

PHI ALPHA THETA is an affiliate of the Association of College Honor Societies. Phi Alpha Theta is the only international honor society in history. Since its inception, Phi Alpha Theta has grown to over 800 chapters in fifty states, as well as Puerto Rico, Canada and the Philippine Islands. To date it is the largest (in numbers and chapters) of the accredited honor societies and boasts more than 150,000 initiates internationally. The main objective of Phi Alpha Theta is to promote the study of history and to recognize superior achievement in the field.

The Eta-Xi chapter of Phi Alpha Theta at California State University, Los Angeles, was founded in 1960 by Professor Arthur Smith, and has since held a distinguished reputation.

Eligibility Requirements:

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS shall qualify for membership when they have completed **AT LEAST TWELVE SEMESTER HOURS** (or its equivalent) in collegiate history courses, with an average grade ratio in **ALL** college level history courses taken, of **ABOVE** the second highest grade (usually a B -- 3.1) on the institution's scale, and shall have an overall average on all collegiate work of at least the second highest grade (usually a B - 3.0) on the institution's scale.

All twelve semester hours presented for membership may be from either classroom courses, on-line courses, AP courses, or a blend of these types of courses. A student may count history courses transferred from other universities provided that these courses were taken at accredited institutions and have been accepted by the receiving university into the student's degree plan.

GRADUATE students must have at least 6 units completed toward their History M.A. degree with a GPA of at least 3.5 in history coursework. Undergraduate course work in History may count toward the 6 units.

What does it cost to join?

New initiates pay the one-time national fee (\$50). The national fee confers lifetime membership on the individual, a certificate of membership, and a one-year subscription to *The Historian*.

NOTE: Make one check or money order for \$50 (national) payable to Phi Alpha Theta. Submit completed application and payment to the History Department (KHC4066).

Why join Phi Alpha Theta?

In addition to recognition of superior work in the field of history, membership in Phi Alpha Theta has many other advantages, some of which include:

- 1) The recognition of belonging to a prestigious international Honor Society.
- 2) The opportunity to get to know fellow history students in a professional atmosphere, where networking spreads ideas as well as opportunities for the future.
- 3) The right to participate in the functions of the local chapter, not only while enrolled at Cal State L.A., but after graduation as well. These may include meetings, field trips, community outreach, and banquets.
- 4) The opportunity to be elected as a delegate to Phi Alpha Theta's regional and national conventions.
- 5) The opportunity to submit articles for publication in *The Historian*, the official journal of Phi Alpha Theta International.
- 6) Use of the Phi Alpha Theta Lounge (KH 4032) for computing, printing, and internet access on a first-come-first-served basis.