# Courses

## HIST - History

HIST 272 - Globalization, 15th Century to the Present (4)

This course examines the traditional interpretation of the "Rise of the West" as an inevitable historical process by exploring the essential contributions of diverse global societies to contemporary globalization.

General Education Category: Connections.

Prerequisite: FYS, FYW 100/FYW 100P/FYW 100H and 45 credit hours.

Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

HIST 273 - Latin America and Globalization, 1492-Present (4)

A history of globalization's impact on Latin America from 1492 to the present through a cross-cultural analysis of the interactions of Latin America with Europe, Africa, and Asia.

General Education Category: Connections.

Prerequisite: FYS, FYW 100/FYW 100P/FYW 100H and 45 credit hours.

Offered: Annually.

HIST 275 - Russia from Beginning to End (4)

Course highlights major events in Russian civilization such as the Mongols, tsars, imperial Russia, Soviet communism, World War II, and Russia today, through art, architecture, history, literature, and music.

General Education Category: Connections.

Prerequisite: FYS, FYW 100/FYW 100P/FYW 100H and 45 credit hours.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

HIST 300 - History of Ancient Greece (4)

The development of ancient Greece from the archaic period to the death of Alexander the Great is examined. Topics include constitutional development, colonization, the Persian and Peloponnesians wars, and slavery.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Alternate Years.

HIST 301 - Alexander and the Hellenistic World (4)

This is an examination of the political, economic, social, and philosophical changes that took place in Greece, the eastern Mediterranean, and Asia Minor in the period from the unification of Macedon to the Roman conquest.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

HIST 302 - The Roman Republic (4)

The development of Rome is explored from its eighth-century B.C. founding to the end of the Roman Republic, with emphasis on constitutional development, imperial expansion, and changing economic and social conditions.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

HIST 303 - The Roman Empire (4)

The development of the Roman Empire is explored from the founding of the Julio-Claudian dynasty to the end of Roman rule in the West.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

HIST 304 - Medieval History (4)

Western civilization is explored from the breakup of the Roman Empire to the beginning of the fourteenth century. Topics include the rise of Christianity, feudalism, and economic and technological developments.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

HIST 305 - The Age of the Renaissance (4)

Europe’s transition from the fourteenth century through Shakespeare’s death are examined, focusing on changing patterns of thought, art, and political forms in Italian city-states, Northern Europe, Britain, and Spain.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall.

HIST 306 - Protestant Reformations and Catholic Renewal (4)

**Students explore religious crises intertwined with the social, political, economic, and intellectual history of the fourteenth through seventeenth centuries that produced modern times.**.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Spring.

HIST 307 - Europe in the Age of Enlightenment (4)

Essential themes, from the Peace of Westphalia to the eve of the French Revolution, are examined. Topics include absolutism, the Age of Louis XIV, the scientific revolution, and the Enlightenment.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

HIST 308 - Europe in the Age of Revolution, 1789 to 1850 (4)

The political and industrial revolutions of the era are examined for their social and economic impact. Included are the roots of liberalism, nationalism, and socialism.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

HIST 309 - Europe in the Age of Nationalism, 1850 to 1914 (4)

This is an examination of the unification of Germany and Italy, the political institutions of the European nation-states, and the emergence of nationalism and imperialism.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

HIST 310 - Twentieth-Century Europe (4)

Beginning with the First World War, students explore such topics as the Treaty of Versailles, the Roaring Twenties, the rise of communism and fascism, the Second World War, and the Cold War.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

HIST 311 - The Origins of Russia to 1700 (4)

Students explore the histories and cultures of peoples inhabiting the territories of the former U.S.S.R. from antiquity to Peter the Great. Topics include state formation, social institutions and practices, and territorial expansion.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Alternate years.

HIST 312 - Russia from Peter to Lenin (4)

Russian history during westernization is examined. Topics include elite and non-elite social development, serfdom, autocratic state, modernization, the Russian Revolutionary movement, non-Russian peoples, warfare, and diplomacy.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Alternate years.

HIST 313 - The Soviet Union and After (4)

Major issues and events of Soviet and post-Soviet history are discussed, including 1917 and the Bolsheviks, Stalin's revolution, World War II and the Cold War, and the Soviet Union's collapse.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Alternate years.

HIST 314 - Women in European History (4)

European women's political roles, economic activities, and social and cultural contributions are examined. This course may be repeated for credit with a change in content.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

HIST 315 - Western Legal Systems (4)

This is a comparative study of English common law and continental European civil law. Students cannot receive credit for both POL 315 and HIST 315.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

HIST 316 - Modern Western Political Thought (4)

The ideas of major Western political thinkers, including the Greeks, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Hume, Hegel, and Marx, are reviewed. Students cannot receive credit for both HIST 316 and POL 316.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, or 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall.

HIST 317 - Politics and Society (4)

Relationships of power and authority and their social foundations are examined. Students cannot receive credit for more than one of the following: HIST 317, POL 317, and SOC 317.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Spring.

HIST 318 - Tudor-Stuart England (4)

British history is studied from the Tudors to the Stuarts, including Henry VIII, Elizabeth, the Puritans, the Civil War, and the Glorious Revolution. Topics include social, cultural, legal, military, economic, and medieval history.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

HIST 320 - American Colonial History (4)

The colonial era is examined as a formative period in American history. Emphasis is on how the colonial experience contributed to the development of American social, religious, and political customs and institutions.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Annually.

HIST 321 - The American Revolution (4)

Emphasis is on the origins and development of the revolution, its critical role in the formation of American nationhood, and its legacy for the early nineteenth century.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Annually.

HIST 322 - The Early American Republic (4)

Focus is on the creation of competing political, economic, social, and moral identities in the North and South, from the Constitution to the Mexican War. (Formerly The Era of American Expansion and Civil War.)

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Annually.

HIST 323 - The Gilded Age and Progressive Era (4)

**Students explore the effects of industrialization, immigration, urbanization, and globalization on American society from 1877-1920. These transformations created new opportunities, challenges, and controversies for different groups of Americans**.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Alternate Years.

HIST 324 - Crises of American Modernity, 1914-1945 (4)

 **Students examine how tradition and modernity clashed in music, art, and ideas, and how Americans grappled with prohibition, the Great Depression, global war, and the dawn of the atomic age.**..

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Annually.

HIST 325 - Superpower America 1945-1990 (4)

 **Students examine how the United States became an atomic superpower, faced new challenges, and forced Americans to confront long-simmering conflicts, leading to social revolutions.**.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Annually.

HIST 326 - American Cultural History: The Nineteenth Century (4)

The development of American culture from the Revolution to the end of the nineteenth century is studied. Topics include nationalism, religious movements, social reform, and popular culture.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

HIST 327 - Popular Culture in Twentieth Century America (4)

**Students examine the influence of popular culture in American history, and how Americans utilized and interpreted popular culture such as films, television, and music, throughout the twentieth century**.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Alternate Years.

HIST 328 - History of the American West (4)

Themes in American Western history are examined, including cross-cultural encounters, social and class conflict, environmental use and misuse, and the significance of the west and "frontier" in American politics, society, and popular culture.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

HIST 329 - Civil War and Reconstruction (4)

Topics include the conflicts of the 1850s; the Civil War's impact on American politics, economy, culture, and society; postwar political, economic, and racial reconstruction; and the contested memory of the war.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

HIST 330 - History of American Immigration (4)

The role of immigrants and ethnic groups in the development of the United States is examined. Topics include the causes of immigration, nativism, impact on the city, cultural conflict, and assimilation.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

HIST 331 - Rhode Island History (4)

Rhode Island's colonial and revolutionary origins, the problems of nineteenth- and twentieth-century industrial growth and social change, and other topics are surveyed.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Spring.

HIST 332 - The American Presidency (4)

The evolution of the institution and function of the presidency is examined. Students cannot receive credit for both HIST 332 and POL 357.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Annually.

HIST 333 - American Gender and Women’s History (4)

**Students examine changing gender ideals and lived experiences for women in American history, including distinctions among women based on variables of race, class, and sexuality in American society**.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Alternate Years

HIST 334 - African American History (4)

Topics include the African background of African Americans, development of slavery, abolitionism, legislative and judicial drives to equality, and social and cultural contributions of African Americans.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Annually.

HIST 335 - American Foreign Policy: 1945 to the Present (4)

American foreign policy from 1945 to the present is surveyed. Topics include the Cold War, relationships among international organizations, decolonization, and theories of modernization.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall.

HIST 336 - The United States and the Emerging World (4)

American diplomacy directed at a specific region or a certain time frame is examined. Topics may include the Vietnam era, demise of the Soviet Empire, and problems of modernization.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Spring.

HIST 340 - The Muslim World from the Age of Muhammad to 1800 (4)

The emergence of Islamic civilization in the Middle East is traced from the appearance of Islam in the seventh century to the nineteenth century, with particular emphasis on the diversity of cultural phenomena.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Alternate years.

HIST 341 - The Muslim World in Modern Times, 1800 to the Present (4)

The Middle East and the Muslim areas of Central Asia from the nineteenth century to the present are surveyed, with emphasis on the breakdown of traditional societies and the emergence of a regional state system.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Alternate years.

HIST 342 - Islam and Politics in Modern History (4)

The causes, manifestations, and forms of Islamic resurgence since the nineteenth century are studied. Islam's role in relationship to sociopolitical changes is analyzed through selected case studies.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Alternate years.

HIST 344 - History of East Asia to 1600 (4)

The traditional culture and history of East Asia is examined. Emphasis is on major systems of thought, such as Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism; traditional social institutions; and the imperial system.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

HIST 345 - History of China in Modern Times (4)

Focus is on the Ch'ing dynasty; the impact of the West; the ensuing conflict between traditionalists, reformers, and revolutionaries; and the rise of nationalism and communism.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

HIST 346 - Japanese History through Art and Literature (4)

**Students examine Japanese history from ancient to Tokugawa period (through 1868), focusing on social and cultural development of Japan using various methods, including archaeological remains, visual materials, art, and literature**.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

HIST 347 - Foreign Relations of East Asia in Modern Times (4)

Focus is on diplomacy and foreign relations in East Asia from the early nineteenth century to the present. Topics include the Opium War, the opening of Japan, the two Sino-Japanese Wars, the Boxer Rebellion, and the Russo-Japanese War.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

HIST 348 - Africa under Colonial Rule (4)

African societies and institutions of the early nineteenth century are examined. Topics include imperialism, the intrusion of European powers, the African response, and African nationalism and independence.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Annually.

HIST 349 - History of Contemporary Africa (4)

Africa from 1960 to the present is examined. Topics include the nature of independence, Africa in world affairs, problems of nation building, and the search for unity, stability, and regional cooperation.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Annually.

HIST 352 - Colonial Latin America (4)

Topics in Latin America history are surveyed (1492-1808), including the Conquest, African and Indian slavery, and the creation of multicultural societies.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Annually.

HIST 353 - Modern Latin America (4)

Topics in Latin American history are surveyed, including Wars of independence, immigration, revolutionary movements, populism, and globalization.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: Annually.

HIST 354 - Nationalism and National Identities (4)

The factors that shaped national identities, such as language, culture, religion, education, labor, and regionalism, are explored. This course may be repeated for credit with a change in content.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

HIST 355 - Everyday Life History (4)

Traditional and modern societies are examined from the bottom up. Attention is given to material well-being; sexuality, marriage, family, and childhood; crime, disease, and death; and leisure and escapism.

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.