

History (HIST)

HIST 202: U.S. History from 1877 to the Present

The development of the United States, from the rise of industrialization to the present, is surveyed.

3 credit hours. Offered fall, spring, summer.

HIST 300: History of Greece

The development of the city-state from the archaic period to the death of Alexander the Great is examined. Topics include constitutional development, colonization, the Persian and Peloponnesian wars, and slavery.

3 credit hours. Offered as needed.

HIST 303: The Roman Empire

The development of the Roman Empire is explored from the founding of the Julio-Claudian dynasty to the end of Roman rule in the West.

3 credit hours. Offered as needed.

HIST 304: Medieval History

Western civilization is explored from the breakup of the Roman Empire to the beginning of the fourteenth century. Attention is given to the rise of Christianity, feudalism, and economic and technological developments.

3 credit hours. Offered as needed.

HIST 305: The Age of the Renaissance

Europe's transition from the Middle Ages to the early modern period is studied. Focus is on changing patterns of thought and art forms that occur in the Italian city-states of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries.

3 credit hours. Offered as needed.

HIST 308: Europe in the Age of Revolution, 1789–1850

The political and industrial revolutions of the era are examined for their social and economic impact. Included are the roots of liberalism, nationalism, and socialism.

3 credit hours. Offered as needed.

HIST 313: The Soviet Union and After

Major issues and events of Soviet and post-Soviet history are discussed, including 1917 and the Bolsheviks, Stalin's revolution, World War II and the Cold War, and the Soviet Union's collapse.

3 credit hours. Offered as needed.

HIST 315: Western Legal Systems

The development of English common law and continental European civil law are studied, with emphasis on jurisprudence, legislation, and law codes. Students cannot receive credit for both Political Science 315 and History 315.

3 credit hours. Offered as needed.

HIST 316: Modern Western Political Thought

The ideas of major Western political thinkers, including the Greeks, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Hume, Hegel, and Marx, are reviewed. Students cannot receive credit for both Political Science 316 and History 316.

3 credit hours. Prerequisite: POL 204 or consent of department chair. Offered fall.

HIST 317: Politics and Society

Relationships of power and authority and their social foundations are examined. Students cannot receive credit for more than one of the following: Political Science 317, Sociology 317, History 317.

3 credit hours. Prerequisite: POL 204 or consent of department chair. Offered spring.

HIST 325: America since 1945

Major post–World War II developments are examined, with particular focus on political, social, and economic issues, and the historical importance of people, events, and trends.

3 credit hours. Offered as needed.

HIST 326: American Cultural History: The Nineteenth Century

The development of American culture from the Revolution to the end of the nineteenth century is studied. Topics include nationalism, religious movements, social reform, and popular culture.

3 credit hours. Offered as needed.

HIST 330: History of American Immigration

The role of immigrants and ethnic groups in the development of the United States is examined. Topics include the causes of immigration, nativism, impact on the city, cultural conflict, and assimilation.

3 credit hours. Offered as needed.

HIST 332: The American Presidency

The evolution of the institution and function of the presidency is examined. Students cannot receive credit for both History 332 and Political Science 357.

3 credit hours. Offered as needed.

HIST 333: Women in American History

Focus is on the social, cultural, and public role of women in the United States. Topics include women's political roles, economic activities, and social and cultural experiences

3 credit hours. Offered as needed.

HIST 340: The Muslim World from the Age of Muhammad to 1800

The emergence of Islamic civilization in the Middle East is traced from the appearance of Islam in the seventh century to the nineteenth century, with particular emphasis on the diversity of cultural phenomena.

3 credit hours. Offered as needed.

HIST 341: The Muslim World in Modern Times, 1800 to the Present

The Middle East and the Muslim areas of Central Asia from the nineteenth century to the present are surveyed, with emphasis on the breakdown of traditional societies and the emergence of a regional state system.

3 credit hours. Offered as needed.

HIST 344: History of East Asia to 1600

The traditional culture and history of East Asia is examined. Emphasis is on major systems of thought, such as Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism; traditional social institutions; and the imperial systems.

3 credit hours. Offered as needed.

HIST 345: History of China in Modern Times

Focus is on the Ch'ing dynasty; the impact of the West; the ensuing conflict between traditionalists, reformers, and revolutionaries; and the rise of nationalism and communism.

3 credit hours. Offered as needed.

HIST 346: History of Japan in Modern Times

The Tokugawa Shogunate and the Meiji Restoration are examined. Emphasis is on the development of democracy, militarism, the Japanese Empire through World War II, and the rise of the new Japan.

3 credit hours. Offered as needed.

HIST 347: Foreign Relations of East Asia in Modern Times

Focus is on diplomacy and foreign relations in East Asia from the early nineteenth century to the present. Topics include the Opium War, the opening of Japan, the two Sino-Japanese Wars, the Boxer Rebellion, the Russo-Japanese War, and World War II.

3 credit hours. Offered as needed.

HIST 348: Africa under Colonial Rule

African societies and institutions of the early nineteenth century are examined. Topics include imperialism, the intrusion of European powers, the African response, and African nationalism and independence.

3 credit hours. Offered as needed.

HIST 353: Modern Latin America

Topics in Latin America history are surveyed including Wars of Independence, state building, neocolonialism, labor and agrarian conflicts, immigration, revolutionary movements, human rights, and democratization.

3 credit hours. Offered fall.

HIST 355: Everyday Life History

Traditional and modern societies are examined from the bottom up. Attention is given to material well-being; sexuality, marriage, family, and childhood; crime, disease, and death; and leisure and escapism.

3 credit hours. Offered as needed.

HIST 371: Reading Course in History

In this independent study, students read selected materials under the careful guidance of a historian.

3 credit hours. Prerequisite: open only to seniors who have had suitable course work and who have the consent of the instructor and department chair. Offered as needed.

HIST 362: Reading Seminar in History

Building on history and social science courses, this seminar involves extensive reading and discussion of selected historical themes. Focus is on historiographical issues.

4 credit hours. Prerequisite: HIST 200, 15 additional credit hours of history courses, and 12 credit hours of social sciences courses. Offered fall and spring as needed.