

BA in History (Law and Social Justice)

Units required for Major = 45

Total units required for BA = 120

Program Description

The concentration in History, Law, and Social Justice pairs courses in American legal and political history with a broad introduction to social issues and movements central to the development of American and global human rights regimes. The concentration is designed especially to prepare students for careers in law, but it also offers a well-rounded course of study for students interested in careers in politics, public policy, or social activism. Undergraduates in this concentration receive extensive training in critical thinking, evidence-based research, and analytical writing, preparing them to enter law school or other post-baccalaureate degree programs.

Program Requirements

Required Lower Division Courses (12 units)

HIST 17A

HIST 17B

HIST 50

HIST 51

Required Upper Division Seminars (12 units)

HIST 100

HIST 100R

HIST 192A-Z

HIST 197A-C

Required Upper Division Courses (9 units)

HIST 151B Founding Documents: American Democracy before 1800

HIST 173 The History of the Civil Rights Movement from Reconstruction to Deconstruction, 1865-Present

HIST 180 American Legal History

Upper Division History Electives (12 units)

Select three upper division history courses from the list below

HIST 153 Civil War and Reconstruction, 1840-1890

HIST 156 The Sixties

HIST 165 American Environmental History

HIST 167 History of American Women

HIST 171A American Indian History to 1840

HIST 171B American Indian History since 1840

HIST 172A LGBTQ Histories

HIST 172B Queer Black Histories

HIST 174A History of Disability in the United States

HIST 174B History of Madness in the United States

HIST 175A Sex, Population, and Birth Control in America

HIST 177 The African-American Experience, 1603-Present

HIST 178 Mexican-American History

HIST 179 American Immigration History

HIST 181 Anarchists and Revolutionaries: Transnational Radicalism in the United States

HIST 186B History of California Water

HIST 188 American Labor History

Select one upper division history course from the list below

- HIST 121 Democracy and Human Rights in the Era of the French Revolution
- HIST 122C Women's Global Activism in the 20th Century
- HIST 131 History of Sexuality in Comparative Perspective
- HIST 133 Twentieth-Century World History
- HIST 137A Latin American Revolutions in the Twentieth Century
- HIST 139A Global Environmental History in the Age of Imperialism, 1450-Present Day
- HIST 174C Disability in World History: A Comparative History

*Students in the Law and Social Justice would all be assigned to one faculty advisor to ensure consistent advising on course selection and (potentially) on preparing a 197 paper on a legal history topic.