

HISTORY

The History Department Mission Statement:

To investigate the impact of continuity and change upon human life in a sequential and cumulative manner and through a systematic application of such intellectual tools as analysis and interpretation to develop a self-educating person.

Program Information

The History Department offers a variety of General Education and Elective courses. There are a number of ways these courses might be used for continuing education by students. Most commonly, students focus upon an Associate Degree for Transfer in History to the California State University System or focus on an appropriate IGETC plan for transfer to a University of California campus. Ultimately, history faculty at Orange Coast College seek to present students with challenges involved with "investigating" history, similar to the skillset of a detective or legal analyst. In this process, the story of our collective past can be discovered. History is really a debate, using sources, about what we "think" actually happened. We are really storytellers, looking to understand ourselves and our world through the narratives of those that came before us. Career paths for those involved in history generally center around (but are not limited to) teaching, archival curatorship, museums, law enforcement, historic preservation, record management, and governmental research. Many will seek to apply a history minor to any career that requires skills in research, analysis, and the discovery of the facts of past events.

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