

Studying history is one of the best ways to learn how to make powerful arguments and craft compelling narratives. Learn to analyze multiple sources of information, determine what's important, and communicate your insights to a range of audiences. Our alumni have ventured into such career paths as:

- Journalism and digital media
- Technology, finance, and venture capital
- International diplomacy
- Education
- Medicine
- Public policy, law, and politics
- Philanthropy and nonprofits

“ Majoring in history has helped me every day since I graduated. Now more than ever, our news needs context. We cannot be given snippets of information without also being given an understanding of what it means and where it came from. ”

Alexa Liautaud '16
Reporter, *Vice News*

“ The means to reason and communicate effectively, skills I learned as a history major, are assets I've found useful in every facet of life. What's more important, however, is the unique perspective on human experience that the study of history has taught me. ”

Chase Beeler '10, MA '12
Vice president, Altamont Capital Partners, former professional football player

History

WHERE DO WE COME FROM?

**HOW DOES THE PAST
SHAPE OUR PRESENT AND
OUR FUTURE?**

**HOW CAN YOU UNDERSTAND
TIMES, PLACES, AND CULTURES
RADICALLY DIFFERENT FROM
YOUR OWN?**



CHART YOUR OWN PATH

History is the disciplined study of the past. It gives you skills and perspectives to understand the present and look to the future with insight and sound judgment. You will learn to analyze complex situations that change over time, weigh competing claims, and present logical, evidence-rich arguments. Choose one of these tracks:

- General History
- Global Affairs and World History
- History, Philosophy, and the Arts
- History of Science and Medicine
- History and Law
- Public History/Public Service
- CS + History (joint major)

Then build on your foundation with compelling courses like:

- *Racial Identity in the American Imagination*
- *The Scientific Revolution*
- *The History of Modern China*
- *Women and Gender in Science, Medicine, and Engineering*

LEARN THE HISTORIAN'S CRAFT

The study of history equips you to confront the vast complexity of the human story. You will learn to discover the origins of today's realities and to investigate relationships between causes and effects, structure and agency. As a student of history, you will learn to see connections as never before—even between people and societies separated by continents and thousands of years. So much of the world across time is accessible through the study of history.

PICTURED: Students in the *History of Modern China* course examining archives in Stanford Library Special Collections

ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

At Stanford there are many opportunities to learn the practice of history for yourself and gain skills through hands-on experience. Conduct original, independent research in the United States and abroad, with funding from the university. Delve into a wealth of one-of-a-kind archival materials housed on campus. Master the art of argument-driven nonfiction writing, and publish your own work in *Herodotus*, one of Stanford's longest-running undergraduate journals.