

History

Course Offerings / Fall 2023

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“History, despite its wrenching pain,
cannot be unlived, but if faced with
courage, need not be lived again.”

– Maya Angelou



HIST 101 and 102 World Civilizations (Multiple Sections)

Examination of global progress in major civilizations from prehistoric times to the present emphasizing the economic, social, cultural, intellectual and political trends motivating human beings.

(4 Hours Credit) Meets General Education IIA or IIB



HIST 103 First Year Seminar: Race, Identity and Power in the Modern World Dr. Joseph Venosa



As the ongoing events across our country reveal, many of the major trends throughout the 20th and early 21st century – including social movements, wars and even shifts in popular-culture – have been impacted to a large extent by ideas of “race,” racially based power systems and by governments classifying different groups of people by a particular “identity.” From the rise of colonialism to

the Holocaust to the ongoing civil rights movement occurring right now across the United States, this class introduces you to key events in our modern world and more importantly, challenge you to reconsider everything you know – or think you know – about race, personal identity and the making of the modern world.

(4 Hours Credit) Meets General Education IIA or IIB

HIST 103 First Year Seminar: The World Wars in the Twentieth Century Dr. Dean Kotlowski

Survey of world history during the 20th century, focusing on World Wars I and II and their impact as well as imperialism, Stalinism, Nazism and the Holocaust. Coverage of political, economic, social, cultural and military trends as well as representative events and people of importance to today’s world.

(4 Hours Credit) Meets General Education IIA or IIB



HIST 103 First Year Seminar: World Religions Dr. Arnold Bienstock

Explore the basic beliefs and practices of the major religious traditions of the Western and the Eastern world – four Eastern traditions – Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism and Taoism – and the three Abrahamic traditions – Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Additionally, analyze some lesser-known world religions and some other religious trends.

(4 Hours Credit) Meets General Education IIA or IIB



HIST 201 and 202 History of the United States (Multiple Sections)

Survey of the political, economic, social and cultural factors that have shaped the pattern of life in the United States. Particular problems examined in the light of their sources and historical development. HIST 201 goes through 1865 and HIST 202 from 1865 to the present.

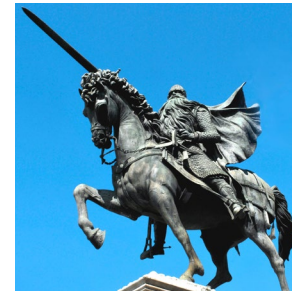
(4 Hours Credit) Meets General Education IIB



HIST 215 Topics in History: Medieval Spain Dr. Belen Vicens

This course traces the history of the Iberian Peninsula from the post-Roman period, through the Middle Ages and into the early modern period. This course explores the rich, but volatile, relations between Christians, Jews and Muslims in this period while placing the history of the Iberian Peninsula in the wider European, Mediterranean and Atlantic context.

(4 Hours Credit) Meets General Education IIB



HIST 306 The Emergence of a New Nation: U.S. (1789-1860)

Dr. Bart Talbert

Covers such topics as the new government and its policies, nationalism and economic expansion, the common man and the new democracy, social ferment and reform movements, Manifest Destiny, wars, and sectional crises.

(4 Hours Credit) Meets General Education IIB



HIST 312 History of Ireland in Modern Times Dr. Kristen Walton

Introduction to the cultural, political, economic and social growth and problems in Ireland since circa 1500. Emphasis is on the development of Ireland’s nationalism, separate and distinct from Great Britain with which it was entwined and involved for so many generations. Attention focuses on the history and problems in Northern Ireland and its position in the United Kingdom.

(4 Hours Credit) Meets General Education IIB



HIST 314 African American History to 1865 **Dr. Aston Gonzalez**

Explores African American history from the Colonial period to 1865. Highlights the development and perpetuation of slavery, the vibrancy of free black communities, the rise of antislavery leaders and movements, and social conditions experienced by African Americans.

(4 Hours Credit) Meets General Education IIB

HIST 319 Roman History **Dr. Kevin Birch**

Portrays the rise of Rome from city-state to empire. Emphasis on social and cultural achievements from eighth century B.C. to fourth century A.D.

(4 Hours Credit) Meets General Education IIB

HIST 330 Proseminar in History (Multiple Sections)

Guides students in the production of a thesis-driven formal research paper. Conduct primary research; identify and obtain relevant, trustworthy sources; and analyze those materials. Learn and apply conventions of the historical discipline.

(4 Hours Credit) Meets General Education IIB



HIST 341 History of Africa: 1870-Present

Dr. Joseph Venosa

Emphasizes the history and politics of imperialism from the “scramble” for Africa to decolonization. Emphasis on the interaction of African and European institutions.

(4 Hours Credit) Meets General Education IIB and fulfills the non-U.S./non-European requirement

HIST 343 History of India: 1857 to Present

Dr. Shruti Patel

Study of political, social and cultural history of India from the mid-19th century to the present. Emphasis on the period of British rule, growth of Indian nationalism and the emergence of independent India and Pakistan.

(4 Hours Credit) Meets General Education IIB and fulfills the non-U.S./non-European requirement

HIST 355 The Middle East Since 1800

Dr. Emin Lelic

History of the strategic region from the beginnings of nationalism through the fall of the Ottoman Empire to the current existence of independent states. Emphasis on the historical understanding of the modern situation.

(4 Hours Credit) Meets General Education IIB and fulfills the non-U.S./non-European requirement



HIST 400/500 History of Maryland **Dr. Creston Long**

Study of Maryland history and government from the colonial period to present. Places special stress on the leaders, institutions and contributions made in Maryland and by Maryland to the nation.

(4 Hours Undergraduate Credit/ 3 Hours Graduate Credit) Meets General Education IIB

HIST 430 Research Seminar Capstone: Modern Presidents and First Ladies **Dr. Dean Kotlowski**

The development of the modern presidency was one of the important events in American politics during the 20th century. The rise of the modern first lady and the concept of a “first couple” – over the same period – was also significant. This capstone seminar allows students to use their research and writing skills to explore the politics, personalities and policies associated with America’s most important presidents and first ladies over the past century.

(4 Hours Credit) Meets General Education IIB

HIST 430 Research Seminar Capstone: Socialites and Samurai in Kamakura Japan **Dr. Michael McCarty**

The Kamakura period (1185-1333) saw one of the most fundamental transformations in Japanese history: from the elegant world of the aristocratic courtier commemorated in works like the Tale of Genji to the harsh military rule of the emerging samurai warriors. But underneath these simple narratives of mythic change, the complexity and contradictions of Japanese society in this period have been constantly reevaluated and debated by historians. This capstone course examines how medieval Japan emerged through units on political and military history, art and material culture, gender and family, and religion, ultimately guiding each student through an in-depth research project mining the plentiful and evocative, but controversial, textual sources of Kamakura Japan.

(4 Hours Credit) Meets General Education IIB and fulfills the non-U.S./non-European requirement



HIST 453/553 The Cold War: A Global History **Dr. Maarten Pereboom**

After 1945, the fierce rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union threatened the world with nuclear destruction and dominated global politics for almost 50 years. This course examines the political and cultural impact of the Cold War on the United States, Europe and the developing world.

(4 Hours Undergraduate Credit/ 3 Hours Graduate Credit) Meets General Education IIB



HIST 601 Methods of Historical Research

Dr. Aston Gonzalez

Offers an in-depth introduction to the core research, analysis and writing skills in history, including archival research and critical interpretation of manuscript and printed sources, using the Edward H. Nabb Center collections and other resources. Covers the most important developments in American historiography, key theoretical perspectives and emerging fields of study, and methodologies pertinent to the practice of history in diverse settings. Apply larger concepts and methods to a particular field of study, culminating in a final paper based on original research.

(3 Hours Graduate Credit)

HIST 614 Seminar in Asian History: War, Identity and Memory in Early Modern East

Dr. Michael McCarty

How does war affect culture, politics, beliefs and national identity? This graduate seminar turns these questions toward the disastrous Imjin War (1592-98), which embroiled all of East Asia after a Japanese warlord, flush with success in reunifying war-torn Japan, invaded Korea as part of a mission to topple the Ming Dynasty in China. Investigating all three societies before, during, and after this conflict, explore primary sources as well as recent secondary scholarship to see how identity, ideology, proto-nationalism, diplomacy, religion and culture were brought to bear in the formative Imjin War experience, and how this conflict created modern East Asia – both culturally and politically with the rise of new post-war regimes. Because the course provides a full background on all three societies, no prior coursework on East Asia is required.

(3 Hours Graduate Credit)



Anthropology

The Anthropology Program offers a Bachelor of Arts in interdisciplinary studies with an anthropology track and an anthropology minor.

ANTH 100 Cultural Anthropology and Linguistics

Dr. Christine Vassallo-Oby

Introduction to the study of human culture and communication across a wide range of traditional and modern societies, with an emphasis on participant-observation ethnographic fieldwork.

(4 Hours Credit) Meets General Education IIB or IIIC

ANTH 102 Biological Anthropology and Archaeology

Dr. Elizabeth Ragan

Introduction to the study of human biological and cultural evolution from the earliest hominins to the present, with an emphasis on paleoanthropological and archaeological research.

(4 Hours Credit) Meets General Education IIB or IIIC



ANTH 200 Topics in Anthropology: Race and Racism

Dr. Elizabeth Ragan

As humans, we create the ideas we use to understand the world around us, the social world as much as the planet we live on. One of the defining ideas of the Modern world is that people belong to different races – and as different “kinds” of people, it then treats them differently. Topics examined include the biological differences between people globally, the way these have been used to define and naturalize the categories we call “races,” and how those categories have been used to create and maintain sociopolitical hierarchies in the past and present. If our ancestors constructed these categories, can we deconstruct them, or have they taken on a life of their own?

(4 Hours Credit) Meets General Education IIB or IIIC



ANTH 302 Archaeological Method and Theory

Dr. Elizabeth Ragan

Survey of the theoretical history of archaeology and a detailed overview of the methods of archaeological research.

(4 Hours Credit) Meets General Education IIB or IIIC

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