

# 4+1 Program

Bachelor of Arts in History  
Master of Arts in War and Society

## WILKINSON COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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### Master of Arts in War and Society

War and Society scholars expand the study of warfare beyond combat by examining the social and cultural aspects of how societies go to war, experience war, and its consequences. A cutting-edge and vibrant field of scholarship, War and Society studies explore topics like genocide, the relationship of service-people and veterans to the state, changing conceptions of the war-disabled, the role of race in military affairs, gender and the national military experience, war and the world-wide movement of peoples.

Chapman University is uniquely situated to offer an M.A. in War and Society. The university houses the newly founded Center for American War letters, a collection of 80,000 war letters (and growing) and the Sala and Aron Samueli Holocaust Memorial Library - two nationally-acclaimed archives dedicated to the experience of war. Mastering graduate-level writing, research, and critical thinking skills opens up a multitude of possible career paths in education, policy-making, museums, library science, law, non-profits, and business.

### How to Learn More

FOR ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS or to RSVP for an upcoming information session, contact the Office of Graduate Admission at (888) CU-APPLY, or visit us online at [www.chapman.edu/gradadmission](http://www.chapman.edu/gradadmission).

FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, contact the History program manager at (714) 997-6641 or visit us online at [www.chapman.edu/war-and-society](http://www.chapman.edu/war-and-society)

### Program Admission

Chapman students apply to the M.A. program by January of their junior year. Students will receive conditional admission to the program pending completion of their B.A. degree. If accepted to the M.A. program, students can take up to 12 approved graduate credits during their senior year.

These credits can be used to satisfy the undergraduate graduation requirements AND count toward the M.A. in War and Society.

This option is available to students pursuing the B.A. in History and guarantees excellent students a seat in Chapman University's Master of Arts in War and Society and makes them eligible for scholarship money awarded to outstanding, incoming Master's students.

By the fall of junior year, the student seeking guaranteed, early admission must schedule an interview with the Wilkinson

College Graduate Programs Coordinator, Allison Tritch, at (714) 997-6752 or [tritch@chapman.edu](mailto:tritch@chapman.edu) and with the War and Society Graduate Program Director at (714) 997-6641 to review admission requirements.

Students meeting the stated requirements (see reverse side) will be admitted to the War and Society program in the spring of their junior year on a conditional basis until the following criteria for admission are complete.

1. HIST 596  
(Advanced Research Thesis I)  
HIST 598  
(Advanced Research Thesis II)
2. All B.A. History degree requirements are completed and degree is bestowed by the university.
3. Cumulative GPA at graduation of 3.0 or above.

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### Master of Arts in War and Society 4+1 Admission Requirements

#### Deadline: January 15th for Fall admittance

- Junior standing; History Major.
- Successful completion of HIST 296.
- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.
- Resume.
- A 500 word essay stating reasons for pursuing the M.A. in War and Society.
- A writing sample of 1200 words that demonstrates competency in scholarly writing.
- Two letters of recommendation that speak to academic preparation and aptitude for graduate study.

### M.A. in War and Society Degree Requirements

#### Total number of units: 33

9 units of core courses:

HIST 500; HIST 696; HIST 698

6 units of History Readings Seminars

6 units of History Research Seminars

12 units of electives, at least two in a discipline other than history

Student must maintain a 3.0 GPA after completing 15 units of the program to continue.

Students completing the 4+1 M.A. in War and Society MUST select a War and Society topic (approved by the Graduate Director) for their undergraduate senior thesis and register for HIST 596 /598 instead of HIST 496/498. Students will expand their senior thesis into the required Master's thesis in the fifth year of study.

### Senior Year Course Schedule for 4+1 Students

#### Fall (6 units)

- **Hist 596:** Advanced Research Thesis I (counts as M.A. elective and History B.A. major core requirement).
- **Hist 500:** Historical Approaches to War and Society (counts as M.A. core requirement and either History B.A. 300-level course requirement OR elective towards 124 units required for B.A.).

#### Spring (6 units)

- **Hist 598:** Advanced Research Thesis II (counts as M.A. elective and History B.A. major core requirement)
- **Hist 501:** History Readings Seminar in War and Society (counts as M.A. Readings Seminar requirement and either History B.A. 300-level course requirement OR elective towards 124 units required for B.A.).

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