HIST - HISTORY

HIST401 Science and Gender (3 Credits)
Examines the role of women and gender in the history of science. Includes consideration of barriers to women’s participation in science; women’s role as scientific subjects and researchers; and questions about the scientific construction of gender and the gendered construction of science.
Credit Only Granted for: HIST401 or HIST429R.
Formerly: HIST429R.

HIST404 History of Modern Biology (3 Credits)
The internal development of biology in the 19th and 20th centuries, including evolution, cell theory, heredity and development, spontaneous generation, and mechanism-vitalism controversies. The philosophical aspects of the development of scientific knowledge and the interaction of biology with chemistry and physics.

HIST405 Environmental History (3 Credits)
An introduction to the key issues and methods of environmental history. The scope of the subject is discussed, as well as its relationship with other disciplines, such as ecology, anthropology, and geography. A primary focus is environmental change in history with emphasis on the American experience.

HIST406 History of Technology (3 Credits)
The changing character of technology in modern history, beginning with the Middle Ages. Concentrates on the Industrial Revolution and its aftermath, the nature of technological knowledge and the sources of technological change.

HIST407 Technology and Social Change in History (3 Credits)
Social consequences of technological innovations and the ways in which societies have coped with new technologies.

HIST408 Senior Seminar (3 Credits)
A capstone course for history majors, designed to increase historical knowledge and the ability to analyze texts and arguments. Topics will focus on the literature of a particular field and primary-source research.
Restriction: Must be in History program.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

HIST412 History of Women and Gender in Africa (3 Credits)
An examination of socio-economic and cultural change in Africa from the dawn of the colonial era in the 19th century to independence in the mid-twentieth century. Major focus on how African women understood and responded to the expansion of European empires, changes in the colonial economy, and impact of westernization and urbanization.
Prerequisite: HIST122 or HIST123; or permission of ARHU-History department.
Credit Only Granted for: HIST412 or HIST428L.
Formerly: HIST428L.

HIST413 Revolutionary Prophets: Political and Religious Movements in Africa and the Atlantic World (3 Credits)
In the expanding nineteenth-century and twentieth-century culture of the "Black Atlantic" world, investigates the intersection of African cultures, modern nationalism, prophetism, millenarianism, and social change.
Recommended: HIST122 or HIST123.
Credit Only Granted for: HIST413 or HIST419V.
Formerly: HIST419V.

HIST415 Ideas and Politics in Europe Since 1900 (3 Credits)
Examination of intersection of ideas and politics in Europe since 1900. Focus will be on advocates of liberalism, social democracy, fascism, Nazism, communism, and conservatism and their impact on politics and policy since 1900.

HIST416 History of Slavery and the Slave Trade in Africa (3 Credits)
Examines the history and impact of the slave trade on African states, societies, and economies. Investigates the meaning of slavery in Africa, the local uses of slavery there and Africa’s connections to the Trans-Saharan, Red Sea, and Trans-Atlantic slave trades.
Credit Only Granted for: HIST416 or HIST419Y.
Formerly: HIST419Y.

HIST417 Colonial Encounters: Natives, Spaniards, and Africans in the New World (3 Credits)
An exploration of the discourses and practices of the Spanish colonial project in the New World and the ways in which Indians and Blacks were incorporated into or excluded from that project. Also examines native and African resistance and adaptation to Spanish rule, and the process of transformation and hybridization of Spanish, native and African cultures in Spanish America. An analysis of recent historiographical developments that have profoundly changed the understanding of the Spanish conquest and colonization of the New World.
Recommended: HIST220 and HIST250.
Credit Only Granted for: HIST417 or HIST428Y.
Formerly: HIST428Y.

HIST418 Jews and Judaism: Selected Historical Topics (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: HIST281, HIST283, HIST106, HIST286, or HIST282; or permission of instructor.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

HIST419 Special Topics in History (3 Credits)
Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

HIST421 Medieval Heresies (3 Credits)
An examination of twelfth- and thirteenth-century heresies in the medieval West. Consideration of why so many heretics emerged, and how the church attempted to deal with them, and what effect their persecution had on Europe both then and later. Special attention given to groups that stood on the fine line between heresy and orthodox religion.
Credit Only Granted for: HIST408L or HIST421.
Formerly: HIST408L.

HIST425 Imperial Russia (3 Credits)
The rise and fall of the Russian Empire, Peter the Great to the collapse of tsarism in revolution. Emphasis on the evolution of autocracy, social groups, national identities, and cultural change.

HIST427 Age of Decline: Britain 1914 to Present (3 Credits)
British society since the First World War. The social, cultural, economic, and political impact of the First World War; labor and politics in the 1920s and 1930s; the inter-war Depression, appeasement and foreign policy; the social impact of the Second World War; the welfare state and nationalization of industry; the dissolution of Empire; the emergence of a consumer society; social criticism in the 1950s; the economic and political problems of the 1960s and 1970s.

HIST428 Selected Topics in History (3 Credits)
Repeatable to: 9 credits.

HIST429 Special Topics in History (3 Credits)
Repeatable to: 9 credits.
HIST430 Reformations in Politics, Religion, and Gender: England 1485-1603 (3 Credits)
An examination of the political, religious, and social forces in English life, 1485-1603, with special emphasis on Tudor government, the English reformation, and the Elizabethan era.

HIST431 Becoming Great Britain, 1603-1704 (3 Credits)
An examination of the political, religious, and social forces in English life, 1603-1714, with special emphasis on Puritanism and the English revolutions.

HIST433 Strategic Military Theory: Clausewitz (3 Credits)
An exploration of Clausewitzian thought. Topics include the conduct of fighting and war planning, the relationship of war and politics, guerrilla war, the principles of concentration of force, the Clausewitzian trinity, absolute war and real war, unlimited and limited war, the relative strengths of the defense and the attack, and the intuitive sources of strategic decision.

Credit Only Granted for: HIST419J or HIST433.
Formerly: HIST419J.

HIST436 Napoleon, the French Revolution and the World (3 Credits)
An argument for the broad continuity between the revolutionary and Napoleonic wars.

HIST437 Modern France from Napoleon to DeGaulle (3 Credits)
The changing political and cultural values of French society in response to recurrent crises throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. Students should have had some previous survey of either Western civilization or European history.

HIST440 Germany in the Nineteenth Century, 1815-1914 (3 Credits)
Examines the social, economic, cultural, and political development of the major German states before 1871 and of Germany, excluding Austria, from 1871 to 1914.

HIST441 Germany Since 1900 (3 Credits)
Course places Nazism in context of German and European history. Topics include collapse of German democracy and the establishment of the Nazi dictatorship; the role of Hitler; the response of political, military, economic, diplomatic, legal, media, theological elites and the broader population; the mix of terror, consent and coercion; propaganda and Nazi culture; contours of Nazi racial ideology and anti-Semitism and their impact on domestic and foreign racial policy; the economic history of the Nazi regime; foreign policy from rearmament to launching World War II to expansion and defeat; Jewish policy from the years of persecution to those of extermination; Nazi policy in Eastern and Western Europe, towards the United States, and towards North Africa and the Middle East; why the Allies won World War II and why and how Nazi Germany was defeated; the nature of the Allied occupation after 1945; the Nuremberg war crime trials; aftermath of facing and avoiding the crimes of the Nazi regime in West and East Germany.

HIST442 Twentieth-Century Russia (3 Credits)
Russia and the Soviet Union from the fall of the tsars to the post-communist present. Impact of Leninism, Stalinism, and Soviet Communism on state, society, culture, and nationality.

HIST446 Old Regime France, 1589-1789 (3 Credits)
An exploration of the demographic patterns of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Examination of arguments that the population was governed by Malthusian constraints; the social structure of the time; the nature of the elites; the debate over the phrase "rise of the bourgeoisie"; the Enlightenment both as an intellectual phenomenon and as a social agent; and arguments that Enlightenment led to the desacralization of the monarchy.

Credit Only Granted for: HIST419I or HIST446.
Formerly: HIST419I.

HIST447 Riot, Law and Justice in European History (3 Credits)
An examination of the role of violence and the attempt of law to contain or punish it. Major interpretations of societal codes of honor, retribution, and punishment, and how violence is governed by these codes.

Credit Only Granted for: HIST428C or HIST447.
Formerly: HIST428C.

HIST450 American Capitalism: 1600-1900 (3 Credits)
This course explores the transformation of economic life in what became the United States from pre-colonial times to 1900, with special emphasis on economic interactions among Native American, Mexican, and European societies; how and why capitalism took root and became dominant; economic dimensions of the Revolutionary and Civil Wars; why the North, South, and West followed distinct economic paths; the revolutions in transportation and communications; slavery as a business system; causes and consequences of industrialization; and trends in the distribution of wealth and income.

Prerequisite: HIST200, HIST210, HIST213, HIST222, HIST254, HIST275, or HIST311; or permission of instructor.

HIST451 American Capitalism: 1900 to Present (3 Credits)
An examination of the evolution of American capitalism from 1900 to the present, with special attention on the emergence of the United States as the world’s leading economic power; the impact of big business on work and government regulation; causes and consequences of the Great Depression; the role of business in the two world wars; postwar growth followed by the decline of U.S. global competitiveness; why consumerism occupied a central role in U.S. history; the influence of economic theory on policymaking; realities and mythologies of Reaganomics and Clintonomics; and the economic impact of the digital revolution.

Prerequisite: HIST201, HIST211, HIST213, HIST222, HIST255, or HIST275; or permission of instructor.

HIST452 Diplomatic History of the United States to 1914 (3 Credits)
American foreign relations from the American Revolution to the beginning of World War I. International developments and domestic influences that contributed to American expansion in world affairs. Analyses of significant individuals active in American diplomacy and foreign policy.

HIST453 Diplomatic History of the United States from 1914 (3 Credits)
American foreign relations in the 20th century. World War I, the Great Depression, World War II, the Cold War, the Korean War, and Vietnam. A continuation of HIST452.
HIST454 Constitutional History of the United States: From Colonial Origins to 1865 (3 Credits)
The interaction of government, law, and politics in the constitutional system. The nature and purpose of constitutions and constitutionalism; the relationship between the constitution and social forces and influences, the way in which constitutional principles, rules, ideas, and institutions affect events and are in turn affected by events. The origins of American politics and constitutionalism through the Constitutional Convention of 1787. Major constitutional problems such as the origins of judicial review, democratization of government, slavery in the territories, secession, and civil war.

HIST455 Constitutional History of the United States: Since 1865 (3 Credits)
American public law and government, with emphasis on the interaction of government, law, and politics, and the relationship between the constitution and social forces and influences, the way in which constitutional principles, rules, ideas, and institutions affect events and are in turn affected by events. Major crises in American government and politics such as Reconstruction, the rise of corporate power, civil liberties during wartime, the New Deal era, the civil disorders of the 1960s.

HIST457 History of American Culture and Ideas Since 1865 (3 Credits)
A continuation of HIST456, from the Civil War to the present. 
Prerequisite: HIST201, HIST211, HIST213, HIST222, HIST255, or HIST275; or must have completed HIST157; or permission of instructor.

HIST459 Society in America: Historical Topics (3 Credits)
A consideration of selected aspects of American society from colonial times to the present. Special emphasis on regionalism, immigration, nativism, minorities, urbanization, and social responses to technological changes.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

HIST460 History of Labor in the United States (3 Credits)
The American working class in terms of its composition; its myths and utopias; its social conditions; and its impact on American institutions.
Prerequisite: HIST200, HIST201, HIST210, HIST211, HIST222, HIST255, or HIST275; or must have completed HIST156 or HIST157; or permission of instructor.

HIST462 Slavery, Sectionalism, and the U.S. Civil War (3 Credits)
Slavery, sectionalism, and the coming of the Civil War. Resources and strategy of the Confederacy and the Union, the war’s changing character, emancipation and its consequences, conditions on the home front, and the wartime origins of Reconstruction.

HIST463 History of the Old South (3 Credits)
The golden age of the Chesapeake, the institution of slavery, the frontier South, the antebellum plantation society, the development of regional identity, and the experiment in independence.

HIST466 Immigration and Ethnicity in the U.S. (3 Credits)
Seminar exploring historical problems relating to US immigration, race, and ethnicity since 1848, with emphasis on cultural impacts of migration on immigrants, their children, and U.S. society.
Prerequisite: AAST200, AAST201, AAST222, HIST200, HIST201, HIST221, or HIST222; or must have completed HIST156 or HIST157; or permission of ARHU-History department.
Credit Only Granted for: AAST498L or HIST466.

HIST467 Women and Reform Movements in the Twentieth-Century United States (3 Credits)
Investigation of women’s participation in such twentieth-century reform movements as the labor movement, the struggle for racial justice, social welfare reform, and women’s movements. Will ask how race, class, and gender were implicated in the ways that women agitated for social political change.
Recommended: HIST201, HIST211, or HIST255.
Credit Only Granted for: HIST467 or HIST429E.
Formerly: HIST429E.

HIST469 Study Abroad Special Topics IV (1-6 Credits)
Special topics course taken as part of an approved study abroad program.
Repeatable to: 15 credits if content differs.

HIST471 History of Brazil (3 Credits)
The history of Brazil with emphasis on the national period. 
Prerequisite: LASC234, HIST251, HIST250, or LASC235; or permission of instructor.

HIST473 History of the Caribbean (3 Credits)
Offers a concise introduction to the history of the Caribbean regions from the Columbian voyages to the 20th century. Special emphasis is given to the dynamics of local social and cultural formations within the framework of the political and economic history of the Atlantic world.
Prerequisite: HIST112, HIST113, HIST122, HIST123, HIST240, HIST250, or HIST251.

HIST474 History of Mexico and Central America I (3 Credits)
History of Mexico and Central America, beginning with the pre-Spanish Indian cultures and continuing through European contact, conquest, and colonial dominance, down to the beginning of the Mexican War for Independence in 1810.
Prerequisite: LASC234, HIST251, or LASC235; or permission of instructor.

HIST475 History of Mexico and Central America II (3 Credits)
A continuation of HIST474 with emphasis on the political development of the Mexican nation.
Prerequisite: LASC234, HIST251, or LASC235; or permission of instructor.

HIST476 Jews in Medieval Times 1000-1450 (3 Credits)
Social and cultural life of Jewish communities spread throughout Islam and Christendom. Major topics include the Gaonate, kehila organizations, legal, rationalist, and mystical thought, and the context of rising animosity against Jews linked to the Crusades and changing Church doctrines.
Recommended: HIST282, HIST330, HIST331, or JWST234. Cross-listed with J WST432.
Credit Only Granted for: HIST476 or JWST432.

HIST477 Transnational Blackness in the Americas (3 Credits)
The African diaspora is a concept that attempts to comprehend the shared experiences of African-descended peoples throughout the world, particularly in the Americas. While many of these peoples identify with a particular nationality (being Brazilian, Cuban, or from the United States above or alongside being black, of color, or of African descent), many of them have forged connections with each other across national boundaries and recognized commonalities that transcend their national contexts. This class will use fiction, memoir, and recent historical scholarship to explore the history of the links that Afro-Latin American and Afro-North Americans have created in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Ultimately, the course will help us understand the historical possibilities and limitations of conceiving of African Americans as a hemispheric, transnational social group.
HIST481 A History of Modern China (3 Credits)
Modern China from 1644 to the People's Republic of China. Emphasis on the coming of the West to China and the various stages of the Chinese reaction.

HIST482 History of Japan to 1800 (3 Credits)
Traditional Japanese civilization from the age of Shinto mythology and introduction of continental learning down to the rule of military families, the transition to a money economy, and the creation of a townsman's culture. A survey of political, economic, religious, and cultural history.

HIST483 History of Japan Since 1800 (3 Credits)
Japan's renewed contact with the Western world and emergence as a modern state, industrial society, and world power, 1800-1931; and Japan's road to war, occupation, and recovery, 1931 to the present.

HIST484 Cultural History of the Chinese Revolutions (3 Credits)
Examines the cultural origins, experience, and results of the Cultural Revolution in China.

Recommended: HIST481 or HIST285.
Credit Only Granted for: HIST419G or HIST484.
Formerly: HIST419G.

HIST486 Social Issues in Modern China (3 Credits)
Explores the problems surrounding family, community, and social life in modern China, including a focus on issues that affect groups and subcultures within the population. Examines as well the political system's capacity to regulate this complex society.

Recommended: HIST285; and HIST481.
Credit Only Granted for: HIST419N (Fall2007) or HIST486.
Formerly: HIST419N.

HIST491 History of the Ottoman Empire (3 Credits)
Survey of the Ottoman Turkish Empire from 1300 A.D. to its collapse during World War I. Emphasis on the empire's social and political institutions and its expansion into Europe, the Arab East and North Africa.

HIST492 Women and Society in the Middle East (3 Credits)
Examines the customs, values, and institutions that have shaped women's experience in the Middle East in the past and in the contemporary Middle East.

Recommended: Must have completed prior coursework in Middle East studies or gender studies. Cross-listed with WMST456.
Credit Only Granted for: HIST492 or WMST456.

HIST495 Women in Medieval Culture and Society (3 Credits)
Medieval women's identity and cultural roles: the condition, rank and rights of medieval women; their access to power; a study of women's writings and the constraints of social constructs upon the female authorial voice; and contemporary assumptions about women.Cross-listed with WMST455.
Credit Only Granted for: HIST495 or WMST455.

HIST499 Independent Study (1-3 Credits)
Restriction: Permission of ARHU-History department.
Repeatable to: 6 credits.

HIST501 History and Contemporary Theory (3 Credits)
An introduction to contemporary theories in philosophy, literary criticism, cultural studies, anthropology, and other fields; and analysis of their usefulness to historians.
HIST669 Readings in U.S. Economic and Business History (3 Credits)
An overview of U.S. economic and business history and historiography from colonial times to the present. Emphasizes the methodologies of "new" economic historians and institutional business historians, the evolving role of the state in the American economy, and cultural dimensions of economic change.
Repeateable to: 6 credits.

HIST678 Readings in American Labor History (3 Credits)
Major historical literature related to the development of the American working class, the labor movement, and gender/racial/ethnic issue within them.

HIST679 Readings in the History of American Foreign Policy (3 Credits)
Major historical literature related to the diplomacy and international relations of the United States.

HIST689 Readings in Southern History (3 Credits)
Major historical literature centered on the development and peoples of the southern United States.

HIST698 Professional Internship (3 Credits)
Internship with a professional organization in the historical disciplines or related fields.
Restriction: Must be in one of the following programs (History (Master's); History (Doctoral)).
Repeateable to: 6 credits if content differs.

HIST708 Directed Independent Reading for Comprehensive Examinations I (1-4 Credits)
Directed reading in preparation for Doctoral Comprehensive Examinations. In consultation with their advisors, students will select a number of books and articles from an approved list. Grading for the course will reflect performance on the written and oral sections of the Comprehensive Examinations.
Restriction: Permission of ARHU-History department.
Repeateable to: 12 credits if content differs.

HIST709 Directed Independent Reading for Comprehensive Examinations II (1-4 Credits)
Directed reading in preparation for Doctoral Comprehensive Examinations. In consultation with their advisors, students will select a number of books and articles from an approved list. Grading for the course will reflect performance on the written and oral sections of the Comprehensive Examinations.
Repeateable to: 12 credits if content differs.

HIST711 Final Project in Historic Preservation II (2 Credits)
An independent, applied research project investigating the preservation of a particular site or a specialized issue in historic preservation. This is part two of a two-semester sequence and involves project research and writing.
Credit Only Granted for: HISP700 or HISP711.
Formerly: HISP700.

HIST718 Readings in Medieval History (3 Credits)

HIST719 Readings in the History of the Renaissance and Reformation (3 Credits)

HIST720 Readings in the History of the Catholic Church (3 Credits)
This is graduate-level readings seminar in the modern history of the Catholic Church. We will begin with the Reformation and proceed through the present day. This course will combine European history with global history, looking both at how the Church changed in the face of major turning points in modern European history (the Scientific, French, and Russian Revolutions; the two world wars; and the Cold War) and at its missionary encounters and long-term presence across the world (in Latin America, India, China, Africa, and North America).

HIST729 Readings in Modern European History (3 Credits)
Reading knowledge of some European language recommended but not required.

HIST739 Readings in the History of Great Britain (3 Credits)

HIST748 Readings in Modern French History (3 Credits)

HIST749 Readings in German History, 1815 to the Present (3 Credits)
Reading knowledge of German is encouraged, but not required.
Repeateable to: 9 credits if content differs.

HIST758 Readings in Eastern European History (3 Credits)
Selected topics in the history of the Hapsburg monarchy and the successor states, Poland and the Balkans. Emphasis on the rise of nationalism during the 19th century and the experience with fascism and communism in the 20th century.
Repeateable to: 6 credits if content differs.

HIST759 Readings in Russian and Soviet History (3 Credits)

HIST768 Readings in Chinese History (3 Credits)

HIST778 Readings in Latin American History (3 Credits)

HIST779 Readings in Middle Eastern History (3 Credits)

HIST789 Readings in Modern European Intellectual History (3 Credits)

HIST798 Readings in Jewish History (3 Credits)
Readings on selected topics in Jewish history. Emphasis on analysis of primary sources. Reading knowledge of Hebrew recommended.
Repeateable to: 6 credits.

HIST799 Master's Thesis Research (1-6 Credits)

HIST808 Seminar in the History of Science and Technology (3 Credits)

HIST809 Seminar in the History of Women and Gender (3 Credits)
Repeateable to: 9 credits if content differs.

HIST810 Museum Research Seminar (3 Credits)
A research seminar focusing on the practice and presentation of cultural and historical scholarship in museums and historical sites. Students will complete an original research project on the challenges and opportunities of public exhibition and interpretation of cultural and historical research.
Prerequisite: AMST655, ANTH655, or HIST610. Cross-listed with ANTH856, AMST856.
Credit Only Granted for: AMST856, ANTH856, or HIST810.
HIST811 Museum Scholarship Practicum (3-6 Credits)
Students devise and carry out a research program using the collections at the Smithsonian Institution or some other cooperating museum, working under joint supervision of a museum professional and a university faculty member.
Prerequisite: AMST856, ANTH856, or HIST810.
Restriction: Permission of Museum Scholarship Program required. Cross-listed with ANTH857, AMST857.
Credit Only Granted for: AMST857, ANTH857, or HIST811.

HIST819 Special Topics in History: Independent Research (1-3 Credits)
Individual graduate research in an area not covered by current seminar offerings. The product will be a finished research paper normally based on original materials.
Restriction: Must be in History program; and permission of ARHU-History department.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

HIST829 Seminar in Latin American History (3 Credits)

HIST838 Seminar in Ancient History (3 Credits)
Restriction: Permission of instructor.
Repeatable to: 6 credits.

HIST839 Seminar in Medieval and Early Modern European History (3 Credits)

HIST848 Seminar in Modern European History (3 Credits)

HIST849 Seminar in Russian and Soviet History (3 Credits)

HIST869 Seminar in Recent American History (3 Credits)

HIST878 Seminar in Colonial American History (3 Credits)

HIST879 Seminar in the American Revolution and Formative Period (3 Credits)

HIST880 Seminar in Southern History (3 Credits)

HIST888 Seminar in the Middle Period and Civil War (3 Credits)

HIST898 Pre-Candidacy Research (1-8 Credits)

HIST899 Doctoral Dissertation Research (1-8 Credits)