HISTORY (HIST)

HIST 1110 - Origins of the Modern World to 1500
Credit(s): 0 or 3 Credits
An historical approach to understanding the development of the modern world to 1500. The course will examine ancient civilizations, the Hebrews, Greece, Rome, Christianity, Islam, Byzantium, the Middle Ages, The Renaissance, and encounters between cultures and regions of the globe.
Attributes: Catholic Studies-History, History Requirement (CAS)

HIST 1115 - Origins of the Modern World to 1500
Credit(s): 3 Credits
An historical approach to understanding the development of the modern world to 1500. The course will examine ancient civilizations, the Hebrews, Greece, Rome, Christianity, Islam, Byzantium, the Middle Ages, The Renaissance, and encounters between cultures and regions of the globe.
Prerequisite(s): ENGL 2005
Attributes: Prof. Studies Students Only

HIST 1120 - Origins of the Modern World (1500 to Present)
Credit(s): 0 or 3 Credits
An historical approach to understanding the development of the modern world from 1500 to the present. The course will examine the cross-cultural impact of European expansion, the Protestant and Catholic Reformations, the Scientific Revolution, absolutism, the Enlightenment, the French and Industrial Revolutions, nineteenth and twentieth century thought the World Wars, totalitarian and liberation movements, and the challenges of the new global age.
Attributes: Catholic Studies-History, History Requirement (CAS), Core:Aesthetics, Hist & Culture, Core:Global Interdependence

HIST 1121 - Utopias, Declarations, and Manifestos: Constructing Modern Worlds
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course serves as an introduction to modern world history, centered on the idea of justice, equity, and identity in a global world. The class focuses on themes of utopias, declarations, and manifestos. It places these documents in historical context in order to explore the relationships between individual and state, cultural encounters and social change, identity, representation, power, and technology. (Offered Spring and Summer)

HIST 1125 - Origins of the Modern World, 1500 to Present
Credit(s): 3 Credits
An historical approach to understanding the development of the modern world from 1500 to the present. The course will examine the cross-cultural impact of European expansion, the Protestant and Catholic Reformations, the Scientific Revolution, absolutism, the Enlightenment, the French and Industrial Revolutions, nineteenth and twentieth century thought the World Wars, totalitarian and liberation movements, and the challenges of the new global age.
Prerequisite(s): ENGL 2005
Attributes: Prof. Studies Students Only

HIST 1200 - Communicating About History
Credit(s): 3 Credits
"Reacting to the Past” uses a “role-playing” format to introduce students to major ideas and texts throughout history and to engage the historical context where particular values developed. Throughout the course, students, acting on behalf of their assigned character, prepare short writing assignments and give multiple oral presentations, many of which will incorporate visual materials. In short, “Reacting to the Past” calls on students to create for themselves the parts of historical actors in key moments of cultural and political crisis; students must “inhabit” their roles, getting into the minds and hearts of those historical figures they portray.
Attributes: Core:Oral & Visual Comm

HIST 1600 - History of the United States of America to 1865
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course covers American history from the period of contact through the Civil War. Topics include the collision of European, African, and Native American cultures in the age of contact and settlement; colonial British North America; the American Revolution and the Constitution; geographic expansion and social, economic, and cultural change in the Jacksonian era; slavery and the sectional conflict, and the Civil War.

HIST 1610 - History of the United States Since 1865
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course will survey the major historical developments in American history as the United States emerged as a major world power. The course will examine such issues as the shift from a rural agrarian to an urban industrial nation, the changing view of the role of government in society and the economy, and the evolution of foreign policy from nineteenth century isolation to world super power in the years after World War II.

HIST 1630 - History of St. Louis
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The history of St. Louis is extraordinarily rich in its ethnic, cultural, social, and economic diversity. Standing at the crossroads of America, St. Louis has marked the gateway between the eastern United States and the western states and territories; southward to New Orleans, and from there, across the Atlantic. This course will concentrate on the history and development of St. Louis and the wider geographic region. The course readings will situate the life of the city within the context of Native American life, western explorations, Jesuit history, the growth and eventual demise of slavery in Missouri, and modern urban problems.
Attributes: Core:Identities in Context

HIST 1700 - China and Japan To 1600: Histories, Cultures, Identities
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course will introduce students to the histories and cultures of China and Japan from the origins to the Ming dynasty (1368-1644) and the establishment of the Tokugawa shogunate (1603-1868). Students will be guided in analyzing pieces of archaeological, historical, literary, and artistic evidence and in developing a comparative perspective with the West. Funerary and ritual practices, warfare, state formation, ideology, and the influence of Confucianism, Daoism, Shintoism, and Buddhism on institutions and society will be among the main themes treated in class.
HIST 1710 - China and Japan Since 1600  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
Follows the political, cultural, and social histories of China and Japan from the seventeenth century to the present. The course concentrates on the interaction of China and Japan as well as on their respective roles in international exchanges and conflicts. The class will focus on the impact of traditions such as Confucianism, Buddhism, Shintoism, and Christianity on society and institutions, on organized violence (e.g. warfare, uprisings, and samurai ideology) and on gender relations. Students will learn how to approach historical, literary, and artistic evidence and develop a critical perspective on cross-cultural issues.  

HIST 1715 - Homer Between Myth and History  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
Homer's poetry—about the devastating impact of a war at the city of Troy—conjures up a romantic age of heroic warriors, loyal wives, and fickle gods who can't be counted upon when humans need justice. But how much of what Homer tells us is myth, and how much of it is history? More importantly, what value should the ancient Greeks hold for us at a time when the beginnings of the globe are undeniably more diverse? Homer's three-thousand-year-old poetry invites us into a conversation about identity filled with surprising resonance for today. (Offered Occasionally)

HIST 1730 - Who Were the Romans?  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course is an introductory lecture course with discussion sections that asks students to consider a range of answers that attend to the question, "Who Were the Romans?" Ancient Rome was a multi-ethnic global phenomenon whose society, culture, religion, art, and laws crossed three continents. With attention to how the Romans saw themselves and how they often failed to live up to their own ideals, the course will give students an opportunity to develop a nuanced understanding of the ancient past and explore its relevance for today.  
Attributes: Core:Aesthetics, Hist & Culture, Core:Global Interdependence, Core:Identities in Context

HIST 1740 - Peoples and Pandemics in History  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
Pandemics have challenged humankind throughout time by tempering society, subjecting it to trials either to which it must succumb or over which it must triumph. COVID-19, as other previous pandemics, Bubonic plague, Smallpox, Cholera, Influenza, and HIV-AIDS provide compelling historical episodes through which to reflect on the science, politics, socio-economic structures and personal relations in contemporary society. Using selected readings and films, this course explores how Pandemics have sparked changes in society and advanced innovation and progress. (Offered occasionally)

HIST 1930 - Special Topics  
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

HIST 1980 - Independent Study  
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

HIST 2400X - Immigration in U.S. History and Culture  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This class will introduce students to U.S. immigration history, with a particular focus on immigration flows, policies, and debates from the mid-nineteenth century to the present. We will take an interdisciplinary approach to the study of immigration in U.S. culture, using a variety of sources—including photography, film, poetry, memoir, and a board game—to examine how ideas, policies, and practices regarding immigration have been tied to key concepts such as race, gender, sexuality, disease, and empire. Students will read scholarly essays and primary sources, and conclude with a short, primary-source-based independent research project.  
Attributes: Diversity in the US (A&S)

HIST 2615 - History of the United States Since 1865  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This survey course examines the U.S. from Reconstruction through the present. Required for majors.  
Prerequisite(s): ENGL 2005  
Restrictions: 
Enrollment limited to students in the Schlo for Professional Studies college.  
Attributes: Upper-Division US History, Prof. Studies Students Only

HIST 2730 - Crossroads of the World: The Middle East and North Africa Through History  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
Introductory survey of Middle Eastern history from pre-Islamic late antiquity to the present. Students learn to identify and explain the region's political geography, peoples, languages, cultures, major historical periods and events, and causes of change. Prepares students for advanced courses in Middle Eastern history.  
Attributes: World History

HIST 2800 - Historian's Craft: Methods Proseminar  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
Historian's Craft provides research and writing training to prepare students for successful careers as History majors and minors and a vocation after college. The Historian's Craft Proseminar is required for majors and minors in the revised major and minor program.  
Prerequisite(s): HIST 1110, HIST 1120  
Restrictions: 
Enrollment is limited to students with a program in History.

HIST 2930 - Special Topics  
Credit(s): 0-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

HIST 2980 - Independent Study  
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

HIST 3000 - Ancient Greece  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
Covers ancient Greek history from the Mycenaean through the Hellenistic period (roughly from 1600 BC to 30 BC). Besides Sarah Pomeroy et al., Ancient Greece (2nd edition), readings will include Homer's Odyssey and works by Sappho, Herodotus, Thucydides, Aristophanes, Plato, and Plutarch.  
Attributes: Classical Humanities, History European, Pre-1600 European History
Inherently an interdisciplinary endeavor, medieval archaeology blends the remains of people who lived in Europe during the middle ages (500-1500). Medieval archaeology is the specific study of the physical and artifactual remains of people who lived in Europe during the middle ages (500-1500). Inherently an interdisciplinary endeavor, medieval archaeology blends the studies of history and archaeology to arrive at a new synthetic understanding of this complex period by asking basic questions about the nature of sources, how we can arrive at conclusions through syncretic means, and what scholars do when they are faced with conflicting evidence.

HIST 3020 - The Roman Empire
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Surveys the ancient empire from the late first century B.C. to the fifth century A.D. Our goal is two-fold: to explore the key figures and political and military developments that shaped Rome and to balance that top-down approach by digging up evidence for daily life, including the role of women in Roman society, the importance of slavery to the economy and the centrality of religion. The goal is to appreciate the diversity of the Roman experience including who participated in Roman rule, who didn’t, and how Romans themselves wrestled with their changing identity, over five centuries of ancient Mediterranean history.

Attributes: History European

HIST 3025 - Women & Power in Ancient Rome
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This class looks at ancient Roman women who shook up a political world monopolized by men, with their own creative efforts at activism. (Offered Occasionally)

HIST 3030 - The Byzantine World: Faith and Power in a Thousand-Year Empire
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Surveys the history and civilization of the Byzantine (Eastern Roman) Empire from its separation from the Western Roman Empire in AD 285 to the fall of the last Byzantine successor state, the Empire of Trebizond, in 1461. The long-lasting Byzantine Empire was a strange mixture of the vigorous and the decadent, the religious and the pragmatic, and the exotic and the familiar. We will also discuss several of the great works of Byzantine literature, including St. Athanasius’ supernatural Life of St. Anthony, Procopius’ scandalous Secret History, the heroic epic Digenes Akrites, and Michael Psellus’ brilliant Fourteen Byzantine Rulers.

Attributes: Classical Humanities, Catholic Studies-History, History European, World History, Pre-1600 European History, Medieval (Major) - History, Medieval (Minor) - History

HIST 3035 - Barbarians to Crusaders: Europe in the Early Middle Ages
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course surveys the history of the West from late antiquity to the great changes occurring after the turn of the millennium (up to 1100). These centuries witnessed dramatic transformations and creative impulses as cultures mixed and the three great civilizations of Europe, Byzantium, and Islam arose. The foundations were being laid for the Western world we know today. If the sources preserved from this period are fewer than before or after, it only makes the historical detective work more challenging and exciting.

Attributes: Catholic Studies-History, History European, Pre-1600 European History, Medieval (Minor) - History, Core: Aesthetics, Hist & Culture

HIST 3040 - Medieval Archaeology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Medieval archaeology is the specific study of the physical and artifactual remains of people who lived in Europe during the middle ages (500-1500). Inherently an interdisciplinary endeavor, medieval archaeology blends the studies of history and archaeology to arrive at a new synthetic understanding of this complex period by asking basic questions about the nature of sources, how we can arrive at conclusions through syncretic means, and what scholars do when they are faced with conflicting evidence.

HIST 3045 - Medieval Archaeology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
In the popular imagination, the middle ages generally equate with two images: the knight on horseback, and the stone castle. Yet, oddly enough, the castle is one of the least studied features of medieval society in the United States. This course examines the castle from a variety of contemporary perspectives, including history, military history, archaeology, geography, and landscape studies. The course will consider the morphology of medieval fortifications and castles, and then consider the social and landscape natures of castles.

HIST 3047 - Medieval England
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The formation of modern England and the United States depend upon an identity whose origin is arguably found in the development of an England in the middle ages. How did this identity come to be, and what were the social, political, and cultural processes that turned the last Roman colony into one of the major medieval powers? The course will delve into formation of the English state, conflicts of identity in the British Isles, themes of invasion and church-state relations, the demographic challenges of the fourteenth century resulting from famine and plague.

HIST 3050 - From Cathedrals to Printing Presses: Europe in the Late Middle Ages
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Western Europe in the High and Late Middle Ages was a time of great change and diversity. Many of the laws and the states which govern us owe their origins to this period, as do the universities in which we study. It was the age of the crusades and Saint Francis of Assisi, of the Inquisition, of our own Saint Louis, the Black Death, the Renaissance and voyages to the New World. We will examine the vital themes of medieval history, asking how the people who lived then were different from us and in what senses they are the same.

Attributes: Catholic Studies-History, History European, Pre-1600 European History, Italian Related Studies, Medieval (Minor) - History

HIST 3070 - Catholic Traditions to 1540
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Theology, spirituality, church organization, religious art from the time of the Apostles to the Counter Reformation. Readings from classics.

Attributes: Catholic Studies-History, Pre-1600 European History, Medieval (Major) - History, Medieval (Minor) - History

HIST 3080 - Catholic Tradition Since 1540
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Theology, spirituality, church organization, religious art from the Council of Trent to the Second Vatican Council and its effects.

Attributes: Catholic Studies-History, Modern European History

HIST 3090 - The Age of Renaissance
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Once seen as the age of artistic glory, the “discovery” of new worlds, rampant individualism, and nostalgia for the classical past, the existence of a European Renaissance is now in question. Did it exclude women? Did its political ideas nurture seeds of democracy or did they legitimize unrestrained exercise of power? Did the attitudes of Europeans towards Africans and others contribute to the development of modern racism?

Attributes: History European, Modern European History, Italian Related Studies, Core: Aesthetics, Hist & Culture
HIST 3100 - The Reformation Era
Credit(s): 3 Credits
When Martin Luther went public with his 95 Theses in 1517, he had no idea that his protest against indulgences would turn the Church, the European political landscape and ultimately much of the Western world upside down. Luther's efforts at reform inspired five subsequent waves of reform: the Swiss, Radical, Calvinist, English and Catholic Reformations. Complicating fraught relations between Christians, Jews and Muslims, they helped lead to the bloodshed of the Peasants' War, the Schmalkaldic Wars, the Thirty Years War and the English Civil Wars. This course will peer into the Pandora's box inadvertently opened by Luther's 95 Theses.
Attributes: Catholic Studies-History, History European, Modern European History

HIST 3120 - French Revolution and Napoleon, 1789-1815
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The French Revolution and Napoleon era was decisive in shaping the modern West. It destroyed medieval structures, implemented the ideals of the Enlightenment, promoted the interests of the middle classes, quickened the growth of the modern state, and gave birth to nationalism. More than 200 years after the revolution began, the debate over its meaning continues. Was it a product of the growing discontent of a revolutionary middle-class? Did women have more rights before the revolution offered equality to all men? Was the Terror an outgrowth of revolutionary politics? Was Napoleon a revolutionary or an enlightened despot who betrayed it?

HIST 3140 - Twentieth Century Europe: Era of World Wars, 1914-1945
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Under what circumstances do liberal democracies self-destruct and does authoritarianism inevitably lead to war? The years between 1914 and 1945, a miasma of societal polarization, ideological fervor, parliamentary gridlock and violence on the streets, provide answers. Under these circumstances, nation after nation turned to outsiders with bearing extremist agendas and promising the restoration of lost national grandeur. Who bore responsibility for the decisions to enter into both World Wars? Who bore responsibility for the collapse of liberal regimes? Were some nations more culpable than others?
Attributes: Foreign Service Elective, History European, Modern European History, International Studies

HIST 3160 - Eastern Europe
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Survey of the lands and peoples between Germany and Russia, from the Baltic to the Black Seas from the fall of Rome in the West until the present. Emphasizes those religious, cultural, political, and economic elements which have shaped Eastern Europe, including the impact of the Byzantine, Ottoman, German, Habsburg, and Russian Empires. Special attention is paid to the role of Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia and to the changes in the region since the fall of Communism.
Attributes: Modern European History, International Studies-Europe

HIST 3170 - Colonial Latin America
Credit(s): 3 Credits
A survey of the histories of Spanish and Portuguese America from 1492 to 1826. Topics addressed will include the political, social, economic, religious, military and intellectual developments that occurred in the three centuries under consideration. An introduction to the Pre-Colombian civilizations (Aztec, Inca and Mayan) will be included. The course ends with a summary that looks forward to contemporary Latin America and stresses the influence of the colonial period on these areas today.
Attributes: World History

HIST 3220 - The Jesuits in Asia
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course focuses on the Jesuit mission to Asia, with particular focus on China and India, from the late sixteenth century to the Rites Controversy that ended in 1742. The course explores the challenges of cross-cultural interaction in translating the precepts of Catholic Christianity in China and India, and studies the Jesuits as cultural brokers between East and West.
Attributes: Catholic Studies-History, World History

HIST 3240 - Africa since 1884
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course explores the modern history of Africa since 1884. It focuses on the political, economic, and socio-cultural developments that have defined and characterized African societies since the late nineteenth century. Inventory of themes include: Africa in the age of New Imperialism, colonialism and its effects as well as misrepresentations, Africa and its Diaspora, trends and patterns in African nationalisms, Decolonization, and postcolonial challenges including, but not limited to, state and conflict, health and society, and economic development.
Attributes: Global Citizenship (CAS), World History, International Studies-Africa

HIST 3250 - World in Conflict Since 1945
Credit(s): 3 Credits
How did the unresolved conflicts of the Cold War shape today's world? The Cold War, triggered by conflicts over how to reconstitute the European continent after the Second World War, quickly expanded to include China, Korea and eventually the entire globe. It was often not the superpowers but other nations like China, North Korea and Cuba that called the shots, even leading the world to the brink of nuclear war. These smaller nations were often embroiled in tangled religious, social or ethnic conflicts, and the superpowers' armaments and financial support, in turn, facilitated the growth of radical groups including radical Islamists in the Middle East.

HIST 3280 - Russia to 1905
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course tells the story of Russia from its beginnings in 10th century Kiev to the Revolution of 1905: politics, religion, culture and the arts, economics, society, and foreign affairs. We will examine the central role of the Russian Orthodox Church, how autocratic rulers like Ivan IV, Peter I, and Catherine II made Russia a great multinational empire, and how 19th century Russia saw culture and learning flourish even amid growing opposition at home and abroad.
Attributes: History European, Modern European History, International Studies-Europe

HIST 3290 - Russia Since 1905
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The tsar is dead. Long Live the tsar! After defeat by Japan and revolution in 1905, then World War I, Nicholas II and the Russian Empire fell in 1917. The Bolsheviks under Lenin seized power, enforced Communism in Russia, and sought world revolution. Stalin remade society, imposing a reign of terror. Despite horrendous losses in World War II, the USSR expanded and launched the Cold War. Khrushchev's and Gorbachev's reforms failed, and the Soviet Empire collapsed in 1989-1991. Yeltsin's chaotic rule meant greater freedom but also corruption. Starting in 2000, Putin reestablished authoritarian rule and reasserts Russia's role abroad.
Attributes: Foreign Service Elective, History European, Modern European History, International Studies-Europe
HIST 3305 - Nazi Germany
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course will examine how the Nazis came to power, consolidated their power within six months, eliminated nearly all political opposition and then pursued policies of territorial expansion, war and genocide.

HIST 3320 - Early Modern History of Spain:1469-1818
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The course focuses on the socio-cultural environment of early-modern Spain, recently united politically through the marriage of Isabel of Castile and Ferdinand of Aragon and through the conquest of the Islamic kingdom of Granada. How did the Spanish monarchy and church attempt to forge a national identity on a land of diverse cultures and languages, in which three ethno-cultural groups (Christians, Jews and Muslims) coincided? How did the character and socio-religious landscape of early modern Spain change through its imperial conquests and continuous wars of religion?
Attributes: History European

HIST 3330 - Modern History Spain:1808-Pres
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The altibajos of Spanish modernity. History of Spain from the French invasion to the present. Analysis of the nineteenth-century revolution, the First and Second Republics, the civil war, the Franco era and the democratic period from Adolfo Suarez to Jose Maria Aznar.
Attributes: Modern European History, International Studies

HIST 3335 - History of Language Sciences in Spain
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course invites you to explore how the language sciences shaped politics and community throughout Spanish history. You will conduct historical-sociolinguistic research through evidence-based inquiry, analysis, and argument. This course is carefully designed to cultivate empathy with the experiences of others, now and in the past, which can lead to self-reflection about your own relationships with language, identity and community. You will discover how linguistic and social systems are mutually entwined and can be understood historically. (Offered Occasionally)
Prerequisite(s): (HIST 1110 and HIST 1120)

HIST 3340 - The Spanish Civil War
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The history of Spain as seen through its most important upheaval in modern times. The war is used as a focal point to concentrate on the various themes, trends and issues of modern Spanish History.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity in the EU, Modern European History

HIST 3340 - The Atlantic World
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The Atlantic World began to emerge early in the second millennium CE with increased interaction between Europeans, Africans, and, later, Native Americans. This course will examine the social, cultural, political, economic, and military history of the Atlantic World through the 1830s.
Attributes: Global Citizenship (CAS)

HIST 33480 - U.S. Civil War and Reconstruction, 1850-1877
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course examines the American Civil War from its origins in the sectional conflict through Reconstruction. Topics include the institution of slavery; Union and Confederate society, politics, culture, war aims and leaders; race and emancipation; dissent and civil rights; the transition to free labor; and the war’s lasting impact on American history.

HIST 3350 - Progressive Era to the Jazz Age, 1890-1920
Credit(s): 3 Credits
What was progressive about the turn of the 20th century? What do we mean by the Jazz Age? During these years, the U.S. became the largest industrial power in the world. Accompanying its enormous economic power was an unprecedented economic, cultural and political transformation that led to extensive conflict. This course will examine urbanization, immigration and its backlash, racial tensions, explosive conflicts between labor and management, Prohibition, a new foreign policy designed to assert global power, and the establishment of a system of national parks equal to the size of France. The class will also examine leisure, music and film.

HIST 33580 - American Slavery
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course examines the history of slavery in America from settlement through Reconstruction, in a comparative, trans-Atlantic context. Topics include the origin, character, and institutionalization of slavery in America; slave life, culture, and communities; slave resistance and rebellion; Black and white abolitionist movements; emancipation during the Civil War, and the transition from coerced to free labor during Reconstruction. Students will prepare a 20 page research paper based on primary and secondary sources. Cross-listed with FSTD 3180.

HIST 3390 - American Women
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course seeks to explore the ideas and experiences of women in the United States, from the 1600s through the end of the twentieth century. Our goal will be to understand not just what women have done but also how many fundamental moments and issues in US history – including the formation of the early republic, religious revival movements, reform crusades, slavery, war and race relations – have hinged on certain notions of gender. The course also gives attention to the experiences of less privileged women and women of color who have also had significant effects on shaping the American.
Attributes: U.S. History, Upper-Division US History, Core:Identities in Context, Diversity in the US (A&S), Women's & Gender Studies

HIST 3600 - U.S. History in Film
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course explores the relationship between depictions of the American past in film and in historical scholarship. We will discuss film at three levels, bearing in mind that any film is a mirror of the times when it was made. First, as a reflection of objective, factual history. Second, as an interpretation of history. Third, as a means of promoting among the public the various agendas of the filmmakers. The aim of the course is to learn to identify and assess interpretations through film, as well as to understand how film has shaped the collective memory of our society. Cross-listed with FSTD 3180.
HIST 3610 - Civil Rights in America, 1865-1965
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The course examines the hundred-year struggle to secure basic civil rights and civil liberties for African-Americans. Beginning with Reconstruction and ending with the modern Civil Rights Movement, this course examines the socio-economic, political and legal developments which brought about racial segregation and the institutional efforts to dismantle Jim Crow Society. Special attention will be given to the modern civil rights organizations such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Congress for Racial Equality (CORE), the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and the Students Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) which lead the civil rights struggle. Cross-listed with AAM 3610.

HIST 3635 - The Saint Louis Region
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Examines the rich and varied heritage of St. Louis, its social, cultural, and intellectual dominance of the American Heartland, its contributions in business, religion, politics and the arts.
Attributes: Upper-Division US History, Prof. Studies Students Only

HIST 3640 - History of the American West
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course will examine the U.S. West, focusing on the 19th and 20th centuries. It will survey themes of conquest and colonialism, migration and immigration, economic development and environmental change, resistance and accommodation. Students will study U.S. relations with the Sioux, Comanches, and Mexicans. Students will explore the changing definition of the West and the frontier in popular culture. They will study the emergence of Hollywood and Disneyland. Students will also trace historically significant demographic shifts, ranging from miners rushing into the California Gold fields, to Cold-War refugees fleeing Southeast Asia, to contemporary migrations from Mexico.

HIST 3660 - History of Nature in America
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Why do so many people feel at peace in the woods? Who supplies the meat for hamburgers? The course surveys the environmental history of what is now the United States from the fifteenth century to the present. Students will learn not only about changes in the American environment, but also about the ideological and political development of conservation, preservation, and environmentalism in the United States; the role of resources in economic and geographic expansion; transformations in the landscape; and ways in which some segments of the population have benefited from the control of nature at the expense of other groups.

HIST 3700 - U.S. Constitutional History
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course explores the evolution of the U.S. Constitution in American political culture from its English roots to the present. Although students will examine the development of constitutional law and interpretations, the primary focus of the course is on the role of the Constitution in shaping American government, society, politics, and economy. Through primary and secondary readings, a class constitutional convention project, and a research paper, students will explore first-hand the meaning, creation and impact of the American Constitution in its historical context.

HIST 3720 - Cultural Encounters 1500-1700
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course examines the history of cross-cultural interactions and exchanges around the world from 1492 to mid-nineteenth century. The main focus will be on the encounters and creative adaptations between Europeans and indigenous peoples in Asia, Africa, and America. Our goal will be to gain an understanding how cultures change through contact with one another, and why such contacts involve both adaptations and resistance.

HIST 3740 - The British Empire
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The British Empire brought under one government a quarter of the earth and its inhabitants. In Britannia the Sun Never Set! This course explores the British Empire with specific reference to her rise and evolution from the 1750s through the twentieth century. It goes beyond imperial acquisitions to include changing components and transformations in the Empire's ideologies and practices, the relationship between the metropole and its periphery, as well as how the political, economic and cultural exchanges emanating from the encounter enriched both spheres. The course shows the complexity of the British Empire and its legacy in the contemporary world.

HIST 3760 - Medieval Spain
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course traces the history of the Iberian Peninsula from the end of the Roman Empire until 1492. Beginning with the Visigoths and ending with the Catholic kings, we look at the development of institutions and cultures shaping modern Spain. We will examine the interactions between Muslims, Christians and Jews, focusing on tolerance and intolerance. Entering our story will be El Cid, Santiago de Compostela, Almoravids and Almohads, saints and scholars, Las Navas de Tolosa and the Christian 'Reconquest', Dominicans and the Inquisition.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity in the EU, History European, Middle East Studies, Medieval (Major) - History, Medieval (Minor) - History

HIST 3770 - History of the Jews in Spain
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course examines the history and culture of Jewish peoples in Spain during the Christian Reconquest of the peninsula, the formation of medieval kingdoms, and the final unification of Spain in the late 1400s. Special attention will be paid to the interaction (convivencia) between Christians, Muslims, and Jews in the Middle Ages and then growing persecution under the Spanish Inquisition to Jewish expulsion in 1492. Students take an analytical appraisal of Hispanic civilization, which will allow them to reassess and evaluate problems such as social diversity, identity and religious tolerance.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity in the EU, Middle East Studies
HIST 3780 - The Making of the Spanish Nation: Identity, Myth & History  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course analyzes the evolution of the Spanish national identity since the Reconquest, the formation of medieval kingdoms, and the final unification of Spain. Special attention will be paid to the interaction (convivencia) between Christians, Muslims, and Jews and their crucial contribution to the formation of the Spanish national character. We will also analyze the idea of Spain during its Golden Age, the Bourbons, the nineteenth century and the current issues of regional nationalism and its conflicts with the central state. (Offered occasionally)

HIST 3910 - Internship  
Credit(s): 1-6 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

HIST 3930 - Special Topics  
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
Various topical courses offered from time to time.

HIST 3980 - Independent Study  
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

HIST 4900 - Seminar in European History  
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
A limited enrollment seminar exploring a specific topic in European history. Discussion format based on close reading of primary sources.  
Attributes: Classical Humanities, International Studies

HIST 4901 - Sem: American History  
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable up to 6 credits)  
A limited enrollment seminar exploring a specific topic in American history. Discussion format based on close reading of primary sources.

HIST 4902 - Seminar in World History  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
A limited enrollment seminar exploring a specific topic in Non-Western history. Discussion format based on close reading of primary sources.

HIST 4910 - Internship/History in Practice  
Credit(s): 1-6 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
A practical application of history through an internship with an archive, library, museum, historical site or project.

HIST 4911 - Internship: Teaching Assistant  
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
Teaching assistant in History.

HIST 4930 - Special Topics in History  
Credit(s): 3-4 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
Various topical courses offered from time to time.

HIST 4980 - Independent Study  
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

HIST 4990 - History Senior Thesis Prep  
Credit(s): 3 Credits

HIST 4991 - History Senior Thesis  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
Writing an Honors Thesis (10,000 word minimum), based on a research paper for a previous 300-400 level history course. Must be recommended by the instructor for the previous course who will supervise the thesis with a second reader. Departmental honors for an ‘A’ grade.

HIST 5000 - Theory & Practice of History: An Introduction  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course will examine some of the most influential theories of today’s intellectual marketplace which affect the study of history. From historical materialism, through structuralism, semiotics, poststructuralism, postmodernism, and critical theory, to gender and narrative history, we will discuss their intellectual essence as well as their usefulness in terms of the insights they offer to the historian. Apart from reviewing various theoretical approaches, we will also discuss their applications by closely examining selected cases of scholarship on American history which employ them as tools of interpretation and as forms of writing about the past.

HIST 5200 - Ancient & Byzantine History  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
A general examination of the historiography and literature in late ancient and Byzantine history.

HIST 5210 - Advanced Ancient & Byzantine History  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
An examination of the historiography and literature in specialized topics in late ancient and Byzantine history.  
Attributes: Classical Humanities

HIST 5250 - Perspectives: Late Ancient and Byzantine History  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
Lectures and readings on historical events and wider trends in late ancient or Byzantine history.

HIST 5300 - Studies Medieval History  
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
An examination of the most important topics in medieval history including historiographic background, literature, and current trends. This course will acquaint the student with the work and thought of the leading scholars in medieval studies as well as differing perspectives.

HIST 5310 - Advanced Studies in Medieval History  
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
An examination of the historiography, literature, and current trends in specialized topics in Medieval history.

HIST 5350 - Perspectives in Medieval History  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
Lectures and readings on historical events and forces affecting specific periods in Medieval history.

HIST 5400 - Studies in Early Modern European History  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
Study and discussion of secondary literature in Renaissance and Reformation (early modern European) history.

HIST 5410 - Advanced Studies in Early Modern European History  
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable up to 9 credits)  
Examination of the historiography, literature, and current trends in specialized topics in Renaissance/Reformation history.

HIST 5450 - Perspectives in Renaissance & Reformation History  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
Lectures and readings on events and forces affecting specific periods in Renaissance/Reformation history.

HIST 5500 - Studies in Modern European History  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
An introduction to Modern European history from 1600 to the present. Course offers students the opportunity to become acquainted with historiography, methods, and current debate in the specialty.
HIST 5510 - Advanced Studies in Modern European History  
**Credit(s): 3 Credits**  
Examination of the historiography, literature, and current trends in specialized topics in Modern European history.

HIST 5550 - Perspectives in Modern European History  
**Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)**  
Lectures and readings on events and forces affecting specific periods in Modern European history.

HIST 5600 - Studies in American History  
**Credit(s): 3 Credits**  
An introduction to methodology and recent literature, and the study of United States history. Topics will range from colonial through contemporary American history.

HIST 5610 - Advanced Studies in American History  
**Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable up to 15 credits)**  
Examination of the historiography, literature, and current trends in specialized topics in United States history.

HIST 5650 - Perspectives in American History  
**Credit(s): 3 Credits**  
Lectures and readings on events and forces affecting specific periods in United States history.

HIST 5700 - Themes and Methods in World History  
**Credit(s): 3 Credits**  
Themes and Methods in World History is designed to introduce students to the field of World History. Students will be familiarized with various theoretical and methodological approaches to World History as well as major debates within the field. Students will develop an understanding of the narrative outline of World History.

HIST 5710 - Advanced Studies in World History  
**Credit(s): 3 Credits**  
An elective in the MA program in World History, this course takes transregional and international units of analysis on historical topics that has comparative and/or cross-cultural dimension. Within the framework of the topic, students will become familiar with literatures, methodologies, and sources.

Restrictions:  
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in History.

HIST 5900 - History Teaching Practicum  
**Credit(s): 0 Credits (Repeatable for credit)**  
Required of all graduate teaching assistants, this course covers teaching methods, lecturing, and other topics necessary to prepare an effective teacher.

HIST 5930 - Special Topics in History  
**Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)**

HIST 5970 - Research Topics  
**Credit(s): 1-3 Credits**

HIST 5980 - Graduate Reading Course  
**Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)**

HIST 5990 - Thesis Research  
**Credit(s): 0-6 Credits (Repeatable for credit)**

HIST 6800 - Seminar in Ancient & Byzantine History  
**Credit(s): 3 Credits**  
Advanced research on a specific topic in late ancient or Byzantine history. Introduction to source collections, library resources, and other research tools.

HIST 6810 - Seminar Medieval History  
**Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)**  
Advanced research in a specific topic in Medieval history. Introductions to essential source collections, library resources, source criticism, archival methods, paleography.

HIST 6820 - Seminar: Early Modern European History  
**Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)**  
Introduction to research in Renaissance and Reformation Europe. Students become acquainted with research tools in Renaissance and Reformation history, to learn paleographic and codicological skills.

HIST 6830 - Seminar in Modern European History  
**Credit(s): 3 Credits**  
An opportunity to undertake advanced research, through primary and archival sources and secondary literature, in a specific area of Modern European history (1600 to the present).

HIST 6840 - Seminar in American History  
**Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable up to 12 credits)**  
An introduction to advanced research in American History. Readings in secondary literature. Students will undertake research, using also primary and archival sources. Thematic and chronological topics.

HIST 6870 - Research Seminar in World History  
**Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable up to 6 credits)**  
This research seminar in world history focuses on a particular theme of the instructor’s choosing taken from the transregional, cross-cultural, and comparative dimensions of world history. The primary requirement of the course is a research paper (25 to 35 pages) based on primary and secondary sources that analyzes a topic within the thematic framework of the course. Other assignments aim to help students complete tasks essential to finishing the paper. The purposes of the course are to train students 1) in methodologies and sources 2) in producing research in world history.

HIST 6900 - Professional Writing for Historians I  
**Credit(s): 3 Credits**  
The first half of a two-semester course sequence designed to assist students in making the critical transition from being a student to becoming a scholar. The primary goals of the sequence are to orient students to professional expectations in the professorate and to develop a program of professional writing and dissertation research as efficiently and effectively as possible. More specifically, the courses aim to help students to conceptualize a dissertation, to fund a year of research from external sources, and to begin establishing a record of scholarship. As the first course in the sequence, this focuses on grant-writing and the dissertation prospectus, with the goal of having students submit at least one application for external funding and to finish the “problem section” of their prospectus. During the semester, the class also works on other professional development issues, such as networking and presenting conference papers. (Offered each Fall)
HIST 6901 - Professional Writing for Historians II  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course is the second half of a two-semester course sequence designed to assist students in making the critical transition from being a student to becoming a scholar. The primary goals of the sequence are to orient students to professional expectations in the professorate and to develop a program of professional writing and dissertation research as efficiently and effectively as possible. More specifically, the courses aim to help students to conceptualize a dissertation, to fund a year of research from external sources, and to begin establishing a record of scholarship. As the second course in the sequence, this course focuses on completion of the dissertation prospectus and article writing. Students are expected to revise fully at least one seminar paper they have written and submit it for publication to a reputable academic journal. During the semester, the class also takes up timely professional development issues, such as interviewing for jobs, writing a cover letter, and organizing a CV. (Offered each Spring)  
Prerequisite(s): HIST 6900  

HIST 6930 - Special Topics in History  
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  

HIST 6970 - Research Topics  
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  

HIST 6980 - Graduate Reading Course  
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  

HIST 6990 - Dissertation Research  
Credit(s): 0-6 Credits (Repeatable for credit)