

## HISTORY (HIS)

Degree offered: B.A.

### Requirements for the History Major

A Major in History consists of 30 hours above the Freshman-level, including the following:

- A. HIS 201 United States History I (3 hours)  
HIS 202 United States History II (3 hours)  
HIS 439 Historiography and Methodology (3 hours)  
HIS 460 Senior Thesis (3 hours)
- B. Six (6) hours of approved U.S. History (300 level or above)
- C. Six (6) hours of approved European History (300 level or above)
- D. Three (3) hours of approved non-Western History (300 level or above)
- E. Three (3) hours of approved electives (300 level or above)

### Requirements for the History Minor

A Minor in History consists of 21 hours above the Freshman-level, including the following:

- A. HIS 201 United States History I (3 hours)  
HIS 202 United States History II (3 hours)
- B. Six (6) hours of approved U.S. History (300 level or above)
- C. Six (6) hours of approved European History (300 level or above)
- D. 3 hours of approved non-Western History (300 level or above)

### Course Descriptions

#### **HIS 103 WORLD HISTORY I: 3 hours**

Part of the General Education Core, this course introduces and surveys the rise, development, and contributions of various societies from prehistory and ancient times through the year 1500 A.D.

#### **HIS 104 WORLD HISTORY II: 3 hours**

Part of the General Education Core, this course surveys causes and developments of world societies from 1500 A.D. to the current time.

#### **HIS 201 UNITED STATES HISTORY I: 3 hours**

Traces the development of the United States through the Civil War.

*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104*

#### **HIS 202 UNITED STATES HISTORY II: 3 hours**

Traces the development of the United States since the Civil War.

*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104*

#### **HIS 230 INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES: 3 hours**

This course provides an overview of African American Studies that focuses on the history, culture, and

achievements of African Americans. The course focuses on the contributions of key African American thinkers and artists and the major theoretical and critical debates at play in the discipline. *(Cross-listed with ENG 230)*

**HIS 303                    MILITARY HISTORY: 3 hours**

The course gives an in-depth historical perspective and study to decisions made by American military leaders from Colonial times to the Present. It examines in detail the battles fought throughout the period and examines the military decisions made both on and off the battlefields. *(Cross-listed with MSC 303)*

**HIS 305                    HISTORY OF GREECE: 3 hours**

Emphasizes political and cultural developments in Greece until the Roman conquest.

*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104 (HIS 201, HIS 202 recommended)*

**HIS 306                    HISTORY OF ROME (CT): 3 hours**

Emphasizes political and cultural developments from the founding of the Roman Republic until the fall of the Western Empire in 476 A.D.

*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104 (HIS 201, HIS 202 recommended)*

**HIS 307                    MEDIEVAL HISTORY: 3 hours**

A general survey of the origins, development, and life of the varied regions of the continent of Europe from the collapse of the Western Roman Empire to the year of 1500 A.D.

*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104 (HIS 306 recommended)*

**HIS 311                    ENGLISH CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY: 3 hours**

An examination of the constitutional development of the English government and the English Parliamentary System upon which the U. S. Constitution is based. Special emphasis will be given to comparisons between developments in England and Colonial America as each develops in different directions but also what each retains from that common heritage. *(Cross-listed with PSC 311)*

**HIS 312                    RUSSIAN HISTORY: 3 hours**

Examines the developments that shaped the Russian state, Soviet Union, and former Soviet territories after 1991.

*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104 (HIS 201, HIS 202 recommended)*

**HIS 313                    EARLY MODERN EUROPE: 3 hours**

A general survey of European History from 1500 to 1789.

*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104*

**HIS 315                    RENAISSANCE AND REFORMATION: 3 hours**

An advanced survey of European history, 1300-1648, with attention to powerful religious currents. *(Cross-listed with REL 315)*

*Prerequisites: REL 101 OR REL 102, HIS 103, HIS 104 (HIS 201, HIS 202 recommended)*

**HIS 316                    ENGLISH HISTORY TO 1603 (CT): 3 hours**

A survey of English History from antiquity to the death of Queen Elizabeth I. *(Cross-listed with ENG 315)*

*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104 (HIS 201, HIS 202 recommended)*

**HIS 317                    ENGLISH HISTORY FROM 1603 TO PRESENT: 3 hours**

A survey of English history from the accession of James I to the present. *(Cross-listed with ENG 317)*

*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104 (HIS 201, HIS 202, HIS 316 recommended)*

**HIS 318                    MODERN EUROPE: 3 hours**

An advanced survey of European history, 1789 to the present.

*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104 (HIS 313 recommended)*

**HIS 319 LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY: 3 hours**

A survey of Latin American civilization to the present.

*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104 (HIS 201, HIS 202 recommended)*

**HIS 320 HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY: 3 hours**

A survey of the major developments of Christianity from Pentecost to the present era, with attention to the emergence and development of Baptists. *(Cross-listed with REL 320)*

*Prerequisites: REL 101 OR REL 102*

**HIS 325 HISTORY OF CHINA: 3 hours**

A study of China from its beginnings in the Xia dynasty to the present time exploring its relationship to the rest of the world including but not limited to the Qin, Han, Song, Yuan, Ming and Mongol dynasties through the twentieth century, while highlighting the Western missionary, Taiping, Boxer, nationalist, anti-foreign, communist, and reform movements in addition to cultural traditions..

*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104 (HIS 201, HIS 202 recommended)*

**HIS 326 HISTORY OF JAPAN: 3 hours**

A survey of the history of Japan, including the political, social, and economic development of the nation and its place in world history.

**HIS 330 WOMEN IN AMERICA: 3 hours**

A survey of the historical role, experiences, and impact of women in selected time periods and regions.

*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104 (HIS 201, HIS 202 recommended)*

**HIS 335 RELIGIOUS HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES: 3 hours**

A survey of the origins, development, and life of the varied religions, denominations, and sects throughout the history of the United States. *(Cross-listed with REL 335)*

*Prerequisites: REL 101 OR REL 102, HIS 103, HIS 104 (HIS 201, HIS 202 recommended)*

**HIS 400 COLONIAL AMERICA (CT): 3 hours**

An advanced study of Colonial American society from 1585 to 1774.

*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104, HIS 201*

**HIS 401 CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY AND LAW: 3 hours**

An advanced study of the influences and development of constitutionalism in the United States, under the Articles of Confederation, and the current U.S. Constitution. Special emphasis will be given to the major precedent setting decisions of the Supreme Court, its institutional organization, and the role of the Third Branch of the American government. *(Cross-listed with PSC 401)*

*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104 (HIS 201, HIS 202 recommended)*

**HIS 402 EARLY REPUBLIC: 3 hours**

An advanced study of the United States from 1789 to 1824, with emphasis on the Federalist and Jeffersonian eras.

*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104, HIS 201 (HIS 400 recommended)*

**HIS 403 CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION: 3 hours**

An advanced study of the causes and effects of the American Civil War.

*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104 (HIS 201, HIS 202 recommended)*

**HIS 404 MODERN AMERICA: 3 hours**

This course charts the change in American politics, society, economic structure, and foreign policy, 1877 to 1945.

*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104, HIS 202*

**HIS 405 RECENT AMERICAN HISTORY:** 3 hours  
Social and political history of the United States from 1945 to the present.  
*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104 (HIS 404 recommended)*

**HIS 411 SPECIAL STUDIES:** 3 hours  
A course for upperclassmen of any major or minor. Subjects will be taught that do not appear in the College catalog but are of value to a student in her college experience, career objectives, and/or graduate studies. Past offerings included History of American Missions, History of Technology, and History of American Cinema.  
*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104, approval of the instructor (HIS 201, HIS 202 recommended)*

**HIS 412 HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENCY:** 3 hours  
An examination of the development and organization of the institution of the U. S. Presidency from its inception under the Articles of Confederation to the present. *(Cross-listed with PSC 412)*

**HIS 413 HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS:** 3 hours  
An examination of the development of the institution of the U. S. Congress from its inception as a unilateral legislature under the Articles of Confederation to the present. Emphasis on how the Houses of Congress are organized, how critical legislation is passed, and institutional developments over time. *(Cross-listed with PSC 413)*

**HIS 414 HISTORY OF AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTIES:** 3 hours  
An examination of the development and organization of the political parties in the United States. Special emphasis will be given to the development of the four major parties of American history: the Federalists, the Whigs, the Democrats (Democratic-Republicans) and the Republicans. *(Cross-listed with PSC 414)*

**HIS 417 HISTORY OF THE OLD SOUTH:** 3 hours  
An advanced study of the factors that contributed to the South's unique regional development from colonial times to 1865.  
*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104, HIS 201*

**HIS 418 HISTORY OF THE NEW SOUTH:** 3 hours  
An advanced study of the factors that contributed to the South's unique regional development from 1866 to the present.  
*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104, HIS 202 (HIS 417 recommended)*

**HIS 419 HISTORY OF ALABAMA:** 3 hours  
An advanced survey of the social, political, and economic development of the state of Alabama from the Colonial era to the present; including the interaction of the state with its region and the rest of the United States.  
*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104, HIS 201, HIS 202 (HIS 417, HIS 418 recommended)*

**HIS 439 HISTORIOGRAPHY AND METHODOLOGY:** 3 hours  
Required for all history majors and minors, this course is an introduction to the theory and practice of the historical profession that involves study of theory and philosophy of history, historiographical critique and research methodology through extensive reading in primary and secondary sources.  
*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104, HIS 201, HIS 202*

**HIS 440 CONTEMPORARY WORLD:** 3 hours  
The senior capstone course for Political Science minors, this course is a study of the trends and themes in world history and politics since 1945. *(Cross-listed with PSC 440)*  
*Prerequisites: HIS 103 AND HIS 104, OR HIS 201 AND HIS 202, PSC 201*

**HIS 441 SPECIAL STUDIES:** 3 hours

A course for upperclassmen of any major or minor. Subjects will be taught that do not appear in the College catalog but are of value to a student in her college experience, career objectives, and/or graduate studies. Past offerings have included History of American Missions, History of Technology, and History of American Cinema.  
*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104, approval of the instructor (HIS 201, HIS 202 recommended)*

**HIS 442            SPECIAL STUDIES: 3 hours**

A course for upperclassmen of any major or minor. Subjects will be taught that do not appear in the College catalog but are of value to a student in her college experience, career objectives, and/or graduate studies. Past offerings have included History of American Missions, History of Technology, and History of American Cinema.  
*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104, approval of the instructor (HIS 201, HIS 202 recommended)*

**HIS 443            SPECIAL STUDIES: 3 hours**

A course for upperclassmen of any major or minor. Subjects will be taught that do not appear in the College catalog but are of value to a student in her college experience, career objectives, and/or graduate studies. Past offerings have included History of American Missions, History of Technology, and History of American Cinema  
*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104, approval of the instructor (HIS 201 and HIS 202 recommended)*

**HIS 449, 450        INDEPENDENT STUDY: 1-3 hours each**

Supervised study in an area mutually agreed upon in history studies and designed to meet the student's need.  
*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104, approval of the Department Head and Academic Dean (HIS 201, HIS 202 recommended)*

**HIS 460            SENIOR THESIS: 3 hours**

The senior capstone course for history majors and an elective for minors, this practicum hones the skills of the historian's craft in research, analysis, and written communication. Seminars focus on the research, organization, editing, refinement, and presentation of an original thesis based on primary and secondary sources.  
*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104, HIS 201, HIS 202, HIS 439, all required coursework*

**HIS 471, 472        INTERNSHIP: 3 hours each**

An educational experience in which the student is exposed to and participates in professional activity.  
*Prerequisites: HIS 103, HIS 104, HIS 201, HIS 202, HIS 439, approval of the Department Head, Division Chair, and Academic Dean*