# **HISTORY**

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# PROGRAMS AVAILABLE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY HISTORY MINOR TEACHING LICENSURE

## **HISTORY MAJOR PROGRAM**

The Department of History, Political Science and Public Policy offers a four-year program leading to a Bachelor of Arts in History. Following completion of foundation courses, students pursue different fields of history depending upon their intellectual and career interests. This flexible program furnishes a useful background for careers in public service, education, environmental studies, government, law, journalism, public communication and business. Students graduating with a degree in History will be able to:

- Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of subject matter, methodologies and a variety of historiographical approaches;
- Demonstrate the ability to think clearly and critically about history and historical narratives, and to express ideas logically and persuasively in written and oral form;
- Demonstrate familiarity with diverse cultures and chronological periods and capacity for both empathetic and critical understanding of one's own
  - culture and society as well as those different from one's own;
- Demonstrate competence in historical research and presentation, including the ability to appropriately access, use and evaluate primary and secondary sources in order to make a coherent historical argument.

# HISTORY MAJOR

# Requirements

Foundation Courses			
HIST	103	Pre-Modern World Civilization	3 cr
HIST	104	Modern World Civilization	3 cr
HIST	200	Research & Bibliography	3 cr
HIST	203	United States History to 1877	3 cr
HIST	204	United States History after 1877	3 cr
HIST	205	Historiography	3 cr
POSC	201	US Government & Public Policy	3 cr
POSC	202	Comparative Government & Public Policy	3 cr
Junior Level Requirements (select four from the following)			
HIST	305	Topics in European History	3 cr
HIST	310	Topics in Asian History	3 cr
HIST	320	Topics in US History	3 cr
HIST	330	Topics in Latin American History	3 cr
HIST	340	Topics in the Middle East and Muslim World	3 cr
HIST	350	Topics in African History	3 cr
Senior Level Requirements			
HIST	450	Career and ePortfolio Workshop	1 cr
Two 400-	level se	eminars chosen from either/or	
HIST	401	Seminar in Historical Periods	3 cr
HIST	403	Seminar in Issues in History	3 cr
One of the following:			
One additional 400-level seminar			
OR HIST	405	Senior Thesis	3 cr
OR HIST	540	Internship in History	3-15 cr

#### **HISTORY MINOR PROGRAM**

The history minor offers students the opportunity to study in moderate depth and breadth history as it reflects the development of political, economic, cultural and social institutions.

Select six History courses, four (4) of which must be 300 level or above.

#### TOTAL HISTORY MINOR REQUIREMENTS

18 cr

#### **TEACHING LICENSURE**

Students majoring in history may opt to pursue initial licensure as an early childhood, elementary, middle school or high school teacher. Also, history majors may pursue initial licensure as a teacher of history or as a teacher of political science/political philosophy for the middle school and secondary levels. Students seeking initial licensure must complete the history major and a licensure program in education.

# **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

#### **HIST 103** Pre-Modern World Civilization

3 cr

Studies the cultural and historical traditions of the major geographical regions of the pre-modern world up to 1492: Greece and Rome, South and Southeast Asia, East Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe and the Americas. Emphasis will be placed on such factors as international trade routes, the spread of ideas and religions, and the formation of state-systems that became the basis of the post-1492 world.

Prerequisite: None

#### **HIST 104** Modern World Civilization

3 cr

Provides an introductory historical survey of the major events, ideas and people which have shaped world civilizations since 1500, the beginning of the modern era of history. Takes a comparative, interdisciplinary, and non-Eurocentric approach to historical analysis emphasizing diversity and global awareness. Course attributes: CHH.

Prerequisite: None

## HIST 200 Research and Bibliography

3 cr

Acquaints students with the methods and materials of basic bibliography and research. Introduces a variety of reference sources such as bibliographies, periodical indexes, government publications, handbooks, computer databases and CD-ROMs.

Prerequisite: HIST 103, HIST 104 or department approval

## HIST 203 United States History to 1877

3 cr

Focuses on the development of American political, economic, social, philosophical and cultural values and institutions from Colonial beginnings up to 1877. Sufficient emphasis will be placed on the Massachusetts and federal constitutions to meet the state requirement. Course attributes: CHH.

Prerequisite: None

# HIST 204 United States History after 1877

3 cr

Focuses on the development of American political, economic, social, philosophical and cultural values and institutions from 1877 to the present. Sufficient emphasis will be placed on the Massachusetts and Federal constitutions to meet the state requirement. Course attributes: CHH.

Prerequisite: None

# HIST 205 Historiography

3 cr

Provides students, in seminar style, with an introduction to the classic issues and interpretations in the study of U.S. and world history and political theory. Through readings, research and discussion, students will become familiar with important primary sources and major contributions of scholars.

**Prerequisite:** HIST 200

## **HIST 305** Topics in European History

3 cr

Focuses on either the histories of particular European nations or a chronological period, issue or theme in European history. Emphasis will be placed on a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter as well as developing skills in reading historical sources, research, writing and oral communication. Possible topics include: Europe in the 20th century; History of Britain; History of Russia; History of France; Ancient Greece & Rome.

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

## HIST 310 Topics in Asian History

3 cr

Focuses on either the histories of particular Asian nations or a chronological period, issue or theme in Asian history. Emphasis will be placed on a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter, as well as developing skills in reading historical sources, research, writing and oral communication. Possible topics include: History of Japan; History of India; Chinese Culture and Civilization; and the United States and China. Course attributes: CRCU, SOCJ.

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

## **HIST 315** Topics in American Studies

3 cr

Studies areas and concepts in United States history and politics. Students will gain a more advanced, interdisciplinary, in-depth understanding of United States history, politics, values and economics. Topics include: The City in

American Life; A History of New England; United States Diplomatic History; American Values; Women in American History; America and the Sea; Politics of Prejudice; The Cold War; Environmental History.

**Prerequisite:** Junior/senior status

#### HIST 320 Topics in United States History

3 cr

Focuses on a chronological period, issue, or theme in the history of the United States. Emphasis will be placed on a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter, as well as developing skills in reading historical sources, research, writing and oral communication. Possible topics include: The Civil War; Immigration and Ethnicity; The Civil Rights Movement; US & WWII; New England History.

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

#### HIST 330 Topics in Latin American History

3 cr

Focuses on either the histories of particular nations or a chronological period, issue or theme in Latin American history. Emphasis will be placed on a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter, as well as developing skills in reading historical sources, research, writing and oral communication. Possible topics include: The United States and Latin America; History of Mexico. Course attributes: CRCU, SOCJ.

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

## HIST 340 Topics in the Middle East and Muslim World 3 cr

Focuses on either the histories of particular nations in the Middle East or a chronological period, issue, or theme in the Muslim World. Emphasis will be placed on a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter as well as developing skills in reading historical sources, research, writing and oral communication. Possible topics include: The Middle East & the Modern World; The Muslim World. Course attributes: CRCU, SOCJ.

Prerequisite: Junior/senior status

#### **HIST 350** Topics in African History

3 cr

Focuses on either the histories of particular African nations or a chronological period, issue or theme in African history. Emphasis will be placed on a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter as well as developing skills in reading historical sources, research, writing, and oral communication. Possible topics include: History of Africa; African History in Literature and Film. Course attributes: CRCU, SOCJ.

**Prerequisite:** Junior/senior status

#### **HIST 401** Seminar in Historical Periods

3 cr

Examines a particular era in depth. The course will be based around reading and discussion of a variety of historical works with the instructor selecting course materials and methods appropriate to the subject. Emphasis will be placed on analysis, critical thinking and historiography, in addition to mastery of subject matter. Central to the course will be a major research project, with findings presented in both written work and an oral presentation.

Prerequisite: HIST 200, HIST 205, junior/senior status or instructor approval

## **HIST 403** Seminar in Issues in History

3 cr

Examines in depth a particular issue, concept, topic or theme in history. The course will be based around reading and discussion of a variety of historical works with the instructor selecting course materials and methods appropriate to the subject. Emphasis will be placed on analysis, critical thinking and historiography, in addition to mastery of subject matter. Central to the course will be a major research project, with findings presented in both a written work and an oral presentation.

**Prerequisite:** HIST 200, HIST 205, junior/senior status or instructor approval

#### HIST 405 Senior Thesis

3 cr

The senior thesis is to be taken under the direction of a professor in the department who will work with senior history majors writing a bachelor's thesis on a selected topic in history. Students will choose a topic and present an outline and proposal to any department faculty member or to the entire department sitting as a thesis committee. The purpose of the senior thesis is to give students the opportunity to do individualized, advanced research in an aspect of history in which they have particular interest and capability.

Prerequisite: Senior status or department approval

#### HIST 450 Career and ePortfolio Workshop

1 cr

Provides senior students majoring in History with an opportunity and framework to reflect on their past work in the major and the wider liberal arts as well as look forward to opportunities and challenges after graduation. Completion of an ePortfolio will be an essential component. Students will work with the instructor, career service professionals, and alumni to understand career and graduate school possibilities and prepare strategies for success.

Prerequisite: HIST major, senior status

## **HIST 500** Independent Study

1 to 3 cr

Open to juniors and seniors who desire to read widely in a given area or to study a specific topic in depth. Written reports and frequent conferences with the advisor are required.

Prerequisite: Department approval

## **HIST 510** Teaching Assistant in History

3 cr

Offers highly qualified junior/senior majors an opporunity to assist an instructor in the teaching of an introductory course. The student may be held responsible for grading papers, conducting classes and review sessions, etc.

Prerequisite: Department approval

# HIST 540 Internship in History

3 to 15 cr

Qualified students may be placed as interns in governmental and social service agencies, museums, etc.

**Prerequisite:** Junior/senior status and department approval