

# HISTORY (HIS)

**Degree offered: B.A. or B.S.**

## **Requirements for the History Major**

A **Major in History** consists of the following 36 hours:

- A. History majors needs to complete the entire sequence of HIS 101/102 and HIS 201/202.

HIS 101	Western Civilization I	(3 hours)
HIS 102	Western Civilization II	(3 hours)
HIS 201	United States History I	(3 hours)
HIS 202	United States History II	(3 hours)
  
- B. HIS 439                      Historiography and Methodology    (3 hours)  
HIS 460                      Senior Thesis                                (3 hours)
  
- C. Three (3) hours of approved U.S. History (300 level or above)
  
- D. Three (3) hours of approved European History (300 level or above)
  
- E. Three (3) hours of approved non-Western History (300 level or above)
  
- F. Nine (9) hours of approved HIS electives (300 level or above)

## **Requirements for the History Minor**

A **Minor in History** consists of the following 21 hours:

- A. HIS 101/102                Western Civilization I & II                (6 hours)  
HIS 201/202                United States History I & II            (6 hours)
  
- B. HIS 439                      Historiography and Methodology    (3 hours)
  
- C. Twelve (12) hours of approved HIS electives (300 level or above)

## **Course Descriptions**

### **HIS 101 WESTERN CIVILIZATION I: 3 hours**

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

### **HIS 102 WESTERN CIVILIZATION II: 3 hours**

Part of the General Education Curriculum, this course surveys causes and developments of western 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.

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

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

### **HIS 210 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT: 3 hours**

An introduction to the American federal system of government. *(Cross-listed with PSC 201)*

### **HIS 230 INTRO. 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 AND NAVAL 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 304 HISTORY OF CAVALRY: 3 hours**

This course will chart the evolution of cavalry throughout history. It will focus not only upon the specific battles, events, and factors of combat, but will also include how horsemanship and equine science have been impacted by this use in combat. *(Cross-listed with EQS 304)*

*Prerequisites: HIS 101, 102 OR HIS 201, 202*

**HIS 306 THE HISTORY OF MEDITERRANEAN CIVILIZATIONS (CT):**  
3 hours

This course will focus on the Greco-Roman civilizations that develop in the Mediterranean basin. The class will address these civilizations, their advancements and declines, as well as the contributions made to the world. Special attention will be paid to the legacy of each civilization on the United States today.

*Prerequisites: HIS 101, 102 OR HIS 201, 202*

**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 101, 102 (HIS 306 recommended)*

**HIS 312 RUSSIAN HISTORY:** 3 hours

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

*Prerequisites: HIS 101, 102 (HIS 201, 202 recommended)*

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

A general survey of European History from 1500 to 1789.

*Prerequisites: HIS 101, 102*

**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 AND HIS 101,102 OR HIS 201,202*

**HIS 316 THE HISTORY OF ENGLAND AND BRITAIN TO 1819 (CT):**  
3 hours

A survey of English/British History from antiquity to the birth of Victoria. *(Cross-listed with ENG 315)*

*Prerequisites: HIS 101, 102 OR HIS 201, 202*

**HIS 318 MODERN EUROPE:** 3 hours

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

*Prerequisites: HIS 101, 102 (HIS 313 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 101, 102 (HIS 201, 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 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 AND HIS 101, 102 OR HIS 201, 202*

**HIS 400 COLONIAL AMERICA, 1585-1783 (CT): 3 hours**

An advanced study of Colonial American society from 1585 to 1783.

*Prerequisites: HIS 101, 102, OR HIS 201, 202*

**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 101, 102 (HIS 201, 202 recommended)*

**HIS 402                    EARLY REPUBLIC, 1783-1850: 3 hours**

An advanced study of the United States from 1783 to 1850, with emphasis on the Federalist, Jeffersonian, and Jacksonian eras, as well as on American expansion and Manifest Destiny.

*Prerequisites: HIS 101, 102, OR HIS 201, 202 (HIS 400 recommended)*

**HIS 403                    CIVIL WAR, RECONSTRUCTION, AND THE GILDED AGE,  
1850-1898 : 3 hours**

An advanced study of the American Civil War, Reconstruction, and the Gilded Age.

*Prerequisites: HIS 101, 102 OR HIS 201, 202 (HIS 400 and HIS 402 recommended)*

**HIS 406                    AMERICA ON THE WORLD STAGE: 1898 TO PRESENT: 3  
hours**

This course will chart the history and actions of the United States since the Spanish-American War. Special attention will be paid to the actions/impacts of the United States on the World Stage.

*Prerequisites: HIS 101, 102, 202*

**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 101, 102, approval of the instructor (HIS 201, 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 416 THE HISTORY OF THE VICE-PRESIDENCY AND THE CABINET: 3 hours**

This course will focus on the evolution and impact of the Vice-Presidency and the Cabinet. Special attention will be placed on specific actors who have had significant impact on American history. *(Cross-listed with PSC 416)*

*Prerequisites: HIS 101, 102 OR HIS 201, 202*

**HIS 417 WOMEN IN POLITICS AND LAW: 3 hours**

This course will chart the evolution of the role of women in American politics and law. It will consider First Ladies, Representatives, Senators, and Judges. Additionally, the class will focus on the impact of women in presidential politics. *(Cross-listed with CRJ/PSC 417)*

*Prerequisites: HIS 101, 102 OR HIS 201, 202*

**HIS 420 AMERICAN DIPLOMACY AND FOREIGN POLICY: 3 hours**

An examination of the forces and processes affecting United States foreign relations throughout history up to the modern day. Attention is also given to the content and problems of contemporary American foreign policy. *(Cross-listed with PSC 420)*

**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 101, 102, 201, 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 101, HIS 102, OR HIS 201, 202 AND HIS 210/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 101, 102, approval of the instructor (HIS 201, 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 101, 102, approval of the instructor (HIS 201, 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 101, 102, approval of the instructor (HIS 201, 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 101, 102, approval of the Department Head and Academic Dean (HIS 201, 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 101, 102, 201, 202, 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 101, 102, 201, 202, 439, approval of the Department Head, Division Chair, and Academic Dean*