- Catalog Date: June 1, 2020

This course is an introduction to the study of American history from 1865 to the present day. It is a seminar-style honors course that uses an intensive instructional methodology that is designed to challenge motivated students and cultivate advanced critical thinking skills. Particular emphasis will be placed on the role played by complex interrelationships of political, economic, social, and cultural forces in United States history after the Civil War and the role played by multiple ethnic groups as well. This course is not open to students who have completed HIST 311.

HIST 485 Recent United States History - Honors

- Units: 3
- Hours: 54 hours LEC
- Prerequisite: None.
- Advisory: Eligibility for ENGR 300, ENGR 108, or ESLW 340, or placement through the assessment process.
- Transferable: CSU; UC
- General Education: AA/AS Area V(a); AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area C2; CSU Area D6; IGETC Area 3B; IGETC Area 4F
- C-ID: C-ID HIST 140
- Catalog Date: June 1, 2020

This course is an introduction to the study of American history from 1945 to the present day. It is a seminar-style honors course that uses an intensive instructional methodology designed to challenge motivated students and cultivate advanced critical thinking skills. Particular emphasis will be placed on the role played by complex interrelationships of political, economic, social, and cultural forces in United States history after World War II, and the role played by multiple ethnic groups as well. This course is not open to students who have completed HIST 314.

HIST 486 History of the United States: African American Emphasis - Honors

- Units: 3
- Hours: 54 hours LEC
- Prerequisite: None.
- Advisory: Eligibility for ENGR 300, ENGR 108, or ESLW 340, or placement through the assessment process.
- Transferable: CSU
- General Education: AA/AS Area V(a); AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area C2; CSU Area D; CSU Area F1; CSU Area F2
- C-ID: C-ID HIST 140
- Catalog Date: June 1, 2020

This course covers the development of American institutions and society through Reconstruction and partially fulfills American Institutions requirements for California State University and the University of California. The course emphasizes the roles played by political, economic, cultural, and intellectual forces in American society and the development of multiple ethnic groups in a comparative format. Beginning on the African Continent, this course will also examine the origins of the Atlantic Slave Trade and its implications for North American labor systems, including slavery. The course pays particular attention to the ways in which black people have influenced the formation and development of this nation; and examine the ways in which racial issues have shaped American society, culture, and politics. The class is conducted in a seminar format and uses intensive instructional methodology that is designed to challenge motivated students. Credit may be earned for HIST 320 or HIST 486, but not both.

HIST 487 History of the United States: African American Emphasis - Honors

- Units: 3
- Hours: 54 hours LEC
- Prerequisite: None.
- Advisory: Eligibility for ENGR 300, ENGR 108, or ESLW 340, or placement through the assessment process.
- Transferable: CSU
- General Education: AA/AS Area V(a); AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area C; CSU Area D; CSU Area F1
- C-ID: C-ID HIST 140
- Catalog Date: June 1, 2020

This course covers the development of American Institutions and society from Reconstruction to the present and partially fulfills American Institutions requirements for California State University and the University of California. The course emphasizes the role played by political, economic, cultural, and intellectual forces in American society and the development of multiple ethnic groups in a comparative format. Beginning with a review of the Civil War, HIST 487 closely examines the Reconstruction Era, the societal “place” of African Americans, the development of “Jim Crow” segregation, and the subsequent legal demise of segregation in American life. This course pays close attention to the ways in which African American people have subsequently shaped and contributed to American society, culture, and politics. Credit may be earned for HIST 487 or HIST 321, but not both.

HIST 494 Topics in History

- Units: 0.5 - 4
- Hours: 9 - 72 hours LEC
- Prerequisite: None.
- Advisory: Eligibility for ENGR 300, ENGR 108, or ESLW 340, or placement through the assessment process.
- Transferable: CSU
The content of this course will differ each time the course is offered. The objective is to examine various issues of historical significance. U.C. transfer credit will be awarded only after the course has been evaluated by the enrolling U.C. campus. The units completed for this course cannot be counted toward the minimum 60 units required for admission.

HIST 495 Independent Studies in History

Units: 1 - 3  
Hours: 54 - 162 hours LAB  
Prerequisite: None.  
Advisory: Eligibility for ENGWR 300, ENGWR 108, or ESLW 340, or placement through the assessment process.  
Transferable: CSU  
Catalog Date: June 1, 2020

An independent studies project involves an individual student or a small group of students who wish to study, research, and/or pursue historical topics beyond those covered in regularly offered courses. This course will allow students to study specific topics and gain new perspectives in the discipline. U.C. transfer credit will be awarded only after the course has been evaluated by the enrolling U.C. campus. The units completed for this course cannot be counted toward the minimum 60 units required for admission.

HIST 499 Experimental Offering in History

Units: 0.5 - 4  
Prerequisite: None.  
Transferable: CSU  
Catalog Date: June 1, 2020