

HISTORY

Program Description

History is the inquiry into, and the interpretations of, past events, peoples, and eras. The study of history is an important undertaking allowing us to examine our human heritage, explore societies from around the world and their relationship to one another, and appreciate how the past has shaped the world we live in. As more informed citizens of the world we will be better equipped to recognize other perspectives, question our own assumptions, and critically analyze and engage with the challenges of the twenty-first century.

Historians focus on a variety of arenas when studying changing interpretations of the past. The interconnections between political theory, power dynamics, marginalized peoples, religious and philosophical beliefs, cultural trends, military developments, economic concerns, and more, are the subject of this diverse and dynamic field. History can also help us develop a greater empathy for the struggles and experiences of others and acknowledge the important role race/ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status, dis(ability), religion, and culture have played in shaping the societies we study. History classes, therefore, help us to think with rigor, to write with clarity and precision, to organize and assess evidence, to analyze problems, and interpret complex events that will contribute to our academic success and professional endeavors.

History Department Page (<https://www.msjc.edu/history/>)

Transfer Preparation

MSJC offers a wide range of course work that prepares students for the workforce or for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. All four-year institutions prescribe their own standards for course evaluation and admissions. Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree in a program at MSJC might not be the same as those required for transfer into a similar major at a four-year university. Please meet with a Counselor to confirm transfer requirements.

Transfer students are advised to do research on prospective majors and careers. The MSJC Transfer Center and MSJC catalog can be helpful tools. Students interested in transferring to CSU's or UC's can access major preparation by visiting ASSIST (<http://www.assist.org>). All students are advised to meet with a counselor at least once a semester to create or update their comprehensive education plan.

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Degrees/Certificates

Degrees

Transfer Degree

- History, A.A.-T (<https://catalog.msjc.edu/instructional-programs/history/history-aat/>)

Program Learning Outcomes

- The student will demonstrate the ability to analyze and interpret historical trends to form independent interpretations.
- The student will compare and contrast the histories of different peoples to cultivate empathy and social awareness.
- Through composition and discussion the student will demonstrate a clear and multifaceted understanding of history.

Careers and Salaries

Discover in-demand careers and education options based on your interests! See the list of careers below or explore further by searching for **Careers or Programs** (<https://msjc.emsicc.com>).

Note: There are no guaranteed positions for students completing these programs. Education and work experience required will vary by employer. The salary and benefits for specific occupations will be dependent on work experience, education, background, and employer. Labor market statistics are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Census Bureau, O-NET, EMSI.

Career/Industries	CA Annual Median Salary or Range	Employment Demand or Opening CA
Lawyer (M, D)	\$155,325	4,135
Political Scientists (M, D)	\$119,119	21
History Teachers, Postsecondary (M, D)	\$103,374	22,174*
Curators (B, M, D)	\$72,972	85
Historians (B, M)	\$66,858	31
History Teachers, Secondary (B)	\$89,128	3,833**

(degree required: SM some college, C: Certificate, A: Associate degree, B: Bachelor's degree, M: Master's degree, D: Doctorate)

*All Postsecondary Teaching Positions

**All Secondary Teaching Positions