Social and Political History (BA or BS)

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The major in Social & Political History is a research- and writing-intensive major that emphasizes analysis of change over time and in-depth understanding of the societies, cultures, economies, political systems and conflicts that have shaped our world.

Electives focus on areas of faculty expertise, such as science, technology, race, culture, environment, education, criminal justice, religion, gender, labor, war, politics, and sports. All majors take “Introduction to Historical Research and Writing" and the capstone “Historical Research Seminar." Outstanding research papers are regularly presented at regional and national history conferences and Carnegie Mellon’s end-of-year Meeting of the Minds Symposium.

Research, writing, and analytical skills are excellent preparation for graduate school and careers in business, law, government, journalism, education, public policy, Foreign Service, museums, libraries and archives. The flexible curriculum fits both primary and additional majors.

This is a suggested schedule for the first 2 years for a Primary Major. Social & Political History is also available as an Additional Major or Minor.

The remainder of the Major and GenEd courses can be completed in the junior and senior years.

*Courses can be chosen from a variety of survey courses offered each semester.

**Elective: This space can be used for a pre-requisite course, another GenEd course, major course, or for a course you are simply interested in.

***79-200, Introduction to Historical Research and Writing, is a pre-requisite for 79-420, Historical Research Seminar, which is taken in the Fall semester of the senior year.

For the B.S. degree, complete two additional courses from this list: 21-257, 36-202 (or 36-208 or 70-208), 36-207, 36-303, 36-309, 80-305, 84-265, 88-251.

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**1st semester**

- 79-104, Global Histories
- Complete 1: 76-101, Interpret. & Argument 36-201 or 36-200, Statistics Freshman Seminar
- 99-101, C@CM
- 79-xxx, History Survey Course*
  - xx-xxx, Elective**
  - xx-xxx, Elective**

**2nd semester**

- Complete 2:
  - 76-101, Interpretation & Argument
  - 36-201 or 36-200, Statistics
  - 79-xxx, History Survey Course*
  - xx-xxx, Elective**
  - xx-xxx, Elective**

**3rd semester**

- 79-xxx, History Elective
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- xx-xxx, Elective**
- xx-xxx, Elective**
- xx-xxx, Elective**

**4th semester**

- 79-200, Intro to Historical Research and Writing***
- 79-xxx, History Elective
- xx-xxx, Elective**
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- xx-xxx, Elective**