

History



Do you wonder why people do what they do?

If so, consider a history major. Our international faculty will teach you how to read, research and write well—and help you gain skills that will serve you in any profession. History studies human activity and its meaning, including politics, economics, religion, culture, and ecology. Sharpen your analytical and critical skills and learn to ask good questions, to understand situations from several vantage points and to understand and appreciate other times, people, and cultures.

SELECTED COURSES

- Foundations of History
- Modern Middle East, 1800-Present
- The Making of Modern Europe, 1914-Present
- Modern and Contemporary Latin America
- Civil War and Reconstruction in America
- Reformation Spirituality

CAREER PATHS

- Law
- Government
- Non-profits
- Archival Work
- Marketing
- Management
- Christian Ministry
- Education



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FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



ALISTER CHAPMAN,
PH.D.

Educated in England, he specializes in modern European history



HEATHER KEANEY,
PH.D.

Provides historical and cultural contexts for current events in the Middle East



SARA MORRISSET,
PH.D.

Specialist in the history and archaeology of Latin America



MARIANNE ROBINS,
PH.D.

Educated in France, she specializes in the Holocaust and early modern French history



ALASTAIR SU, PH.D.

Specializes in the history of capitalism and immigration in the United States

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



- Westmont's Europe Semester
- Westmont's England Semester
- Westmont in Mexico

ALUMNI

Benjamin Peterson '18, works for State Senator Monique Limón as a district representative, advising and staffing the Senator on housing and higher education policy. While continuing to work full time for the Senator, he has just completed a Master of Public Administration at Cal State Northridge.

Cassidy Rea '20, discovered her passion for advocacy while working in Veterans Treatment Court in Santa Barbara County. After earning her Juris Doctor from the University of Iowa, where she gained hands-on experience in the Federal Defense Clinic, she now serves as a public defender for San Diego County.

Jayne Avendano '20, after graduating from Westmont, she completed her master's degree in international affairs at American University in Washington, D.C. and interned with the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM). She currently works as a foreign affairs officer in the U.S. Department of State with the OFM.



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