

MINOR IN CALIFORNIA STUDIES

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California Studies Program

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Program Scope

California Studies is a multi-disciplinary program whose purpose is to study the consensus and conflict, unity and diversity, and continuity and change that characterize the many cultures, social structures, and artistic and creative expressions, as well as the earth and geosciences, of past and present California.

Students pursuing this minor may draw upon the strengths of many departments offering courses on the various dimensions of California; in particular, Africana Studies, American Indian Studies, American Studies, Anthropology, Asian American Studies, Biology, Earth and Climate Sciences, Economics, English, Environmental Studies, Geography, History, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Humanities, Political Science, Latina/Latino Studies, and Recreation, Parks, and Tourism. Certain core courses are required to obtain the minor, with additional elective courses to be chosen by the student.

Each student should emerge from the minor with a grasp of California history and political processes, knowledge, and appreciation of the rich diversity of California cultures, creative arts, and literatures, an informed view of California's environmental richness and ecological relationships, and a continuing interest in the dynamic California landscape.

Affiliated Programs at SF State

Liberal Studies

The Liberal Studies major offers a pattern of courses that emphasize California studies. For details, see the Liberal Studies (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/liberal-creative-arts/liberal-studies/ba-liberal-studies) section of this *Bulletin*.

American Studies

The American Studies major offers the possibility of pursuing a California-focused elective program. For details, see the Bachelor of Arts in American Studies (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/liberal-creative-arts/humanities/ba-american-studies) section of this *Bulletin*.

Career Outlook

The Minor in California Studies prepares students for regional and local application of their major fields of study to the immediate world in which they live, the state of California. A foundation in California studies is beneficial to those pursuing teaching credentials and careers in business, public policy, public administration, state government, and public history. The minor is also excellent preparation for those pursuing advanced degrees in the social sciences, humanities, earth sciences, or arts.

California Studies Minor - 21-23 units

All coursework used to satisfy the requirements of the minor must be completed with a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

California History (3 units)

Code	Title	Units
HIST 450	History of California	3

California Artistic and Cultural Landscapes (3 units)

Code	Title	Units
Select one:		3
A U 302	Bay Area Culture	
HTM 421	Food, Wine, and Culture in California	
HUM 376	San Francisco	
HUM 375	Biography of a City (topic course)	
HUM 450/ AMST 410	California Culture	

California Social and Ethnic Landscapes (3-4 units)

Code	Title	Units
Select one:		3
A U 302/ HUM 340	Bay Area Culture	
AA S 510	Asian Americans in California	
AFRS 312	Kalifa: The Black Heritage of California	
AIS 410	Perspectives of Native California Indians	
ANTH 356	Archaeology of California	
LTNS 315	Latina/os in California	
LTNS 660	Latina/o Politics	
PLSI 473	California Politics and Government	
PLSI 475/ USP 485	San Francisco Political Issues	

California Environmental Landscapes (3-4 units)

Code	Title	Units
Select one:		3
A U/GEOG 301	Bay Area Environments	
BIOL 300	Nature Study	
ERTH 320		
ERTH 325	Geology of the National Parks	
ERTH 360	California Weather Events	
GEOG 552	Geography of California	
GEOG/USP 651	San Francisco Bay Area Environmental Issues	

Electives (9 units)

Select courses from at least two of the categories above.