

History of Consciousness

Undergraduate Minor Requirements

ONE CORE COURSE

(Must be taken at UCSC!)

- Students are required to take one lower-division HISC course, preferably HISC 1 “Introduction to the History of Consciousness” (must be completed or enrolled in to declare the minor).

FIVE UPPER-DIVISION COURSES

- In order to complete the minor, students must complete five, five credit upper-division courses. Students may, with permission of the instructor, petition the department to substitute a five-credit graduate seminar for one of the required upper-division courses. In addition, students may petition to substitute an upper-division course offered by affiliated faculty in other departments.

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History of Consciousness is an interdisciplinary graduate and undergraduate minor program centered in the Humanities, with links to the Social Sciences and the Arts. It is concerned with forms of expression and social action as they are manifested in specific historical, cultural, and political contexts. The program stresses flexibility and originality. Interest is focused on problems rather than disciplines.

The History of Consciousness Minor is available for students who wish to gain an understanding of major ideas, trends and figures in the history of knowledge using an interdisciplinary approach. Topics include: modernity; the history of philosophy; capitalism; the foundations of critical theory; the emotions; categories and concepts of difference; critical race theory; queer theory; gender and sexuality studies; visual culture; and the foundations of modern intellectual thought. Courses provide students with critical theoretical tools for understanding philosophy, history, race, sexuality, affect, politics, economics and other fields of inquiry. They offer foundational knowledge that serves undergraduates in many other majors in the Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities.

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