

HISTORY, B.A.

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WHY APPLY TO HISTORY, B.A.?

Historians at UC Merced are passionately curious about the world of the past. We study a wide range of times and places and ask many different questions, but all of us place local histories in dialogue with wider global ones. In our ongoing dialogue with the past as scholars and teachers, we explore how artifacts, objects, and writings open doors to understanding thoughts, beliefs, and practices, as well as the multiple shifting power relations of past societies. We look forward to sharing our fascination with the past and the pleasure of studying it with you.

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The History major at UC Merced emphasizes the many ways in which connections between regions and nations have existed over time. All students gain familiarity with world history, learn interpretive skills and take at least one course focused on research, and also undertake a capstone research project; they have opportunities to apply their classroom learning to research problems outside the classroom, contributing to expanding public knowledge and awareness of cultural issues. Students may explore thematic topics such as environmental history, the history of science and technology, and the history of migration and cultural intersections, as well as issues of the world, national, state, and local history.

Internship Opportunities

- ▶ Many HIST and CRES students have conducted original, mentored research with HIST and CRES faculty, usually but not always under the umbrella of UROC-H

Graduate Program Opportunities

- ▶ UC Merced History Majors have gone on to graduate study in multiple fields, including History, Education/Teacher Credentialing, Public Policy, Social Welfare, and Law School. In addition, CRES students have successfully applied to the Interdisciplinary Humanities (IH) Graduate Program at UC Merced

Job/Career Prospects

- ▶ Advocate
- ▶ Archivist
- ▶ Cultural resources manager
- ▶ Documentary Editor
- ▶ Historic preservation researcher
- ▶ Journalist
- ▶ Lawyer
- ▶ Librarian
- ▶ Legislation staff worker
- ▶ Litigation support worker
- ▶ Museum/Public History
- ▶ Research Analyst
- ▶ Teacher

STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Javier Servin

B.A., History

Class of 2010

Current position: Senior Media Archivist, Paramount Pictures (Burbank, CA)

The study of history is much more than learning the dates and names of historical figures. It's learning how to properly conduct research, form a thesis, and cite evidence to support that theory. These are valuable skills that helped prepare me for my current position as an archivist, where research and using evidence are a regular part of my responsibilities. These skills have also served me well in navigating the climate of misinformation we are currently experiencing.

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