

HISTORY - HIS

HIS 107 History of Modern Europe to 1815 3 Credits

The major political, economic, social and intellectual currents in Western Civilization from 1500 to 1815. This course may be used for the European history or pre-1800 period requirement for the history major or minor.

Fulfills College Core: Field 4 (History), Global Awareness

Offered: fall and/or spring.

HIS 108 History of Modern Europe since 1815 3 Credits

The major political, economic, social and intellectual currents in Western Civilization from 1815 to the present. This course may be used for the European history requirement for the history major or minor.

Fulfills College Core: Field 4 (History), Global Awareness

Offered: fall and/or spring.

HIS 124 History of the United States: 1877 to the Present 3 Credits

Industrialization and urbanization of the United States with the accompanying social, economic and political problems; America's emergence as a major power in world affairs. This course may be used for the American history requirement for the history major or minor.

Restriction: Not open to students taking or who have received credit for HIS 126.

Fulfills College Core: Diversity, Field 4 (History)

Offered: fall and/or spring.

HIS 200 Introduction to History 1 Credit

This course is an introduction to the study of history. The course will explore the ways historians think about the past and practice their craft, the relationship between the study of history, careers in history, and how to begin thinking about putting a history degree to use in the marketplace. This course is required of all first-year history majors.

Offered: every fall.

HIS 201 United States Military History 3 Credits

The course encompasses traditional U.S. military history; strategy, battles, technology. However, it also focuses on sociopolitical and justice issues of the U.S. armed forces. This course may be used for the American history requirement for the history major or minor.

Fulfills College Core: Field 4 (History), Justice

Offered: occasionally.

HIS 205 Race and Ethnicity in the Ancient World 3 Credits

This course will explore ancient theories on race and ethnicity from Homer to Late Antiquity and how these theories have been read and internalized in modern times, with a special emphasis on their influence on the construction of identity and race in the modern United States. Through the study of a broad range of ancient texts in translation, we will investigate how ancient Greeks and Romans talked about, represented, and attempted to understand and categorize human diversity — what we call race and ethnicity.

Fulfills College Core: Diversity, Field 4 (History)

Offered: occasionally.

HIS 209 History of Asia to 1800 3 Credits

Comparative study of civilizations, cultures, religions and institutions of the Far East, and South Asia. This course may be used for the African/Asian/Latin American history or pre-1800 period requirement for the history major or minor.

Fulfills College Core: Field 4 (History), Global Awareness

Offered: every fall.

HIS 210 History of Asia Since 1800 3 Credits

The various independence and revolutionary movements and their evolution into the modern nation-states of Asia. This course may be used for the African/Asian/Latin American history requirement for the history major or minor.

Fulfills College Core: Field 4 (History), Global Awareness

Offered: every spring.

HIS 211 Women In The Western World 3 Credits

History of women from the middle ages to the present. Deals with the changing role of women in society, politics and the economy and on the development of feminism. Focus is on Europe and North America, with attention to the interactions between those westernized societies and other world regions. This course may be used as a European or American history requirement for the history major or minor.

Fulfills College Core: Field 4 (History), Global Awareness

Offered: occasionally.

HIS 213 Europe and the World in a Century of Conflict 3 Credits

This course is an introduction to Europe and its place in the world from the Second World War to the present. Among the themes to be considered are the political, social, economic and cultural changes during this critical period in the modern world. This course may be used for the European history requirement for the history major or minor.

Fulfills College Core: Field 4 (History), Global Awareness

Offered: fall and/or spring.

HIS 220 The History of Food 3 Credits

Explores the evolving role of food in western societies from the middle ages to the present. Topics will include the medieval fascination with spices, Europe's adoption of 'New World' foods like potatoes and tomatoes, the role of food shortages and rationing in wartime, and the recent emergence of a diverse international 'foodie culture.' This course may be used for the European or African/Asian/Latin American history requirement for the history major or minor.

Fulfills College Core: Field 4 (History), Global Awareness

Offered: occasionally.

HIS 226 History of Ireland 3 Credits

Examines political, social and cultural developments from medieval origins through invasion, conquest, colonization and finally independence from Great Britain. Special emphasis on the development of Irish nationalism and on the emergence of Eire as a modern European state. This course may be used for the European history or pre-1800 period requirement for the history major or minor.

Fulfills College Core: Field 4 (History), Global Awareness

Offered: occasionally.

HIS 235 From Jamestown to Yorktown: Making the United States 3 Credits

Explores the political, economic, social, and cultural stories of North America from the era of pre-European contact through the settlement of the English colonies in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries to the 'revolutions' of the late seventeenth century, including the period of the American Revolution. This course may be used for the American history or pre-1800 period requirement for the history major or minor.

Fulfills College Core: Diversity, Field 4 (History)

Offered: fall.

HIS 236 From Washington to Lincoln: The Making of American Democracy 3 Credits

Class focuses on the story of American history from the end of the Revolutionary War to the end of the American Civil War, especially examining political, economic, social, and cultural issues. This course may be used for the American history requirement for the history major or minor.

Fulfills College Core: Diversity, Field 4 (History)

Offered: spring.

HIS 255 African American History 3 Credits

This is an introductory course on African American history which receives credit for Area Studies IV and International & Cultural Diversity within the college's Core Curriculum. In largely chronological fashion, it covers a wide variety of topics, including the motherland of Africa, enslavement in British North America, emancipation, Jim Crow, and the varying strategies to achieve justice and equality, including black nationalism, Pan-Africanism, and the civil rights movement. Besides influential African Americans, attention is paid to cultural expression, the world of work, family structure, coping mechanisms, and political gains. The course's focus is less on how whites controlled African Americans than on black life, struggles, and creativity

Fulfills College Core: Diversity, Field 4 (History)

Offered: occasionally.

HIS 260 Canada and the World 3 Credits

A survey of Canada's place in world history from the colonial period to the present. Among the topics examined are Native-Canadians, the British-French rivalry for North America, Canada's emergence as a nation within the British Empire, Canada-U.S. relations and the modern multicultural Canadian state. This course may be used for the American history requirement for the history major or minor.

Fulfills College Core: Field 4 (History), Global Awareness

Offered: occasionally.

HIS 263 Wars of Latin America 3 Credits

Wars of independence and major conflicts of the nineteenth century. Military history of Mexican, Cuban and Nicaraguan revolutions. Border clashes and guerilla insurgencies of the twentieth century. Argentina's war with England. This course may be used for the African/Asian/Latin American history requirement for the history major or minor.

Fulfills College Core: Field 4 (History), Global Awareness

Offered: every other year.

HIS 264 Latin American History to 1830 3 Credits

Pre-Columbian Indian civilizations. Conquest and colonization. Economy, society, and the Church. Eighteenth century reforms and independence. This course may be used for the African/Asian/Latin American history or pre-1800 period requirement for the history major or minor.

Fulfills College Core: Field 4 (History), Global Awareness

Offered: every fall.

HIS 265 Latin American History Since 1830 3 Credits

Overview of economy and society. Upheavals and revolutions in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Chile and Mexico. This course may be used for the African/Asian/Latin American history requirement for the history major or minor.

Fulfills College Core: Field 4 (History), Global Awareness

Offered: occasionally.

HIS 280 The Making of Modern Africa 3 Credits

Development of modern Africa from the diverse societies of pre-colonial Africa through the impact of imperialism to an examination of the problems facing modern African states. This course may be used for the African/Asian/Latin American history or pre-1800 period requirement for the history major or minor.

Fulfills College Core: Field 4 (History), Global Awareness

Offered: every other year.

HIS 299 Historian's Craft 3 Credits

These courses are designed to introduce students systematically to the analysis of historical texts, the standards of historical writing, and the methods of historical research while exploring specific topics of historical interest. Topics vary each semester; a course in this category will be offered each year. Recent topics have included the Civil Rights Movement Revisited, The History of Everyday Life, and Stalinism and Nazism.

Fulfills College Core: Advanced Writing-Intensive

Offered: fall and/or spring.

HIS 300 Historical Geography 3 Credits

Examines the interaction between the historical process and human, physical and cultural geography. Required for dual major in history and social studies education. This course may be used for the European or African/Asian/Latin American history requirement for the history major or minor.

Offered: every third semester.

HIS 302 Life and Theology in Colonial Atlantic 3 Credits

Investigates the story of the colonial Atlantic world through the life and experiences of one of America's founding fathers, such as the philosopher and theologian Jonathan Edwards, focusing on the early modern European context of which most colonists were heirs, the founding of the New England colonies in the 17th century. This course may be used for the American history or pre-1800 period requirement for the history major or minor.

Fulfills College Core: Field 1 (Religious Studies and Theology)

Offered: occasionally.

HIS 317 Insurrection and Revolution in European History 3 Credits

This course examines how social and economic developments, coupled with evolving ideas about governance, justice, and freedom, played out in a series of protests, insurrections, and full-scale revolutions that shaped modern Europe and (through Europe's imperial expansion) the wider world. Topics will include the changing language of protest, the application of the term "revolution" to political and historical events, and the role of ideas as both motives for and consequences of revolutionary movements in the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries.

Offered: occasionally.

HIS 335 A United Kingdom? From Britons to Brexit 3 Credits

Examines the social, cultural, and political history of Britain from the creation of the United Kingdom in 1801 to the UK's controversial departure from the European Union. Themes will include the evolution of a "British" identity, the influence of social, economic and ethnic divisions within Britain, and evolving debates about Britain's place in world affairs.

Offered: occasionally.

HIS 338 Britain's Global Empire 3 Credits

The growth and character of the British Empire from 17th century through the 20th. Emphasis on social, cultural and political impact of colonization and decolonization in such regions as India, Africa, the Caribbean and Australia. This course may be used for the European history or pre-1800 period requirement for the history major or minor.

Offered: occasionally.

HIS 345 Russia and the Soviet Union in the Twentieth Century 3 Credits

This course examines the social, political, and cultural history of Russia and the Soviet Union in the twentieth century. Special emphasis will be placed on the causes and consequences of the 1917 revolutions, the development of Stalinism, the Cold War, and late Soviet society. Students will also explore the fall of Communism, the rise of the “mafia state” in the 1990s, and contemporary Russia under Vladimir Putin.

Offered: occasionally.

HIS 356 Modern China 3 Credits

Examines the evolution of Chinese society from the imperial era, through the world wars, the Communist Revolution and the re-emergence of China as a major economic and political power. This course may be used for the African/Asian/Latin American history requirement for the history major or minor.

Offered: occasionally.

HIS 365 U.S.-Latin American Relations since 1898 3 Credits

U.S. occupations in the Caribbean and Central America. The Mexican Revolution. The CIA operations in Guatemala and Cuba. The Cold War in Latin America. The Nicaraguan Revolution and turmoil in Mexico. This course may be used for the American or African/Asian/Latin American history requirement for the history major or minor.

Offered: occasionally.

HIS 372 The American Revolution 3 Credits

Exploration of the political, social and constitutional issues in the era of American Independence. In particular we will try to answer the question, “Was the American Revolution truly revolutionary?” This course may be used for the American history or pre-1800 period requirement for the history major or minor.

Fulfills College Core: Diversity

Offered: occasionally.

HIS 394 Modern Middle East 3 Credits

History of Middle East from the last days of the Ottoman Empire through mandate system established by Versailles Peace Conference to struggle for independence during and after World War II. This course may be used for the African/Asian/Latin American history requirement for the history major or minor.

Offered: every other year.

HIS 397 Trust No One: Paranoia and Conspiracy in American History 3 Credits

This upper-level course will explore specific instances of conspiracy theories and paranoia in American history. Starting from the foundation of the “paranoid style,” a theory proposed in the works of Richard Hofstadter, we will analyze specific events in American history, such as the colonial witch trials, the First Great Awakening, colonial slave riots, the American Revolution, the Burr conspiracy, the Illuminati, anti-Masonry, anti-Catholicism, the slave power conspiracy, the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, concerns about a fifth column, the assassination of Kennedy, and Q-Anon. A goal of this analysis, which will be based both on primary and secondary sources, will be to see how a persistent belief in conspiracies throughout America history has shaped politics, society, religion, and culture.

Offered: occasionally.

HIS 401 Historical Methodology 1 Credit

Methods of historical research and criticism, including consideration of basic bibliographical and reference works, note-taking, and evaluation of sources. Research paper and production of prospectus to fulfill requirements of History with a Research Concentration.

Prerequisite: HIS 299.

Offered: As needed for students on the History with a Research Concentration.

HIS 402 Seminar: Selected Topics in American History 3 Credits

This seminar will focus on selected topics in American history, allowing students to demonstrate their mastery of the tasks of the historian—both in how historians read, analyze, and write about historical subjects.

Prerequisite: HIS 299.

Offered: occasionally.

HIS 403 Seminar: Selected Topics in World History 3 Credits

This seminar will focus on selected topics in World history, allowing students to demonstrate their mastery of the tasks of the historian—both in how historians read, analyze, and write about historical subjects.

Prerequisite: HIS 299.

Offered: occasionally.

HIS 410 Topic Research and Proposal 1 Credit

HIS 410 is designed to introduce students systematically to the practice and experience of historical research—from analysis of historical texts to the standards of historical writing to the methods of historical research to art of writing history. In this course students will specifically use those skills to conduct preliminary research on a selected topic of their choice and work with a faculty adviser to produce an approved prospectus for the thesis that they will work to complete in HIS 411

Prerequisite: HIS 299.

Offered: occasionally.

HIS 411 History Thesis and Defense 3 Credits

Research and writing of a thesis to satisfy requirements for History with a Research Concentration

Prerequisite: permission of the instructor and/or the chair.

Fulfills College Core: Advanced Writing-Intensive

Offered: Department will work with Research Concentration students to offer this thesis experience tutorial as needed to fulfill their requirements.

HIS 497 History Beyond the Classroom 3 Credits

This course represents one option for the experiential learning component of the Department of History. In this class, students and faculty customize specific ways that a student's knowledge of the historical past can intersect with their experience. This course will be offered in a tutorial fashion as specific students need to fulfill the experiential learning component of their history major.

Offered: As needed.

HIS 498 Internship 3 Credits

Internships may be arranged with a variety of organizations including the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site Foundation, the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, and the Coloured Musicians Club museum. Internships require an application and approval by the associate dean.

Prerequisite: permission of the instructor, department chair, & associate dean.

Offered: Department of History faculty will work with History major students to offer this course as needed to fulfill their requirements for the major.

HIS 499 Independent Study

3 Credits

Offers the opportunity to conduct a program of independent readings and/ or research on a topic of the student's choice under the supervision of a member of the History Department. Independent studies require an application and approval by the associate dean.

Prerequisite: permission of the instructor, department chair, & associate dean.