HISTORY

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Administrative Coordinator: Debbie Richman

Historians study the past, yet they never become disconnected from the present. What we are and will be is rooted in what we were. In uncovering the past, historians reveal to us the political, cultural, and economic elements that have shaped our world. This is how we write and teach history at Lewis & Clark. Our curriculum is global in scope, inviting students to compare the traditions of various cultures and countries. We offer sufficient depth in the history of the Americas, Europe, and Asia to allow students to develop a sophisticated knowledge of these regions in the modern and premodern eras. Moreover, our emphasis on research and writing equips our students with skills appropriate to a wide range of pursuits.

A critical understanding of how history is crafted is as important as learning historical details. The development of research and writing skills is one of the main objectives of the department’s program. All majors take a unique methods course called Historical Materials, which focuses on how to find and use historical documents—books, manuscripts, periodicals, newspapers, maps, photographs—as research tools. In a second required course called Reading Colloquium, students read the best literature in a field selected by the instructor and come to grips with the variety of ways history is written and interpreted. In the history research seminar, majors conduct intensive research on a particular topic and present their findings to their classmates in the form of a thesis. This series of courses prepares students to use research and writing skills in whatever career they choose and equips them to be discerning students of history throughout the course of their lives.

Resources for Nonmajors
All of the department’s course offerings are open to nonmajors. Preference is given to majors and minors for enrollment in HIST 300 Historical Materials, HIST 400 Reading Colloquium, and HIST 450 History Seminar.

The Major Program
The department curriculum focuses on three primary geographical fields: the Americas, Asia, and Europe. Students are strongly encouraged to enroll in the introductory sequences as a foundation for more advanced study in these concentrations. History majors are required to complete some work in each of the three fields in order to obtain a breadth of historical understanding. Most introductory sequences are offered at the 100 level. The entry-level U.S. sequence (HIST 134 and HIST 135) is offered at the 100 level and is open to first-year students.

The department counsels students to take courses in related fields of language, literature, fine arts, social sciences, and international affairs to deepen their understanding of their area of concentration.

Major Requirements
A minimum of 40 semester credits (10 courses), distributed as follows:

- HIST 300 Historical Materials
- HIST 400 Reading Colloquium
- HIST 450 History Seminar
- Seven other courses from the list of approved electives. At least one must be in Asian history, one in European history, and one in the history of the Americas. At least one of the seven courses must be in premodern Asian, European, or Latin American history, or in religious studies.

At least two of the seven courses must be at the 300 level, excluding HIST 300 Historical Materials.

Students may apply a maximum of 4 semester credits from HIST 244/HIST 444 toward the major.

Minor Requirements
A minimum of 24 semester credits (six courses), which must include:

- HIST 300 Historical Materials
- HIST 400 Reading Colloquium or HIST 450 History Seminar
- At least one course at the 300 level, excluding HIST 300
- Two additional history courses, each one from a different geographical field: Asian history, European history, or history of the Americas. Courses from other departments do not apply.
- One history course from any field.

Primary Geographical Fields
The following courses may be used as electives for the major in the primary geographical and premodern areas as specified:

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HIST 259  India in the Age of Empire
HIST 288  China in the News: Socio-Anthropological and Historical Perspective on Modern China
HIST 310  China in the World
HIST 311  History of Family, Gender, and Sexuality in China
HIST 313  Religion, Society, and the State in Japanese History
HIST 316  Popular Culture and Everyday Life in Japanese History

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HIST 230  Eastern Europe: Borderlands and Bloodlands
HIST 320  Humanism in Renaissance Europe
HIST 323  Modern European Intellectual History
HIST 324  Saints and Bureaucrats
HIST 325  History of Islam in Europe
HIST 326  History of Soviet Russia
HIST 328  The British Empire
CLAS 324  Roman Women
ECON 255  Technology, Institutions, and Economic Growth
ECON 256  The Industrial Revolution
RELS 251  Medieval Christianity
RELS 373  Reformations of the 16th Century

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HIST 110  Early East Asian History
HIST 120  Early European History
HIST 141  Colonial Latin American History
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HIST 320  Humanism in Renaissance Europe
HIST 324  Saints and Bureaucrats
CLAS 324  Roman Women
RELS 251  Medieval Christianity

Honors
Each year the department invites meritorious students with an overall GPA of at least 3.500 to participate in the honors program. Students choose a faculty member with whom they want to work on a research project and register in HIST 490 History Honors Thesis. The thesis course may involve a major paper based on primary source materials or an extensive review and evaluation of the secondary literature in a particular subject area. Students present the project to the department. Following an oral examination, the department determines whether to grant honors upon graduation.

Practicum Program
Because history is useful in a variety of careers, the department encourages students in their junior or senior year to participate in a practicum. History practica have placed students in a variety of settings, including the museum and library of the Oregon Historical Society (http://ohs.org), publishing companies, land-use-planning agencies, historic preservation organizations, and other enterprises needing the skills of a person knowledgeable in the liberal arts and trained in history.

The practicum is usually an off-campus experience designed by the student in conjunction with an off-campus supervisor and a faculty supervisor according to departmental guidelines. Arrangements on and off campus must be made with the appropriate supervising persons in advance. The practicum is usually an off-campus experience designed by the student in conjunction with an off-campus supervisor and a faculty supervisor according to departmental guidelines. Arrangements on and off campus must be made with the appropriate supervising persons in advance.

Faculty


Courses

HIST 110 Early East Asian History
Content: Early histories of China and Japan from earliest origins to the 13th century. Prehistory; early cultural foundations; development of social, political, and economic institutions; art and literature. Readings from Asian texts in translation. The two cultures, viewed as independent entities, compared to each other and to European patterns of development.
Prerequisites: None.
Usually offered: Annually, fall semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 111 Making Modern China
Content: The history of China from the Song to the end of the twentieth century through primary sources (art, material culture of daily life, short stories, memoirs, political propaganda, and government documents, and music). We'll examine family, gender roles, sexuality, political and social structures, urbanization, resistance to Western imperialism, popular rebellions, World War Two, revolution, nationalism, modernization, the role of historical memory in contemporary China.
Prerequisites: None.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 112 Making Modern Japan
Content: History of Japan from the start of the Tokugawa shogunate to the end of the 20th century. Tokugawa ideology, political economy, urban culture; intellectual and social upheavals leading to the Meiji Restoration; the Japanese response to the West; rapid industrialization and its social consequences; problems of modernity and the emperor system; Japanese colonialism and militarism; the Pacific war; postwar developments in economy, culture, politics.
Prerequisites: None.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, fall semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 120 Early European History
Content: Social, intellectual, political, and economic elements of European history, 800 to 1648. Role of Christianity in the formation of a dominant culture; feudalism and the development of conflicts between secular and religious life. Contacts with the non-European world, the Crusades, minority groups, popular and elite cultural expressions. Intellectual and cultural life of the High Middle Ages, secular challenges of the Renaissance, divisions of European culture owing to the rise of national monarchies and religious re formations.
Prerequisites: None.
Usually offered: Annually, fall semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 121 Modern European History
Content: Social, intellectual, political, and economic elements of European history, 1648 to the present. The scientific revolution, Enlightenment, national political revolutions, capitalism, industrial development, overseas imperial expansion. The formation of mass political and social institutions, avant-garde and popular culture, the Thirty Years' War of the 20th century, bolshevism, fascism, the Cold War, and the revolutions of 1989.
Prerequisites: None.
Usually offered: Annually, spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 134 United States: Revolution to Empire
Content: Introduction to the United States. How the young American nation coped with major changes and adjustments in its first century. Emergence of political parties; wars with Indians and Mexico, and expansion into a continental nation; the lingering problem of slavery; the rise of industry and urbanization; immigration; the development of arts and letters into a new national culture.
Prerequisites: None.
Usually offered: Annually, spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 135 United States: Empire to Superpower
Content: The power of the United States in the world, from the Spanish-American War to Iraq. American economic growth and its consequences. The federal government and the people. Mass society and mass marketing. Changing political alignments, the policy elite, and “political will.” The welfare state, women’s and minority rights.
Prerequisites: None.
Usually offered: Annually, fall semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 141 Colonial Latin American History
Content: History of Latin America from Native American contact cultures through the onset of independence movements in the early 19th century. Cultural confrontations, change, and Native American accommodation and strategies of evasion in dealing with the Hispanic colonial empire.
Prerequisites: None.
Usually offered: Annually, fall semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 142 Modern Latin American History
Content: Confrontation with the complexity of modern Latin America through historical analysis of the roots of contemporary society, politics, and culture. Through traditional texts, novels, films, and lectures, exploration of the historical construction of modern Latin America. Themes of unity and diversity, continuity and change as framework for analyzing case studies of selected countries.
Prerequisites: None.
Usually offered: Annually, spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 209 Japan at War
Content: In-depth study of the causes, dynamics, and outcomes of the wars fought by Japan in Asia and the Pacific from the late 19th century through World War II. The trajectories of Japanese imperialism, sequence of events leading to the attack on Pearl Harbor, social impact of total war. Japan’s wartime culture as seen through diaries, newspaper articles, propaganda films, short stories, government documents. Short- and long-term effects of the atomic bomb and the American occupation of Japan.
Prerequisites: None.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 211 Reform, Rebellion, and Revolution in Modern China
Content: The commercial revolution of the 12th century and the cultural flowering and political structures of Ming and early Qing dynasties (1367 to 1800) that shaped China’s response to Western invasion. Major peasant rebellions, elite reforms, and political revolutions of the last 150 years including the Opium War, Taiping Rebellion, Hundred Days Reform, Boxer Rebellion, collapse of the Qing dynasty, Nationalist and Communist revolutions.
Prerequisites: None.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.
HIST 213 Personal Narratives in Chinese History
Content: Political, economic, and cultural history of China, traced through the lives of individual Chinese, including the mighty and the low: venerable philosophers and historians, powerful women, mighty emperors, conscientious officials, laboring women and men, evangelizing missionaries, zealots of all political persuasions. Sixth century B.C.E. to late twentieth century, with emphasis on the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Lectures cover the historical milieu in which the various subjects lived. Through class discussion and essay assignments, students unite their knowledge of particular individuals and the broad sweep of events to form a rich and lively familiarity with Chinese history.
Prerequisites: None.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 217 The Emergence of Modern South Asia
Content: The social, economic, and political history of the Indian subcontinent from the 18th century to the present. The cultural foundations of Indian Society; the East India Company and the expansion of British power; the experience of Indians under the British Raj; Gandhi and the rise of Indian nationalism; independence and partition; postcolonial South Asian developments in politics, economy, and culture. Thematic emphasis on the causes and consequences of Western imperialism, religious and cultural identities, and competing historical interpretations.
Prerequisites: None.
Usually offered: Every third year, spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 218 Perspectives on the Vietnam War
Content: A broadly humanistic and introductory perspective on the problem of the Vietnam War. Root causes of the war from Vietnamese and American perspectives; the nature of the war as it developed and concluded. The war as a problem in American domestic politics.
Prerequisites: None.
Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 219 Ancient Rome: From Republic to Empire
Content: A history of Rome from the foundation of the Roman Republic in the late 6th century B.C. to the end of the Severan dynasty in 235 A.D. Special emphasis on Rome's political transformation from a republic to an empire and the effect of this transition on Roman civilization. Topics include Roman conquest and imperialism, religion, contact with other Mediterranean cultures, class conflict, law and governance, slavery, and family structure. The interpretation of primary source materials (especially ancient historical writings) and the problems of reconstructing the history of a civilization that flourished 2,000 years ago.
Prerequisites: None.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 220 Britain in the Age of Revolution, 1485 to 1688
Content: The development of the British Isles from the late medieval period to the Glorious Revolution. The church and state in late medieval Britain; the English and Scottish reformations; Elizabeth and her realm; the evolution of monarchical and aristocratic power under the Tudors and Stuarts; Shakespeare, Milton, and the English literary renaissance; the conquest and settlement of Ireland; Cromwell, the Puritans, and the English Civil War; life in the villages and the growth of the mercantile economy; the Glorious Revolution and the shaping of constitutional monarchy.
Prerequisites: None. HIST 120 recommended.
Usually offered: Every third year, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 221 Tudor and Stuart Britain, 1485 to 1688
Content: The development of the British Isles from the late medieval period to the Glorious Revolution. The church and state in late medieval Britain; the English and Scottish reformations; Elizabeth and her realm; the evolution of monarchical and aristocratic power under the Tudors and Stuarts; Shakespeare, Milton, and the English literary renaissance; the conquest and settlement of Ireland; Cromwell, the Puritans, and the English Civil War; life in the villages and the growth of the mercantile economy; the Glorious Revolution and the shaping of constitutional monarchy.
Prerequisites: None. HIST 120 recommended.
Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.
Usually offered: Every third year, fall and spring semester.
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HIST 222 Britain in the Age of Revolution, 1688 to 1815
Content: A history of Britain and its people from the Glorious Revolution to the end of the Napoleonic War. The end of absolutism and the rise of the constitutional monarchy; the Augustan Age: arts, letters, and religion; the Atlantic world and British overseas expansion; the Enlightenment and scientific revolution; the American Revolution and its aftermath; union with Scotland and Ireland and the creation of the British national identity; the revolution in France and the wars against Napoleon; the beginnings of the Industrial Revolution.
Prerequisites: None. HIST 121 recommended.
Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.
Usually offered: Every third year, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 223 War and Society in Premodern Europe
Content: Social transformations in premodern Europe caused by organization for and conduct of war. Topics include the hoplite revolution, military professionalization in the Roman Empire, the monopoly on violence in the Middle Ages, technology and "total war" during the Hundred Years’ War, and the military revolution of the sixteenth century.
Prerequisites: None.
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<td>HIST 230</td>
<td>Eastern Europe: Borderlands and Bloodlands</td>
<td>Examines Eastern European history from the eighteenth through twentieth centuries: the “nationalities question” that emerged from within the Habsburg and Russian empires; multinational zones; wars; successor states of the interwar period; and the Balkans and the Yugoslav dissolution of the 1990s; consideration of East Europeans’ membership in the EU.</td>
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<td>U.S. Women’s History, 1600 to 1980</td>
<td>The diverse experiences of American women from the colonial era to the recent past. Changing ideologies from the colonial goodwife to the cult of true womanhood. Impact of Victorianism, sexuality and reproduction, the changing significance of women’s work. Origins of the women’s rights movement, battles and legacy of suffrage, history of 20th-century feminism, competing ideologies and experiences of difference.</td>
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<td>HIST 240</td>
<td>Race and Ethnicity in the United States</td>
<td>The history of categories of race and ethnicity in the United States, primarily focused on the historical production of conceptions of racial and ethnic difference. Examines the origins, uses, and mutations of ideologies of race and ethnicity, as well as how these ideologies intersect with empire and nationalism, sexuality and gender, capitalism and labor relations, and scientific knowledge. Considers both chronological and thematic approaches. Examines scholarly work, visual culture, and memoir. Open to all students.</td>
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<td>HIST 241</td>
<td>Researching &amp; Writing Public History</td>
<td>Workshop introducing qualified students to researching and writing history for the broader public; students will write multiple drafts of short and compelling articles to be submitted to designated editorial boards, curated websites, or local newspapers for possible publication. Each student will need to identify an intended outlet for their work at the outset of the course.</td>
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<td>The concept and region known as the Borderlands from when it was part of northern New Spain to its present incarnation as the U.S.-Mexico border. Thematic focus on the roles of imperialism and capitalism in the formation of borderlands race, class, gender, and national identities. The transformation of this region from a frontier between European empires to a borderline between nations.</td>
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HIST 243 African American History Since 1863
Content: A survey of African American history from emancipation to the present: the process of emancipation, Reconstruction, the rise of Jim Crow, the Harlem Renaissance, the Great Depression and the transformation of the rural South, the civil rights movement, black power and white backlash, the rise of the prison-industrial complex, and the development of hip-hop culture. An examination of art, film, and theater will supplement written primary and secondary sources.
Prerequisites: None.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 244 Practicum
Content: Experience in historical research, writing, interpreting, or planning. Specifics vary depending on placement with sponsoring agency. Eight credits may be applied to graduation requirements, but only 4 may be applied to major.
Prerequisites: None.
Restrictions: Sophomore standing and consent required.
Usually offered: Annually, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 1-4.

HIST 259 India in the Age of Empire
Content: The political, cross-cultural, and social development of the Indian subcontinent from the classical civilizations of late antiquity to the beginnings of colonial rule in the 18th century. The artistic and architectural achievements of Indo-Islamic civilization; the Mughal Empire and regional polities; religious and cultural syncretism; the influence of contact with the West. Special emphasis on the historical antecedents of contemporary debates about regional identities, state formation and fragmentation, and the origins of colonial rule.
Prerequisites: None.
Usually offered: Every third year, spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 261 Global Environmental History
Content: Introduction to major historical shifts in the relationship(s) between humans and their environment from prehistoric times to the present. Focuses particularly on Asia, Europe, and North America and covers such topics as the invention of agriculture, shifting conceptions and portrayals of nature, the exchange of biota between continents, responses to natural disasters, the ecological impact of the industrial revolution, and the 20th-century environmental movement. Exploration of the social, cultural, and political dimensions of environmental change through the work of environmental historians and a wide range of primary sources, including literature, artwork, philosophical texts, government documents, newspaper articles, and scientific data.
Prerequisites: None.
Usually offered: Annually, fall semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 264 From Stumptown to Portlandia: The History of Portland
Content: An introduction to research in historical methods by examining the history of Portland: How did the city go from rough-and-tumble center of the timber industry to hipster mecca? Examination of Portland's origins as a port city to the gentrification of more recent times, including exploration of various types of historical sources, from fire-insurance maps to police surveillance photographs. Two major research projects are included: 1) construct the "biography" of a city block, and 2) in small groups, write and deliver walking tours of various Portland neighborhoods.
Prerequisites: None.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 266 Environmental History
Content: An introduction to the history of the human relationship with the environment as defined by the formal discipline of environmental history. The relationship of humans to the environment is explored from the earliest human cultures to the present. Focuses on the impact of humans on the environment and the impact of the environment on humans. Also studies the development of the discipline of environmental history.
Prerequisites: None.
Usually offered: Annually, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 288 China in the News: Socio-Anthropological and Historical Perspective on Modern China
Content: Rarely a day goes by in the realm of contemporary American news that does not find China center stage. Whether through accolades of its avant-garde architecture, Olympic gold medals, and booming economy or critiques of its environmental practices, "neocolonialist" relationship with Africa, or domestic human rights, China has garnered an important space in the American public imaginary. China is a rapidly rising world power in an international arena witnessing the increasing economic instability and declining economic hegemony of Western nations, and its engagement in the global realm matters. We are interested in looking at China in the news in two different ways. First, this course will think topically about China as news. What is happening today in China both domestically and internationally that is worthy of international coverage? What are the historical precedents for such events and processes? How does understanding both the historical record and contemporary cultural formations help us to comprehend the significance of their current manifestation? Second, this course will think theoretically about China in the news. How is China represented in American media sources? What are the contours, influences, and ramifications of these representations? How do historical precedent and contemporary culture affect these representations?
Prerequisites: None.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 297 Special Topics in History
Content: Introduction to the practice and research methods of history. Reading and critical analysis of primary sources and scholarship organized around themes or problems in history. Focus varies depending on areas of the instructor's teaching and/or research. Assignments are organized around a substantial final project and/or several smaller projects. May be taken twice with change of topic.
Prerequisites: None.
Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.
Usually offered: Annually, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 299 Independent Study
Content: Opportunities for well-prepared students to design and pursue a substantive course of independent learning. Details determined by the student and the supervising instructor. May be repeated for credit.
Prerequisites: None.
Restrictions: Sophomore standing and consent required.
Usually offered: Annually, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 1-4.

HIST 300 Historical Materials
Content: Materials and craft of historical research. Bibliographic method; documentary editing; use of specialized libraries, manuscripts, maps, government documents, photographs, objects of material culture. Career options in history. Students work with primary sources to develop a major editing project. Topical content varies depending on instructor's teaching field. Enrollment preference given to history majors and minors.
Prerequisites: None.
Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.
Usually offered: Annually.
Semester credits: 4.
HIST 310 China in the World
Content: The nature and extent of China's contact with other countries, including the silk roads to Middle Asia in the first millennium B.C.E., Jesuits and the influx of Spanish-American silver in the sixteenth century, British tea and opium trade, and Chinese intellectual experiments with social Darwinism, anarchism, communism, and the nuclear family ideal. Primary sources showing foreign and Chinese perceptions of the content and significance of these exchanges.
Prerequisites: None.
Restrictions: Junior standing required.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 311 History of Family, Gender, and Sexuality in China
Content: Development of family structure, gender roles, and sexuality in Chinese history, explored through oracle bones, family instructions, tales of exemplary women, poetry, painting, drama, fiction, and calendar posters. Key movements in the transformation of family and gender from 1600 B.C.E. to the 20th century. Close readings of texts to explore how social, economic, religious, and political forces shaped family and gender roles.
Prerequisites: None.
Restrictions: Junior standing required.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 312 History of Family, Gender, and Sexuality in China
Content: Development of family structure, gender roles, and sexuality in Chinese history, explored through oracle bones, family instructions, tales of exemplary women, poetry, painting, drama, fiction, and calendar posters. Key movements in the transformation of family and gender from 1600 B.C.E. to the 20th century. Close readings of texts to explore how social, economic, religious, and political forces shaped family and gender roles.
Prerequisites: None.
Restrictions: Junior standing required.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 313 Religion, Society, and the State in Japanese History
Content: Japanese religious traditions and their impact on social and political structures from ancient times to the present. Examination of the doctrinal and institutional development of Buddhism, Confucianism, Shinto, and Christianity, as well as the creation and suppression of more marginal belief systems. Issues include pilgrimage, spirit possession, death practices, millenarianism, militarism, abortion, eco-spiritualism, and religious terrorism. Sources include canonical scriptures, short stories, diaries, government records, newspaper articles, artwork, films.
Prerequisites: None.
Restrictions: Junior standing required.
Usually offered: Every third year, spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 314 History of Family, Gender, and Sexuality in Japan
Content: Development of family structure, gender roles, and sexuality in Japan from the 18th to the 20th century. Religion and folk beliefs, work and gender roles, theatre and music, tourism, consumerism, citizens' movements, fashion, food, sports, sex, drugs, hygiene, and forms of mass media ranging from woodblock prints to modern comic books, film, television. Concepts as well as content of popular and mass culture.
Prerequisites: HIST 112 recommended.
Restrictions: Junior standing required.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 315 History of Family, Gender, and Sexuality in Japan
Content: Development of family structure, gender roles, and sexuality in Japan from the 18th to the 20th century. Religion and folk beliefs, work and gender roles, theatre and music, tourism, consumerism, citizens' movements, fashion, food, sports, sex, drugs, hygiene, and forms of mass media ranging from woodblock prints to modern comic books, film, television. Concepts as well as content of popular and mass culture.
Prerequisites: HIST 112 recommended.
Restrictions: Junior standing required.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 316 Popular Culture and Everyday Life in Japanese History
Content: Popular culture as the site of social change and social control in Japan from the 18th to the 20th century. Religion and folk beliefs, work and gender roles, theatre and music, tourism, consumerism, citizens' movements, fashion, food, sports, sex, drugs, hygiene, and forms of mass media ranging from woodblock prints to modern comic books, film, television. Concepts as well as content of popular and mass culture.
Prerequisites: HIST 112 recommended.
Restrictions: Junior standing required.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 317 Popular Culture and Everyday Life in Japanese History
Content: Popular culture as the site of social change and social control in Japan from the 18th to the 20th century. Religion and folk beliefs, work and gender roles, theatre and music, tourism, consumerism, citizens' movements, fashion, food, sports, sex, drugs, hygiene, and forms of mass media ranging from woodblock prints to modern comic books, film, television. Concepts as well as content of popular and mass culture.
Prerequisites: HIST 112 recommended.
Restrictions: Junior standing required.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.
HIST 328 The British Empire
Content: The history of British overseas expansion from the early 17th century to the end of the 20th century. Theories of imperialism; Britain’s Atlantic trade network; the Victorian empire in war and peace; collaboration and resistance among colonized people; India under the British Raj; Africa and economic imperialism; the effects of empire on British society; the creation of the British Commonwealth; the rise of nationalism in India, Africa, and the Middle East; decolonization and postcolonial perspectives. Extensive readings from primary sources.
Prerequisites: HIST 121 recommended.
Restrictions: Junior standing required.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 331 American Culture and Society: 1880 to 1980
Content: Formation of modern culture from the late Victorian era to the "me decade." The influence of consumer culture, popular psychology, mass media, changing definitions of work and leisure in the development of a modern self. Origins and impact of the gender and race revolutions, relationship of "high" and "popular" culture. Readings in primary and secondary sources.
Prerequisites: None.
Restrictions: Junior standing required.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 335 History and Culture of American Indians
Content: Purposes of archaeology and its contributions to the understanding of North American prehistory, the culture-area hypothesis, relations with tribes from colonial times to the present, Native American responses. Federal Indian policy and its evolution over the past 200 years.
Prerequisites: None.
Restrictions: Junior standing required.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 336 Wilderness and the American West
Content: History of the trans-Mississippi West, including Euro-American perceptions of North America, issues of progress and preservation, and environmental history. Role of the federal government; contributions of minorities, women, and men in shaping the trans-Mississippi West. Voices of those who have sought to develop and conserve the West.
Prerequisites: None.
Restrictions: Junior standing required.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 338 Crime and Punishment in the United States
Content: The rise of the carceral state in the United States, including crime in different historical eras and the ways Americans have sought to deter, punish, and rehabilitate. Sub-topics include the changing role of the police; changing definitions of what constitutes a crime; the evolution of the prison system; the rise of convict labor; the political economy of the recent prison boom; the emergence of the victims’ rights and prisoners’ rights movements; the privatization of prisons; differences in treatment based on race, gender, and age. Course will take place in a nearby correctional facility.
Prerequisites: None.
Restrictions: Interested students must submit a formal application to be considered for the course. For details, please contact the instructor. Junior standing required.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 345 Race and Nation in Latin America
Content: Social thought about race and nation in Latin America. The Iberian concept of pureza de sangre, development of criollo national consciousness, 20th-century indigenista movements. Linkages between national identities and constructions of race, particularly in the wake of revolutionary movements. Freyre (Brazil), Marti (Cuba), Vasconcelos (Mexico), and Sarmiento (Argentina).
Prerequisites: None.
Restrictions: Junior standing required.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 347 Modern Mexico: Culture, Politics, and Economic Crisis
Content: Origins and development of the modern Mexican nation from independence to the contemporary economic and political crisis. 1811 to 1940: liberal-conservative battles, imperialism, the pax Porfiriana, the Mexican Revolution, industrialization, and institutionalizing the revolution. 1940 to the present: urbanization, migration to the United States, the student movement, neoliberal economics and politics, disintegration of the PRI (Institutional Revolutionary Party), and the new social rebellions (Zapatistas, Popular Revolutionary Army, Civil Society). Constructing mexicanidad in music, dance, film, and the cultural poetics of the street and the town plaza.
Prerequisites: HIST 141 or HIST 142 recommended.
Restrictions: Junior standing required.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 348 Modern Cuba
Content: Development of the modern Cuban nation from the independence movement of the mid-19th century to the contemporary socialist state. Focus on how identity changed under the Spanish colonial, U.S. neocolonial, Cuban republic, and revolutionary states. 1840s to 1898: wars of independence, slavery, transition to free labor. 1898 to 1952: U.S. occupation and neocolonialism, AfroCubanismo, populism. 1952 to the present: Castro revolution, socialism, U.S.-Cuban-Soviet relations.
Prerequisites: HIST 142 recommended.
Restrictions: Junior standing required.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, fall semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 388 What's for Dinner
Content: Cross-cultural examination of the history and cultural, political, and economic power of food. Topics include the power and politics exercised through ethnic/racial, gender, and class differences in food consumption; ways in which people express their religious, ethnic, class, gender, and regional identities through food; nostalgia for the food ways of the past and ideas about the food of the future; the history of manners and the cultural value of food etiquette; and "nutritionism," or why we think certain things are good for us. Materials include scholarly and popular books and essays, as well as primary sources.
Prerequisites: None.
Restrictions: Junior standing required.
Usually offered: Alternate Years, spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.
HIST 397 Advanced Topics in History
Content: Advanced study in the research and writing of history. Reading and critical analysis of primary sources and scholarship; exposure to major debates and controversies in the field that may include, but are not limited to, comparative study, historiography, or interdisciplinary methodology. Focus varies depending on areas of the instructor’s teaching and/or research. Assignments are organized around a substantial final project and/or several smaller projects. May be taken twice with change of topic.
Prerequisites: None.
Restrictions: Junior standing required.
Usually offered: Annually, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 400 Reading Colloquium
Content: Reading and critical analysis of major interpretive works. Organized around themes or problems; comparative study of historical works exemplifying different points of view, methodologies, subject matter. Focus varies depending on instructor’s teaching and research area. May be taken twice for credit. Enrollment preference given to history majors and minors.
Prerequisites: None.
Restrictions: Junior standing required.
Usually offered: Annually, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 444 Practicum
Content: Same as HIST 244 but requiring more advanced work. 8 credits may be applied to graduation requirements, but only 4 may be applied to the major.
Prerequisites: None.
Restrictions: Sophomore standing and consent required.
Usually offered: Annually, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 1-4.

HIST 450 History Seminar
Content: Work with primary documents to research and write a major paper that interprets history. Topical content varies depending on instructor’s teaching field. Recent topics: the Americas; the United States and Asia; European intellectual history since 1945; women in American history; Indian policy on the Pacific slope; World War II, the participants’ perspectives; the British Raj; cultural nationalism in East Asia. May be taken twice for credit. Enrollment preference given to history majors and minors.
Prerequisites: HIST 300.
Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.
Usually offered: Annually, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 490 History Honors Thesis
Content: Independent project based upon extensive research in primary source materials and review and evaluation of historical scholarship in a particular subject area leading to the submission and oral defense of an original thesis. Details determined by student in conference with supervising faculty advisor. Successful completion and defense of the thesis required for conferral of departmental honors. Enrollment restricted to history majors.
Prerequisites: HIST 300 and permission of the History faculty.
Restrictions: Senior standing required.
Usually offered: Annually, spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.

HIST 499 Independent Study
Content: Same as HIST 299 but requiring more advanced work. May be repeated for credit.
Prerequisites: None.
Restrictions: Sophomore standing and consent required.
Usually offered: Annually, fall and spring semester.
Semester credits: 4.