

HISTORY

History courses can enlarge the student's intellectual horizon by an ordered, meaningful, and up-to-date inquiry into the past. This includes not only courses in United States and European history, but also introductions into several areas of non-Western history and into the basic skills of historical research itself. The major in history prepares the student for graduate studies, entry into law school, and teaching in secondary schools, as well as providing a broad, cultural basis for a later career in various fields of business or the arts.

MAJOR IN HISTORY (36 credits)

REQUIRED: 3 courses (9 credits)

121 United States History I

122 United States History II

125 European Civilization

Choose 6 credits from: (Europe)

238 History of England

246 Revolutionary Europe, 1789-1871

251 Ancient Mediterranean Civilization

282 Twentieth Century Europe

344 Imperial Russia, Soviet Union & Beyond

Choose 3 credits from: (American)

209 US Foreign Policy

233 Jeffersonian/Jacksonian America

336 Recent America

338 Colonial America

442 American Business History

Choose 3 credits from: (Non-Western)

240 History of Africa

343 History of Modern East Asia

345 Modern Middle East

ELECTIVES: Any 15 credits in History.

MINOR IN HISTORY (18 credits)

ELECTIVES: Any 18 credits in History.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

121-122. United States History, I-II

6 credits

A study of American civilization from its European origins until 1865 in the first semester; its development since 1865 until the present is considered in the second semester.

125. European Civilization

3 credits

A general survey of European history and civilization to 1500. Offered in alternate years.

209. U.S. Foreign Policy (POL 209)

3 credits

A survey of the major ideas, factors, and decisions that have and continue to shape U.S. foreign policy. The course includes in-depth analysis of several challenges and decisions facing current foreign policy makers.

233. Jeffersonian/Jacksonian America

3 credits

A study of America in the formative years after independence, with special emphasis on Jefferson and Jackson and American life during their administrations.

- 238. History of England** **3 credits**
Surveys the major trends in English history from its beginnings to 1945. In addition to political chronology, social and cultural features will be treated.
- 240. History of Africa** **3 credits**
This course traces the social and political trends of the past and evaluates their influence on contemporary Africa. Each year, one major geographic area of the continent is selected for study. Study includes precolonial history, the impact of colonization, and the development and challenges facing Africa in the post—colonial era, with emphasis on the uniquely African responses to outside forces. Offered in alternate years.
- 246. Revolutionary Europe, 1789-1871** **3 credits**
Europe from the French Revolution through the unification of Germany and Italy.
- 251. Ancient Mediterranean Civilization** **3 credits**
In depth survey of the history, literature, philosophy, and art of both Classical Greece and Rome with extensive use of primary sources.
- 255. Independent Study** **1-3 credits**
- 282. Twentieth Century Europe** **3 credits**
A survey of 20th-century Europe focusing on political, social, economic, cultural changes from Britain to Russia (former U.S.S.R.) with emphasis on the two world wars, the Cold War, and the European Economic Union.
- 336. Recent America** **3 credits**
American political and social history from 1945 through the present.
- 338. Colonial America** **3 credits**
The social and religious history of colonial Americans is stressed from the Euro-Indian exchanges to the American Revolution. Offered in alternate years.
- 343. History of Modern East Asia (POL 343)** **3 credits**
A survey of the historical development of Asia and East Asia in the 18th through 21st centuries with a focus on local patterns of societal, cultural, economic, and political development, with special attention paid to China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam.
- 344. Imperial Russia, Soviet Union and Beyond** **3 credits**
Surveys the development of the Russian empire from the reign of Alexander I to the abdication of Nicholas II, examines the 1917 revolutions and the Soviet empire from Lenin to Gorbachev and traces the major features of the region's post-Communist era.
- 345. Modern Middle East (POL 345)** **3 credits**
A survey of the major developments in the Middle Eastern countries between Libya in the West and Iran in the East with a major emphasis on late 19th and 20th century trends.
- 358-359. Topics in History** **3 credits**
Based on student interest and current trends and needs, the Department offers a number of topics and eras, for example: History of the Family and Women in America.
- 442. American Business History (BUS 442, ECN 442)** **3 credits**
Focused on management-labor relations, broadly construed, from 1600 to the present.