

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WORLD CULTURES AND HISTORY

(WCH) MAJOR

In **addition** to adhering to the UC Merced and School of Social Science, Humanities and Arts requirements, the additional requirements that must be met to receive the B.A. in World Cultures and History at UC Merced are:

World Cultures and History Requirements: Students in the World Cultures and History major must complete at least 41 units in World Cultures and History courses, of which 8 units will be from lower division courses in the student's area of emphasis, 1-4 units will be a senior public research project and 8 units will be through senior proseminars. Courses in the major emphasis must be taken for a letter grade and specifically may not be taken on a pass/no pass basis unless the course is only offered on a pass/no pass basis. In addition to the emphasis areas of history and literature, World Cultures and History includes courses in anthropology, art and art history, languages (initially, Spanish) and philosophy. Required courses include:

Lower Division Major Requirements (32 units): A two-semester lower division introductory sequence in the student's intended area of emphasis:

History emphasis (one of the following combinations):8 units

- Introduction to World History to 1500 (HIST 10) and Introduction to World History Since 1500 (HIST 11)
- The Forging of the United States, 1607-1877 (HIST 16) and The Modern United States, 1877-Present (HIST 17)

Or

Literature emphasis (one of the following combinations): . . .8 units

- Introduction to World Culture and Literature I and II (LIT 20 and LIT 21)
- Introduction to American Literature I and II (LIT 30 and LIT 31)
- Introduction to British Literature I and II (LIT 40 and LIT 41)
- Introduction to Hispanic Literature I and II (LIT 50 and LIT 51)

Two Years of College-level Courses in a Language

other than English16 units

(can be satisfied through alternative means such as proficiency testing, prior course work, etc.)

Two introductory World Cultures and History courses selected from the student's non-emphasis area8 units

(lower division courses with prefix HIST, LIT, WCH or ANTH 1, ARTS 10 or PHIL 1) – it is recommended that students satisfy this requirement by completing related sequences, for example, LIT 30 and 31 with HIST 16 and 17

Check WCH website for most recent list of approved courses. Students may petition to substitute a suitable course in place of taking a course from the list included here.

Upper Division Major Requirements (33-40 units):

History Emphasis:

- The Historian's Craft (HIST 100)

(must be taken in junior year)4 units

- History electives16-20 units

- One non-US History course4 units

- World Cultures and History Proseminar:

Research (WCH 190)4 units

- World Cultures and History Proseminar:

Senior Thesis (WCH 191)4 units

- Public Research Project in World Cultures and

History (WCH 192)1-4 units

Or

Literature emphasis:

- Engaging Texts: Introduction to Critical Practice (LIT 100)

(must be taken in junior year)4 units

- At least three upper division literature emphasis

courses from the following areas:12 units

- Area A: Literatures and cultures of the Spanish Speaking world
- Area B: Literatures and cultures of the Americas
- Area C: Literatures and cultures of the English-speaking world

(SPAN 100 and 101 may be used to meet requirements in either Area A or B.)

- Literature Electives8-12 units

- World Cultures and History Proseminar: Research

(WCH 190)4 units

- World Cultures and History Proseminar: Senior Thesis

(WCH 191)4 units

- Public Research Project in World Cultures and History

(WCH 192)1-4 units

Transfer Students. Transfer students who wish to major in World Cultures and History should complete the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) at their community college. In addition, students should complete at least two full-year UC- transferable introductory course sequences, one sequence selected from history and one from literature.