

History

The Department of History offers a PhD program in History. The program prepares the student in four selected fields of study: Three fields of history (called the first, second, and third field) and one field in another discipline (called the outside field). Students indicate their choice of the first field at the time of application to the program, and they decide upon the second, third, and outside fields by the end of the first year of study.

The department represents a rich spectrum of research interests, collaborations, and approaches spanning 16 established fields of history: Africa, Ancient Greece and Rome, Byzantine, Early Modern Europe, East Asia: China, East Asia: Japan, Global, Jewish, Late Modern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Medieval Europe, Middle East, North America, Science, South Asia, and Southeast Asia. The depth and breadth of our program and the strengths of our faculty members, students, and other professionals provide an especially stimulating and congenial setting for graduate training.

Admission to the University

Minimum Requirements for Admission

The following minimum requirements apply to all graduate programs and will be verified by the Graduate Division:

1. A bachelor's degree or recognized equivalent from an accredited institution;
2. A grade point average of B or better (3.0);
3. If the applicant has completed a basic degree from a country or political entity (e.g., Quebec) where English is not the official language, adequate proficiency in English to do graduate work, as evidenced by a TOEFL score of at least 90 on the iBT test, 570 on the paper-and-pencil test, or an IELTS Band score of at least 7 on a 9-point scale (note that individual programs may set higher levels for any of these); and
4. Sufficient undergraduate training to do graduate work in the given field.

Applicants Who Already Hold a Graduate Degree

The Graduate Council views academic degrees not as vocational training certificates, but as evidence of broad training in research methods, independent study, and articulation of learning. Therefore, applicants who already have academic graduate degrees should be able to pursue new subject matter at an advanced level without the need to enroll in a related or similar graduate program.

Programs may consider students for an additional academic master's or professional master's degree only if the additional degree is in a distinctly different field.

Applicants admitted to a doctoral program that requires a master's degree to be earned at Berkeley as a prerequisite (even though the applicant already has a master's degree from another institution in the same or a closely allied field of study) will be permitted to undertake the second master's degree, despite the overlap in field.

The Graduate Division will admit students for a second doctoral degree only if they meet the following guidelines:

1. Applicants with doctoral degrees may be admitted for an additional doctoral degree only if that degree program is in a general area of

knowledge distinctly different from the field in which they earned their original degree. For example, a physics PhD could be admitted to a doctoral degree program in music or history; however, a student with a doctoral degree in mathematics would not be permitted to add a PhD in statistics.

2. Applicants who hold the PhD degree may be admitted to a professional doctorate or professional master's degree program if there is no duplication of training involved.

Applicants may apply only to one single degree program or one concurrent degree program per admission cycle.

Required Documents for Applications

1. **Transcripts:** Applicants may upload *unofficial* transcripts with your application for the departmental initial review. Unofficial transcripts must contain specific information including the name of the applicant, name of the school, all courses, grades, units, & degree conferral (if applicable).
2. **Letters of recommendation:** Applicants may request online letters of recommendation through the online application system. Hard copies of recommendation letters must be sent directly to the program, by the recommender, not the Graduate Admissions.
3. **Evidence of English language proficiency:** All applicants who have completed a basic degree from a country or political entity in which the official language is not English are required to submit official evidence of English language proficiency. This applies to institutions from Bangladesh, Burma, Nepal, India, Pakistan, Latin America, the Middle East, the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Southeast Asia, most European countries, and Quebec (Canada). However, applicants who, at the time of application, have already completed at least one year of full-time academic course work with grades of B or better at a US university may submit an official transcript from the US university to fulfill this requirement. The following courses will not fulfill this requirement:

- courses in English as a Second Language,
- courses conducted in a language other than English,
- courses that will be completed after the application is submitted, and
- courses of a non-academic nature.

Applicants who have previously applied to Berkeley must also submit new test scores that meet the current minimum requirement from one of the standardized tests. Official TOEFL score reports must be sent directly from Educational Test Services (ETS). The institution code for Berkeley is 4833 for Graduate Organizations. Official IELTS score reports must be sent electronically from the testing center to University of California, Berkeley, Graduate Division, Sproul Hall, Rm 318 MC 5900, Berkeley, CA 94720. TOEFL and IELTS score reports are only valid for two years prior to beginning the graduate program at UC Berkeley. Note: score reports can not expire before the month of June.

Where to Apply

Visit the Berkeley Graduate Division application page (<http://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/apply/>).

PhD Program Requirements at a Glance

Students should make progress toward completing graduate coursework and language requirements as outlined in the History Graduate Program

Guide (<https://history.berkeley.edu/graduate/program-guide/>). Students must pass a third-semester examination concentrating on their first field² prior to the start of their fourth semester. Before taking the doctoral qualifying examination, students must satisfy all course and language requirements. Students must take the PhD qualifying examination no later than the end of the spring semester of the third year, for students in a six-year field, and by the end of the spring semester of the fourth year, for students in a seven-year field. Advancement to doctoral candidacy immediately follows the qualifying exam upon approval of a dissertation committee and written dissertation prospectus. After advancing, students will continue to be enrolled and submit annual progress reports. Final completion of the PhD requires submission and approval of the dissertation.

Program Fields of Concentration

The program prepares the student in four selected fields of study: three fields of History (called the first, second, and third field) and one field in another discipline (called the fourth or outside field). Students indicate their choice of the first field at the time of application to the program and they decide upon the second, third, and outside fields by the end of the second year of study. Students are bound by normative time requirements of the first field. The graduate advisers committee must formally approve the selection of these fields, normally by the end of the second year.

Fields

- 1. Africa
- 2. Ancient Greece and Rome
- 3. Byzantine
- 4. Early Modern Europe
- 5. East Asia: China
- 6. East Asia: Japan
- 7. Global
- 8. Jewish History
- 9. Late Modern Europe
- 10. Latin America and the Caribbean
- 11. Medieval Europe
- 12. Middle East
- 13. North America
- 14. Science
- 15. South Asia
- 16. Southeast Asia

PhD Coursework Requirements

Students complete a minimum of 34 course units, not including language, and maintain a minimum overall grade point average of 3.0 (3.5 or above in history graduate courses). Courses that are being applied to the program must be taken for a letter grade. The program of study must conform to the following guidelines:

A. 16 units in the first field: two graduate seminars in any combination of 275s and 280s (both must be completed by the end of the first year) and two 285s (one should be completed by the end of the first year if possible).

Students in the fields of East Asia: China and East Asia: Japan have one additional required 4 unit seminar. Students in East Asia: China must take a reading seminar (280) or a survey seminar (275) in Japanese history. Students in East Asia: Japan must take a reading or survey seminar in Chinese history. Exceptions require the approval of the graduate advisor committee.

Students in the field of History of Science must take, in addition to other required coursework, the historical colloquium (290) in each semester of their first two years. The 290 is worth 1 unit and is graded on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis.

- B. 4 units in the second (thematic) and 4 units in the third (limited regional/temporal) fields: graduate seminars in any combination of 275s and 280s.
- C. 3 to 4 units in the fourth/outside field: one graduate-level graded course in a field and department other than history.
- D. 4 units of methodology: Historical Method and Theory (283). Students are required to take this in their first semester.
- E. 2 units of pedagogy: Teaching History Pedagogy Seminar (375). A pedagogy course is required of all first-time graduate student instructors (GSIs). Students are required to take the Department of History's 375 during their second semester.

PhD Foreign Language Requirements

The language requirements for the PhD vary by field between one and four. Students whose field requires two or more languages are advised to come to the program with significant preparation in the languages most critical to the field (e.g., students in medieval history should have intermediate Latin at the time of application). Students should attempt to complete one foreign language applicable to the selected field by the end of the first year. Please see history.berkeley.edu (<http://history.berkeley.edu/>) for a list of language requirements by field and for options for fulfilling the language requirements. Students must satisfy all language requirements before taking the doctoral qualifying examination. Faculty in the field can help students make a plan for completing the requirements.

Curriculum

Seminars Available - all fields ¹

These are the graduate seminars. Topics and offerings vary by semester.		
HISTORY 200X	Special Topics: Short Course	1-2
HISTORY C231	Japanese Studies: Past, Present... and Future?	2
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HISTORY 280B	Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Europe	4
HISTORY 280D	Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: United States	4
HISTORY 280E	Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Latin America	4
HISTORY 280F	Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Asia	4
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HISTORY 280N	Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Canada	4
HISTORY 280S	Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: History of Science	4
HISTORY 280U	Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Studies in Comparative History	4
HISTORY 285A	Research Seminars: Ancient	4
HISTORY 285B	Research Seminars: Europe	4
HISTORY 285D	Research Seminars: United States	4
HISTORY 285E	Research Seminars: Latin America	4
HISTORY 285F	Research Seminars: Asia	4
HISTORY 285H	Research Seminars: Africa	4
HISTORY 285L	Research Seminars: Legal History	4
HISTORY 285S	Research Seminars: History of Science	4
HISTORY 285U	Research Seminars: Studies in Comparative History	4
HISTORY 281	Paleography and Other Auxiliary Sciences	4
HISTORY 283	Historical Method and Theory	4
HISTORY 290	Historical Colloquium	1
HISTORY 375	Teaching History at the University	2
Independent Study Units:		
HISTORY 296	Directed Dissertation Research	3-12
HISTORY 299	Directed Reading	1-4
HISTORY 601	Individual Study for Master's Students	1-8
HISTORY 602	Individual Study for Doctoral Students	1-8

¹ Africa; Ancient Greece and Rome; Byzantine; Early Modern Europe; East Asia-China; East Asia-Japan; Global; Jewish History; Late Modern Europe; Latin America and the Caribbean; Medieval Europe; Middle East; North America; Science; South Asia; Southeast Asia.

² In the third semester, all students are examined for general command of the history and scholarship in their first field. Students taking the exam will be expected to display, at minimum, textbook-level knowledge of their fields and/or a thorough mastery of the materials covered in the courses they have taken at Berkeley. A minimum program of three seminars or its equivalent (275s, 280s, and/or

285s), two of which must be in the first field, is a prerequisite to the examination. Examinations may be oral or written or both (depending on the field) and are graded pass/fail.

³ MA students in Ancient Greece and Rome define their field as either Ancient Greece or Ancient Rome; PhD students define their field as Ancient Greece and Rome or Rome and Late Antiquity.

History

Expand all course descriptions [+] Collapse all course descriptions [-]

HISTORY 200X Special Topics: Short Course 1 - 2 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2014, Spring 2012, Fall 2011

A four-week long course permitting the instructor to cover in-depth a topic of particular interest. Topics and instructors vary; consult department catalog for details.

Special Topics: Short Course: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1.5-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Special Topics: Short Course: Read Less [-]

HISTORY 200Y The Book as Object: the Art and Material History of the Book 2 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2011

For 2,500 years, the book has dominated world culture as the primary material linguistic object. Lectures and demonstrations devoted to various aspects of the production of manuscript and printed books focusing on examining books in the collection of the Bancroft Library that exemplify, encapsulate, or represent an archetype or excellent model of the type and period(s) in which the book was published. Particular attention will be paid to the art of the book in relation to its content.

The Book as Object: the Art and Material History of the Book: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

The Book as Object: the Art and Material History of the Book: Read Less [-]

HISTORY C231 Japanese Studies: Past, Present... and Future? 2 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2015, Spring 2014

Offers an overview of the history and current state of the field in Japanese studies, with faculty presentations, selected readings, and orientation sessions with East Asian Library staff to acquaint participants with relevant resources for research. Requirements will include completion of course readings and preparation of a research prospectus.

Japanese Studies: Past, Present... and Future?: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: JAPAN C231

Japanese Studies: Past, Present... and Future?: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

HISTORY C250 Topics in Science and Technology Studies 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2014, Fall 2013

This course provides a strong foundation for graduate work in STS, a multidisciplinary field with a signature capacity to rethink the relationship among science, technology, and political and social life. From climate change to population genomics, access to medicines and the impact of new media, the problems of our time are simultaneously scientific and social, technological and political, ethical and economic.

Topics in Science and Technology Studies: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: ANTHRO C254/ESPM C252/STS C200

Topics in Science and Technology Studies: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

HISTORY C251 Science and Technology Studies Research Seminar 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2015

This course will cover methods and approaches for students considering professionalizing in the field of STS, including a chance for students to workshop written work.

Science and Technology Studies Research Seminar: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Also listed as: ANTHRO C273/ESPM C273/STS C250

Science and Technology Studies Research Seminar: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

HISTORY 275A Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: Ancient 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2005, Fall 2002, Fall 2001

To provide a broad survey of the literature and historiographical problems of the different fields in history.

Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: Ancient: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: Ancient: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

HISTORY 275B Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: Europe 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2021

To provide a broad survey of the literature and historiographical problems of the different fields in history.

Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: Europe:

Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: Europe:

Read Less [-]

HISTORY 275D Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: United States 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2019, Fall 2018

To provide a broad survey of the literature and historiographical problems of the different fields in history.

Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: United States:

Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: United States:

Read Less [-]

HISTORY 275E Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: Latin America 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2018, Fall 2017

To provide a broad survey of the literature and historiographical problems of the different fields in history.

Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: Latin America:

Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: Latin America:

Read Less [-]

HISTORY 275F Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: Asia 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Fall 2019

To provide a broad survey of the literature and historiographical problems of the different fields in history.

Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: Asia:

Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: Asia:

Read Less [-]

HISTORY 275M Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: Middle East 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023

To provide a broad survey of the literature and historiographical problems of the different fields in history.

Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: Middle East: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: Middle East: Read Less [-]

HISTORY 275S Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: History of Science 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2013, Fall 2012

To provide a broad survey of the literature and historiographical problems of the different fields in history.

Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: History of Science: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: History of Science: Read Less [-]

HISTORY 275Y Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: Yearlong, 2-unit 2 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023

To provide a broad survey of the literature and historiographical problems of the different fields in history.

Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: Yearlong, 2-unit: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1.5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: Yearlong, 2-unit: Read Less [-]

HISTORY 280A Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Ancient 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022

For precise schedule of offerings see department catalog during pre-enrollment week each semester.

Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Ancient: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Ancient: Read Less [-]

HISTORY 280B Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Europe 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022

For precise schedule of offerings see department catalog during pre-enrollment week each semester.

Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields:

Europe: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields:

Europe: Read Less [-]

HISTORY 280D Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: United States 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022

For precise schedule of offerings see department catalog during pre-enrollment week each semester.

Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields:

United States: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields:

United States: Read Less [-]

HISTORY 280E Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Latin America 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022

For precise schedule of offerings see department catalog during pre-enrollment week each semester.

Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields:

Latin America: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields:

Latin America: Read Less [-]

HISTORY 280F Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Asia 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022

For precise schedule of offerings see department catalog during pre-enrollment week each semester.

Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields:

Asia: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields:

Asia: Read Less [-]

HISTORY 280G Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Asia (For Ph.D. Candidates) 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Fall 2019, Spring 2017

For precise schedule of offerings see department catalog during pre-enrollment week each semester.

Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Asia (For Ph.D. Candidates): Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Asia (For Ph.D. Candidates): Read Less [\[-\]](#)

HISTORY 280H Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Africa 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

For precise schedule of offerings see department catalog during pre-enrollment week each semester.

Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Africa: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Africa: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

HISTORY 280M Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Middle East 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2018

For precise schedule of offerings see department catalog during pre-enrollment week each semester.

Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Middle East: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Philliou

Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Middle East: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

HISTORY 280N Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Canada 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

For precise schedule of offerings see department catalog during pre-enrollment week each semester.

Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Canada: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Canada: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

HISTORY 280S Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: History of Science 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2019, Spring 2016, Fall 2015

For precise schedule of offerings see department catalog during pre-enrollment week each semester.

Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields:

History of Science: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields:

History of Science: Read Less [-]

HISTORY 280U Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Studies in Comparative History 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2022, Fall 2021

For precise schedule of offerings see department catalog during pre-enrollment week each semester.

Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields:

Studies in Comparative History: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields:

Studies in Comparative History: Read Less [-]

HISTORY 281 Paleography and Other Auxiliary Sciences 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2014, Spring 2014

Introduction to the scholarly handling of texts, whether ancient or modern, inscriptions or manuscripts, and instruction in the methodologies, tools, sources, and the editing and use of texts relevant to a particular field of history; instruction in any auxiliary science requisite for historical research.

Paleography and Other Auxiliary Sciences: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Paleography and Other Auxiliary Sciences: Read Less [-]

HISTORY 283 Historical Method and Theory 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021

This seminar provides a broad overview of the discipline of History.

Beyond examining influential works that continue to shape how we write, teach, and think about history, it familiarizes students with important subfields of the discipline, and seminal thinkers who helped shape them.

Though the course probes no topic or approach in depth, it does aim to facilitate a working knowledge of a range of methods and theoretical vocabularies with which historians should be conversant. Students must take this course in their first semester.

Historical Method and Theory: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Historical Method and Theory: Read Less [-]

HISTORY 285A Research Seminars: Ancient 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2021

For precise schedule of offerings see department catalog during pre-enrollment week each semester.

Research Seminars: Ancient: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Research Seminars: Ancient: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

HISTORY 285B Research Seminars: Europe 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022

For precise schedule of offerings see department catalog during pre-enrollment week each semester.

Research Seminars: Europe: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Research Seminars: Europe: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

HISTORY 285D Research Seminars: United States 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022

For precise schedule of offerings see department catalog during pre-enrollment week each semester.

Research Seminars: United States: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Research Seminars: United States: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

HISTORY 285E Research Seminars: Latin America 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

For precise schedule of offerings see department catalog during pre-enrollment week each semester.

Research Seminars: Latin America: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Research Seminars: Latin America: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

HISTORY 285F Research Seminars: Asia 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022

For precise schedule of offerings see department catalog during pre-enrollment week each semester.

Research Seminars: Asia: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Research Seminars: Asia: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

HISTORY 285H Research Seminars: Africa 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

For precise schedule of offerings see department catalog during pre-enrollment week each semester.

Research Seminars: Africa: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Research Seminars: Africa: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

HISTORY 285L Research Seminars: Legal History 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2003, Spring 1997

For precise schedule of offerings see department catalog during pre-enrollment week each semester.

Research Seminars: Legal History: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Research Seminars: Legal History: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

HISTORY 285M Research Seminars: Middle East 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

For precise schedule of offerings see department catalog during pre-enrollment week each semester.

Research Seminars: Middle East: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Research Seminars: Middle East: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

HISTORY 285S Research Seminars: History of Science 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2014, Spring 2011

For precise schedule of offerings see department catalog during pre-enrollment week each semester.

Research Seminars: History of Science: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Research Seminars: History of Science: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

HISTORY 285U Research Seminars: Studies in Comparative History 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021

For precise schedule of offerings see department catalog during pre-enrollment week each semester.

Research Seminars: Studies in Comparative History: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Research Seminars: Studies in Comparative History: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

HISTORY 287 Becoming a Historian 2 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020

This class explores what is happening to higher education and the historical profession in the contemporary world and how the job market for historians is changing. The aim is to demystify the academy and the historical profession while encouraging deeper thinking about career diversity and development. We will focus on practical questions like how and when you get your reading done, how you prepare for 3rd semester and qualifying exams, visit and use archives, develop research skills, prepare grant proposals, build a CV/Resume, attend conferences and present papers, publish reviews and articles. It will also address how you survive this intensification of academic labor, addressing issues such as mental health and resources for parents.

Becoming a Historian: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 5 hours of seminar per week

8 weeks - 4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Becoming a Historian: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

HISTORY 290 Historical Colloquium 1 Unit

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022

Colloquium on topics of current research. For precise schedule of offerings, see department catalog during pre-enrollment week each semester.

Historical Colloquium: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of colloquium per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 4 hours of colloquium per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Historical Colloquium: Read Less [-]

HISTORY 295 Supervised Research Colloquium 2 - 5 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Preparation, presentation and criticism of research papers.

Supervised Research Colloquium: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Supervised Research Colloquium: Read Less [-]

HISTORY 296 Directed Dissertation Research 1 - 12 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022

Directed dissertation research.

Directed Dissertation Research: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open to qualified students directly engaged upon the doctoral dissertation

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-12 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

3 weeks - 5-60 hours of independent study per week

6 weeks - 2.5-30 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 2-22.5 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Directed Dissertation Research: Read Less [-]

HISTORY N296 Directed Dissertation Research 3.0 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2017 8 Week Session

Directed dissertation research.

Directed Dissertation Research: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

6 weeks - 0-7.5 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 0-5.5 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Directed Dissertation Research: Read Less [-]

HISTORY 298 Independent Study for Graduate Students in History 2 - 12 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018

Independent Study for Graduate Students in History: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Independent Study for Graduate Students in History: [Read Less](#) [-]

HISTORY 299 Directed Reading 1 - 12 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2019 10 Week Session, Spring 2018, Summer 2016 8 Week Session

Individual conferences to be arranged. Intended to provide directed reading in subject matter not covered in scheduled seminar offerings.

Directed Reading: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-12 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 1-12 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1-12 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Directed Reading: [Read Less](#) [-]

HISTORY 301 Professional Training: Teaching History 4 Units

Terms offered: Not yet offered

Preparation for teaching, under the supervision of History faculty, including meeting with supervising faculty and leading discussion sections.

Professional Training: Teaching History: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: History 375 (completed or taken concurrently), graduate standing and appointment as a Graduate Student Instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Professional Training: Teaching History: [Read Less](#) [-]

HISTORY 375 Teaching History at the University 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2021

This class introduces graduate students to a variety of theories and techniques used in teaching history at the university. Through discussion, small group activities, and simulations, the course explores core ideas of history pedagogy. It addresses opportunities and challenges in teaching history as well as common classroom situations to develop the foundation for becoming teachers at Berkeley and beyond. The course has two primary goals: (1) to prepare graduate students to teach effectively as GSIs in history classes at Berkeley; and (2) to introduce ideas, practices, and debates in teaching and learning to support graduate students' professional development into independent instructors, in and out of the classroom.

Teaching History at the University: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of seminar per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Formerly known as: History 300

Teaching History at the University: [Read Less](#) [-]

HISTORY 601 Individual Study for Master's Students 1 - 8 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019

Individual study, in consultation with the graduate adviser, to prepare for student's language examinations and the master's examination.

Individual Study for Master's Students: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: For candidates for M.A. degree

Credit Restrictions: Course does not satisfy unit or residence requirements for master's degree.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate examination preparation

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Individual Study for Master's Students: [Read Less](#) [-]

HISTORY 602 Individual Study for Doctoral Students 1 - 8 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019

Individual study, in consultation with the graduate adviser, to prepare students for language examinations and the doctoral examination.

Individual Study for Doctoral Students: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: For candidates for doctoral degree

Credit Restrictions: Course does not satisfy unit or residence requirements for doctoral degree.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-15 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: History/Graduate examination preparation

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Individual Study for Doctoral Students: [Read Less](#) [-]