HISTORY (HIS)

College of Arts and Humanities

Courses

HIS 500. Methods & Materials Of Rsrch In History. 3 Credits.
Basic techniques and procedures in research; major types of research and methods for locating, evaluating, and interpreting evidence. The student develops a tentative outline, bibliography, and summary of an investigative procedure. Required of all degree-program students. Typically offered in Fall.

HIS 505. Studies In The History & Culture Of East. 3 Credits.
The traditional basis for modern Chinese, Japanese, and Korean societies. The interaction between European and Asian cultures and resulting changes in East Asia.

HIS 509. The Modern Middle East And The West. 3 Credits.
Recent history of major Middle Eastern societies; Iran and the oil situation; Israel and the Palestinian question; conflicting cultures.

HIS 511. Africa to Independence. 3 Credits.
Emergence of modern African nationalism against the background of traditional African society and the legacy of European colonialism.

HIS 512. Independent Africa. 3 Credits.
The post-war experience of Sub-Saharan Africa, viewed in the light of the end of European colonial administration and the growth of an independent African society.

HIS 515. Latin American Since Independence. 3 Credits.
Pre-Columbian art and thought, scholasticism, mercantilism, the Great Debate, Baroque architecture, Enlightenment, conservatism, liberalism, Romanticism, Modernism, Positivism, Aporismo, Mexican muralists, novel of social protest, existentialism, and music. Lineaments of the Latin-American mind.

HIS 520. Racism, Bigotry, Prejudice. 3 Credits.
Course examines the evolution and roots of human prejudice and bigotry from a variety of perspectives - historical, sociological, and psychological.

HIS 523. History of Germany. 3 Credits.
Germany in the 19th and 20th centuries: Napoleonic era, rise of Prussia, nationalism and unification, imperialism and World War I, National Socialism, World War II, divided Germany and Reunification. Typically offered in Spring.

HIS 530. Problems In Medieval Civilization. 3 Credits.
Rise and fall of the Byzantine Empire, conquests of the Arabs and Turks, the crusades for the recovery of the Holy Land; the religious orders and the universal aspirations of the Papacy.

HIS 532. The Reformation. 3 Credits.
Major and minor Protestant leaders and their movements; effects on the evolving nation-states; the Church of Rome’s response; Wars of Religion and Treaty of Westphalia; the Scientific Revolution.

HIS 533. Dynastic Europe 17th Century. 3 Credits.
Compares and contrasts political, economic, and social developments of two major dynastic powers, namely Spain and France, during the 17th century. Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

HIS 534. French Revolution & Napoleonic Era. 3 Credits.
The central themes of the French Revolution, from the origins during the ancien regime to the fall of Napoleon and Congress of Vienna.

HIS 535. Nationalism & Democracy: 1815-1914. 3 Credits.
Aftermath and effect of the French Revolutionary era; events brought on by the growth of nationalism and democracy; development of the industrial revolution. Roots of the First World War.

HIS 536. Europe Since 1914. 3 Credits.
Twentieth-century Europe, with emphasis on causes of World War I, Europe between World War I and World War II, and problems of contemporary Europe.

HIS 540. The Evolution Of Modern Russia. 3 Credits.
A cultural approach to the historical development of Russia from the foundation of Kiev to the Revolution of 1917. Emphasis is on Russia’s political and aesthetic uniqueness.

HIS 543. Jews In Modern European History. 3 Credits.
This course assesses Jewish life and thought in the context of major European historical developments during the 19th and 20th centuries. Special attention is given to the emancipation and acculturation process and the proliferation of anti-Semitism. Typically offered in Fall.

HIS 544. Final Solution. 3 Credits.
This course explores the “Final Solution” of the “Jewish Question,” the core of the Nazi Holocaust as it was administered in each country in Europe under German occupation during World War II.

HIS 545. The Holocaust. 3 Credits.
The study of steps leading to the Holocaust (1933-1945), the Holocaust itself, and the aftermath. The rise of Nazism is included. Typically offered in Fall.

HIS 546. Genocide In Modern History. 3 Credits.
Case studies of major atrocities of the 20th century, analyzing how and why particular genocides were committed. Typically offered in Spring.

HIS 547. Asocials And The Holocaust. 3 Credits.
This course studies the other victims of the Holocaust: Gypsies; homosexuals, people with handicaps, Jehovah’s Witnesses and others.

HIS 548. Women And The Holocaust. 3 Credits.
An examination of women’s experiences in Nazi-occupied Europe. Also explores the role of gender in Nazi ideology and in postwar testimonies.

HIS 550. Colonial America: 1607-1763. 3 Credits.
Development of the 13 colonies of Anglo-America from their settlement to mid-18th century. Emphasis on a conceptual analysis of specific events and problems.

HIS 551. Revolutionary America: 1763-1789. 3 Credits.
American development from the mid-18th century to the framing of the Constitution, with emphasis on the causes of the American Revolution and the evolution of American institutions and ideas throughout the period.

HIS 553. The Rise Of The New Nation: 1789-1850. 3 Credits.
A historiographical approach involving interpretations of the foundations and development of the Federalist Party, emergence of Jeffersonian Democracy, evolution of Jacksonian Democracy, and events of the Middle Period leading to the decade of controversy.

HIS 554. Civil War & Reconstruction: 1850-1877. 3 Credits.
The war and its aftermath as the great watershed of United States national history. Emphasis on the conflicting interpretations of the causes, nature, and effects of the Civil War.

HIS 555. Emergence Of Modern America: 1876-1923. 3 Credits.
The rise of industrial capitalism, urbanization, mass consumer society, and culture, and the impact of modernization on class gender, race relations, governance, and foreign policy.

HIS 557. Problems In Amer Constitut Development. 3 Credits.
Selected problems in the development of American constitutional government. The progressive adaptation of the law to a changing social and economic order. Conflicts such as nationalism versus states’ rights, and vested rights versus police power.

HIS 558. History Of The Cold War. 3 Credits.
American foreign policy in Europe, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East from 1945 to the end of the Cold War. Objectives sought by the United States and the political, military, economic, and social policies pursued during the Cold War.

HIS 559. American Urban History. 3 Credits.
Research methods and approaches for studying the history of cities in America. Emphasis on quantitative analysis, including studies of urban population, social mobility, and voting patterns. Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

HIS 561. The Indian in America’s Past. 3 Credits.
The dispossession of the American Indian: land seizures, wars and treaties, cultural contact; customs, mores, economic, and religious life of the Indian; assimilation and preservation of Indian culture.

HIS 601. Directed Readings In American History. 3 Credits.
A critical examination of significant works on selected topics in the field. Consent: Permission of the Department required to add. Repeatable for Credit.
HIS 602. Directed Readings in European History. 3 Credits.
A critical examination of significant works on selected topics in the field.
Consent: Permission of the Department required to add.
Repeatable for Credit.

HIS 603. Directed Readings World/Regional History. 3 Credits.
A critical examination of significant works on selected topics in the field.
Consent: Permission of the Department required to add.
Repeatable for Credit.

HIS 650. Seminar in American History. 3 Credits.
Selected problems in American history. Subject announced in advance of each semester.
Pre / Co requisites: HIS 650 requires prerequisite of HIS 500.
Typically offered in Spring.
Repeatable for Credit.

HIS 651. Seminar in European History. 3 Credits.
Selected problems in European history. Subject announced in advance of each semester.
Pre / Co requisites: HIS 651 requires prerequisite of HIS 500.
Typically offered in Spring.
Repeatable for Credit.

HIS 652. Seminar in History of non-Western World. 3 Credits.
Selected problems in non-Western world history. Subject announced in advance of each semester.
Pre / Co requisites: HIS 652 requires prerequisite of HIS 500.
Typically offered in Spring.
Repeatable for Credit.

HIS 660. Field Studies In History. 3-6 Credits.
A fully supervised learning experience, usually a tour, designed to expose students to the culture, artifacts, and research facilities of a given country or area.

HIS 690. Independent Studies in History. 1-3 Credits.
Research projects, reports, and readings in history.
Consent: Permission of the Department required to add.

HIS 691. Thesis I: Research. 3 Credits.
This course allows students to complete the research necessary to the writing of a thesis.
Consent: Permission of the Department required to add.

HIS 692. Thesis II: Writing. 3 Credits.
This course allows students to complete their thesis.
Pre / Co requisites: HIS 692 requires a prerequisite of HIS 691.