

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: 5 courses (15 credits)

121 United States History I

122 United States History II

131 World Civilization I

132 World Civilization II

401 Capstone Seminar in History

Choose 3 credits from: (Europe)

246 Revolutionary Europe, 1789-1871

251 Ancient Mediterranean Civilization

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

345 Modern Middle East

343 History of Modern East Asia

ELECTIVES: Any 12 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.

131-132. World Civilization I-II

6 credits

A survey of the development of world civilization from circa 3500 B.C.E. and the beginning of civilization in Southwestern Asia (Middle East), Europe, South Asia, Asia, and Africa until 1500 C.E. The second semester of this course will cover the same regions during the period from 1500 to the present day.

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.

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****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 Rock and Roll, and Women in America.

371. History of the Family

3 credits

This course will focus on the development of family structures in the western world. Topics will include marriage, childrearing, care of the elderly, education and inheritance. The impact of agriculture, industrialization, globalization, and technology will be examined.

401. Capstone Seminar in History

3 credits

This course for juniors and seniors will allow students to pursue research on an approved thesis. Students will produce a 20-page research paper which will be graded by the entire history faculty using a common rubric.

442. American Business History (BUS 442, ECN 442)

3 credits

Focused on management-labor relations, broadly construed, from 1800 to the present.



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