
HISTORY (HIST)

HIST 111 Western Civilization to the Reformation (3 credits)

The course surveys the major developments from the genesis of Western civilization to the establishment of absolute monarchy. These developments include the Near Eastern, the Graeco-Roman, and the Judeo-Christian traditions of our civilization. Satisfies the GER in History. *Either semester*

HIST 112 Western Civilization since the Reformation (3 credits)

The course surveys the major developments in Western civilization from the establishment of absolute monarchy to the present. These developments include the evolution of political, economic, social and intellectual aspects of the modern world. Satisfies the GER in History. *Either semester*

HIST 121 The Ancient World (3 credits)

This course presents a global view of ancient history with emphasis on Western civilization. It covers prehistoric humans and the various ancient civilizations to the decline of the Roman Empire in the West. Satisfies the GER in History. *Either semester*

HIST 131 World History to 1500 (3 credits)

This course will survey major issues in the politics, society, culture and economy of human societies around the world, from human evolution to 1500. Satisfies the GER in History.

HIST 132 World History since 1500 (3 credits)

This course will survey major issues, events and processes in the politics, society and economy across societies from the world's major regions, from 1500 to present. Satisfies the GER in History.

HIST 135-136 Freshman Honors Colloquium (1 credit each semester)

Prerequisite: Open to Commonwealth Honors students and to others at the discretion of the instructor.

Freshman Honors Colloquia in History allow exceptionally able students to explore a challenging topic in small classes under close faculty supervision. Colloquia meet once a week for fifty minutes and culminate in a paper or scientific project, which provides the major part of the grade. The minimum enrollment is two and the maximum is twelve. Topics vary from semester to semester. *HIST 135 Fall semester, HIST 136 Spring semester*

HIST 151 Asian Civilization (3 credits)

An introductory survey of the major Asian civilizations including those of China, Japan, and India. This course presents a historical view of Asian traditions and their modern transformation in the context of East-West interactions. Satisfies GER in Non-Western Civilization.

HIST 161 History and Culture of Mexico (3 credits)

This course surveys the history of Mexico from the earliest human inhabitation to the present. It will present different interpretations of the major themes and developments in Mexican history: the ancient civilizations of Mesoamerica, the Spanish conquest and colonization, Mexico's struggle for independence from Spain, the development of a unique Mexican culture incorporating Hispanic and indigenous traditions, and the quest for modernization and nationhood through reform and revolution. Special attention will be paid to relations between Mexico and the United States, from the Mexican-American War to NAFTA. Satisfies GER in Non-Western Civilization.

HIST 221 United States History and Constitutions to 1865 (3 credits)

This course examines the development of the nation from the age of exploration to the end of the Civil War. It emphasizes the economic, political, intellectual and social maturing of the United States. Satisfies the GER in History. *Either semester*

HIST 222 United States History and Constitutions since 1865 (3 credits)

This course continues the study begun in HIST 221 down to the present. It emphasizes the growth of America as an industrial and world power and the increasing role of government in American life. Satisfies the GER in History. *Either semester*

HIST 286-287 Sophomore Honors Colloquium (1 credit each semester)

Prerequisite: Open to Commonwealth Honors students and to others at the discretion of the instructor.

Sophomore Honors Colloquia in History allow exceptionally able students to explore a challenging topic in small classes under close faculty supervision. Colloquia meet once a week for fifty minutes and culminate in a paper or scientific project, which provides the major part of the grade. The minimum enrollment is two and the maximum is twelve. Topics vary from semester to semester. *HIST 286 Fall semester, HIST 287 Spring semester*

300 and 400-level courses in history are designed primarily for juniors and seniors. As a minimum preparation, those taking upper-level courses in European, Asian, African, and Latin American history must have completed 3 credits in HIST 111, 121 or 131. Those taking upper-level courses in U.S. or Canadian history must have completed either HIST 221 or HIST 222. Exceptions to these requirements must be approved by the department.

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HIST 338-339 Honors Tutorial (3 credits each semester)

Prerequisite: Consent of the department
Special topics in history. Open to Commonwealth and departmental honors students. Three hourly meetings weekly.
HIST 338 Fall semester, HIST 339 Spring semester

HIST 365 American Economic History (3 credits)

Overview from colonial era to present, addressing the role of innovation, technology and the law as well as changes in economic organization and labor relations, focusing on the industrial revolution and post-industrial America.

HIST 391 Historiography (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Consent of the department chairperson and the instructor
Writings of major historians, evaluation through professional journals and book reviews. Enrollment limited to fifteen.

HIST 392 History Seminar (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Consent of the department chairperson and the instructor
A research paper is required. The number of students in each seminar is limited. This course may be repeated.

HIST 393 Study and Writing of History (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor
The techniques of historical research and preparation of papers requiring such techniques, analysis and evaluation of source materials.

HIST 400 The Ancient World: Near East (3 credits†)

Prerequisite: HIST 111 or HIST 121 or HIST 131
From prehistoric times through the Persian Empire.

HIST 403 Ancient Greece and the Hellenistic Age (3 credits†)

Prerequisite: HIST 111 or HIST 121 or HIST 131
An historical survey of Ancient Greece and a comprehensive study of the cultural contributions of the Greeks to western civilization.

HIST 404 The Ancient World: Rome (3 credits†)

Prerequisite: HIST 111 or HIST 121 or HIST 131
From its beginnings to the barbarian invasions.

HIST 406 Rise of Early Christianity (3 credits†)

Prerequisite: HIST 111 or HIST 121 or HIST 131
This course traces the development of Christian beginnings from the birth of Christ to the Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325. It intends to examine the cultural, social, intellectual, political and religious climate in the Roman Empire out of which Christianity sprang, the problems the early Christians encountered, and the Christian reaction to these problems.

†May be taken for graduate level credit.

HIST 407 Mystery Religions (3 credits†)

The course will examine the survival of Greek religion in the empire of Alexander the Great and his successors, and the interaction of the Greek religion with the religions of the Ancient Near East under the new conditions and circumstances created by Alexander's conquests.

HIST 415 Europe in the Middle Ages (3 credits†)

From the fall of Rome to the Renaissance. *Offered once in three years*

HIST 418 Renaissance Europe (3 credits†)

Prerequisite: One of the following: HIST 111 or HIST 112 or HIST 131 or HIST 132
This course will begin with an examination of the implications of the commercial revolution in Western Europe and with the rise of the Italian communes and then explore the demographic, social, political, military, cultural, and economic history of western and central Europe during the Renaissance.

HIST 419 The Reformation and Wars of Religion (3 credits)

Prerequisite: One of the following: HIST 111 or HIST 112 or HIST 131 or HIST 132
This course will examine the causes, conditions, and results including domestic and international warfare of the Protestant Reformation and Catholic Reform movement in Europe and its colonies to ca. 1648.

HIST 420 Early Modern Europe: Society and Culture (3 credits)

Prerequisite: One of the following: HIST 111 or HIST 112 or HIST 131 or HIST 132
This course will explore the history of European social and economic life, thought, and culture of elites and common folk from the 16th through the 18th centuries.

HIST 421 European Women's History: Medieval Renaissance and Reformation (3 credits†)

Prerequisite: HIST 111 or HIST 112; or consent of the instructor
An examination of the prescriptive notions of "woman" as well as the varieties of actual historical experiences of women in western European society from the early Middle Ages through the Renaissance and Reformation periods (ca. 500-1650) *Offered alternate years*

HIST 422 Slavery and Race in the Atlantic World (3 credits)

The course examines comparatively some of the major issues of slavery and race relations across societies in Latin America, the Caribbean and West Africa between the fifteenth and twentieth centuries.

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HIST 425 British History since 1603 (3 credits†)

England and its empire to 1815 with stress on parallel developments in American history, including economic and social factors.

HIST 426 British Empire and Commonwealth since 1815 (3 credits†)

Political development to the present with emphasis on the rise and fall of the second empire.

HIST 429 The French Revolution and the Napoleonic Era (3 credits†)

France from the old Regime to the end of the First Empire.

HIST 430 Nineteenth Century Europe (3 credits†)

From the Napoleonic era to the eve of the First World War.

HIST 431 Twentieth Century Europe (3 credits†)

Particular focus on backgrounds, development, and effects of the two world wars.

HIST 432 Intellectual History of Modern Europe (3 credits†)

From the Renaissance to the present. *Offered once in three years*

HIST 433 Modern European Imperialism (3 credits†)

Africa and Asia considered as contrasting phases of European expansion in the 19th and 20th centuries.

HIST 434 Modern Russia to 1917 (3 credits†)

Political, social, and economic factors in the history of Russia from the end of the 15th century to the Revolution.

HIST 435 History of the U.S.S.R. (3 credits†)

The political, social, intellectual, and diplomatic history of the Soviet Union.

HIST 436 History of East-Central Europe since 1918 (3 credits†)

The political, social, economic, cultural and intellectual history of Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland during the interwar period and that of the Socialist Republics (Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and East Germany) from the Second World War to 1989. *Offered once in three years*

HIST 437 European National Histories (3 credits†)

Prerequisite: One of the following: HIST 111 or HIST 112 or HIST 131 or HIST 132

This course will treat an individual nation in the context of Modern European History. The country to be studied will be announced in the *Course Schedule* in advance. The course may focus, for example, on France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Portugal, or Spain. This course may be repeated for different topics.

† *May also be taken for graduate level credit.*

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HIST 439 Topics in Non-United States History (3 credits†)

Varied topics such as the Crusades, Latin American revolutions. This course may be repeated for different topics.

Either semester

HIST 440 Topics in United States History (3 credits†)

Varied topics such as the French in New England, History of Boston, American assassinations, the Vietnam War and Abraham Lincoln. This course may be repeated for different topics. *Either semester*

HIST 441 United States History: The Colonial Period 1607-1763 (3 credits†)

The settlement and growth of the English colonies of America; England's colonial policies; economic and institutional development in the provincial period; the wars with the Indians, and the rivalry with the French in America.

Offered alternate years

HIST 442 United States History: The American Revolution 1763-1787 (3 credits†)

Background and causes of the American Revolution; the military, social, political, and diplomatic aspects of the Revolution. The government under the Articles of Confederation and the problems engendered by the attainment of political independence. *Offered alternate years*

HIST 443 United States History: The Early National Period (3 credits†)

United States History from the establishment of the Republic to the election of Andrew Jackson.

HIST 444 Jacksonian Democracy and the Coming of the Civil War (3 credits†)

The election of Andrew Jackson and the "rise of the common man," the Whig-Democrat rivalry, the Texas question, Manifest Destiny, the rise of abolitionism, the events leading to the outbreak of the Civil War.

HIST 445 United States History: The Civil War (3 credits†)

Background and causes of the Civil War, the military and naval aspects. Civil War music, art, and literature; diplomacy of the Civil War; the home front in the war; the plans for reconstruction; and military reconstruction. *Fall semester*

HIST 446 United States History: 1865-1900 (3 credits†)

The emphasis is on Reconstruction, Populism and Bryan, Gilded Age and Cleveland, Imperialism and McKinley.

HIST 447 The American South (3 credits)†

Sectionalism, its causes and consequences; factors which made the South distinctive; emphasis on race relations, the Civil War and Reconstruction, agrarianism, and industrialization. *Spring semester*

HIST 448 United States Foreign Relations to 1900 (3 credits)†

From the American Revolution to 1900. *Fall semester*

HIST 449 United States Foreign Relations since 1900 (3 credits)†

From 1900 to present. *Spring semester*

HIST 450 Social and Intellectual History of the U.S. to 1870 (3 credits)†

Economic, social, and cultural development to the end of the Civil War. *Offered alternate years*

HIST 451 Social and Intellectual History of the United States 1870-1914 (3 credits)†

The economic, social, and cultural development from 1870 to the eve of the First World War, with emphasis on the transformation from an agricultural to an industrial society. *Offered alternate years*

HIST 452 Social and Intellectual History of the U.S. since 1914 (3 credits)†

Economic, social, and cultural developments from 1914, with emphasis on the transformation of American life through such forces as technology, population trends, and the mass-production and mass-consumption economy. *Offered alternate years*

HIST 453 United States History: Progressive Era (3 credits)†

The rise of the Progressive movement in American history to the early 1920s as reflected in politics, government and the social and intellectual life of the era. *Offered alternate years*

HIST 456 World War II (3 credits)†

A study of the global conflict with emphasis on military, diplomatic, and political events. *Fall semester*

HIST 457 America since World War II (3 credits)†

Prerequisite: HIST 221 and HIST 222
The political, social, cultural and diplomatic development of America since World War II with emphasis on the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement, and the debate over Welfare State.

HIST 458 North American Women's Gender History (3 credits)

This course explores the history of women and gender in the United States and Canada from the colonial period to the present. It pays particular attention to the ways in which categories of gender, race, class, and ethnicity have intersected and changed over time. Students who elect both HIST 458 and HIST 466 American Women's History may use only one of the courses to meet History Major Requirements. *Offered every other years*

HIST 460 History of American Indians (3 credits)†

Prerequisite: HIST 221 and HIST 222
The history of American Indians to the 20th century, emphasizing the role of economics, politics, military conflict with the people and government of the United States.

HIST 461 American Immigration and Ethnicity (3 credits)†

Patterns of migration to the United States with particular emphasis on the 19th and 20th centuries. *Fall semester*

HIST 462 American Labor History (3 credits)†

The pre-industry and industrial periods. Emphasis on reciprocal relations of workers, immigrants, urbanization, and industrialization. *Either semester*

HIST 463 History of the American City (3 credits)†

Political, architectural, economic, social, cultural, and population factors in the growth and development of American cities since colonial times. *Offered alternate years*

HIST 464 New England Textile Communities: Social and Economic History (3 credits)†

Social history emphasizing economic, ethnic, labor, political and religious factors during a period when the New England region achieved ascendancy as the nation's foremost cotton textile area. *Offered alternate years*

HIST 465 African-American History (3 credits)†

From the colonial period through the present.

HIST 466 Women in American History (3 credits)†

A history of American women from the colonial period to the present time. Students who elect both HIST 458 and HIST 466 may use only one of these courses to meet the History Major Requirements. *Offered alternate years*

HIST 467 American Environmental History (3 credits)†

Man's attitude toward, interaction with, and adaptations to the physical environment of the United States.

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HIST 469 American Political History (3 credits†)

American history in political perspective: special emphasis on parties, primaries, campaigns, elections; the Presidency; personality in politics; machine politics; political institutions; corruption from U. S. Grant to the present.

HIST 471 Sport in American Life (3 credits†)

Prerequisite: HIST 221 or HIST 222

The rise of sport in American society, stressing its cultural, economic, and social impact since the Civil War.

Spring semester

HIST 472 History of Massachusetts (3 credits†)

From the days of the Pilgrims and Puritans to the present. In the modern period, emphasis is on social, economic and constitutional history. *Offered once in three years*

HIST 474 History of the Middle East 500-1700 (3 credits†)

Prerequisite: HI 112 and HI 121 and HI 131

This course studies Islamic civilization and history from 500 to 1700 C.E. It briefly surveys the pre-Islamic Middle East and explores the rise of Islam as a religious and political force.

Topics include the Golden Age of the Umayyad and Abbasid dynasties, the establishment of regional empires, the Mongol invasion, and the emergence of "gunpowder empires."

Particular attention is given to cultural, religious, and political development in the Islamic world.

HIST 475 History of the Middle East, 1700 to the Present (3 credits†)

Prerequisite: HIST 132 or HIST 112

This course studies Middle Eastern history and culture from 1700 to the present. Topics include the impact of European imperialism, the response of regional (especially Ottoman) reform movements, the rise of Arab nationalism, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the history of Iran, particularly its two twentieth-century revolutions. The course also seeks to explain the rise of political Islam in light of its historical context.

HIST 476 The Arab-Israeli Conflict (3 credits†)

Zionism and Arab nationalism from the 19th century to the present with emphasis on the root causes of the present conflict.

HIST 477 Latin America: The Colonial Period (3 credits†)

Indigenous peoples of the area, exploration and conquest, institutional development of the empire to the revolts against Spain.

HIST 478 Latin America: The National Period (3 credits†)

From the revolutions against Spain to the present.

HIST 480 History of Imperial China (3 credits†)

This course will provide an overview of Chinese civilization and society, with an emphasis on the history of late imperial China from the 11th through the 19th centuries.

HIST 481 China Under Communism (3 credits†)

Prerequisite: One of the following: HIST 111, HIST 112, HIST 121, HIST 131, HIST 132, HIST 151, HIST 221, HIST 222

The social, political, and economic transformation of China from an agrarian empire to a revolutionary, socialist nation.

HIST 482 History of Modern Japan (3 credits†)

This course will provide an overview of Japan's transformation from a feudal regime to a modern nation, with an emphasis on the period from 1600 to the present.

HIST 483 South Asia: The Modern Period (3 credits†)

Emphasis on colonialism and nationalism in the Indian subcontinent and Vietnam. *Fall semester*

HIST 484 War and Revolution in Modern Asia (3 credits†)

Prerequisite: One of the following: HIST 111, HIST 121, HIST 131, HIST 132, HIST 151, HIST 221, HIST 222

This course will examine the revolutionary movements and military conflicts in Asia in the 20th century, with an emphasis on China and Japan.

HIST 485 Honors Thesis (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Open to Commonwealth and Departmental Honors students.

One-hour weekly meetings with the thesis director will culminate in an honors thesis. With the consent of the Departmental Honors Committee and the thesis director, this course may be extended into a second semester for three additional credits depending upon the scope of the project. Whether the final version of the thesis qualifies the student to graduate with honors will be determined by the Departmental Honors Committee. *Either semester*

HIST 487 Canadian History to Confederation (3 credits†)

The land, the native peoples, exploration, patterns of settlement of the French through the Conquest to the development of English institutions.

HIST 488 Canadian History since Confederation (3 credits†)

The evolution of an independent Canada from the time of the Confederation.

† May be taken for graduate level credit.

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HIST 489 History of Canadian-American Relations (3 credits)†

An analysis of the Canadian efforts to remain friendly with the giant to the south while protecting its political, economic and cultural integrity. *Offered once in three years*

HIST 490 Historical Studies at Oxford (3 credits)†

Study of selected topics in European History. (This is a special program in England at Oxford University during July. Additional fees are required.) Open to juniors and seniors only.

HIST 491 Medicine and Society in the North Atlantic World (3 credits)†

Prerequisite: One of the following: HIST 111, HIST 112, HIST 121, HIST 131, HIST 132, HIST 221, HIST 222 or consent of the instructor

This course explores themes in the social history of health, medicine and gender in the English-speaking North Atlantic world, from the beginning of the 18th century to 1920. The course compares how western societies have conceived of “health” for men and women and examines how the delivery of medical care in these societies changed over time. Specific topics will include changing conceptions of the body, popular healing, and medical professionalization. The course includes both lectures and seminars.

HIST 492 Historical Museum Management (3 credits)†

Critically assesses the role and effectiveness of museums in the public’s awareness of American history.

HIST 493 Museum Management: A Practicum (3 credits)†

Prerequisite: HIST 221 and HIST 222

Students will be introduced to all facets of museum work in a small museum environment.

HIST 494 Quebec and Canada since 1867 (3 credits)†

Prerequisite: One of the following; HIST 111, HIST 112, HIST 121, HIST 131, HIST 132, HIST 221, HIST 222 or consent of the instructor

This course examines the love-hate relationship that emerged between French Canada and English Canada in the years between Confederation and the 1995 referendum on separatism in Quebec. How did francophones and anglophones negotiate coexistence within Canada in these years? What are the main sources of separatist feeling in French Quebec? Themes that will be examined include the economic dominance of English Canada over French Canada, the transformation of Quebecois nationalism, and the importance of language protection to French-Canadian culture.

HIST 495 Undergraduate History Colloquium (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Two of the following: HIST 111, HIST 112, HIST 121, HIST 131, HIST 132; and HIST 221 and HIST 222

The undergraduate history colloquium is a text and discussion-based, writing-intensive course that focuses on a specific historical topic and relevant historiographical issues, and required development of research skills. This course may be repeated for different topics.

HIST 496 Undergraduate History Seminar (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Two of the following: HIST 111, HIST 112, HIST 121, HIST 131, HIST 132; and HIST 221, HIST 222 or consent of instructor

The undergraduate history seminar is an intensive course in which students will write a major research paper involving original research. Students will present and critique papers on specific historical topics and relevant historiographical literature. This course does not carry graduate credit.

HIST 498 Internship in History (3-6 credits)

Prerequisite: Consent of the department; formal application required

Intended to expose student participants to historical artifacts and primary source materials. Host agencies may include museums and public and private historical organizations. Graded on a (P) Pass/(N) No Pass basis. *Either semester*

HIST 499 Directed Study in History (1-3 credits)

Prerequisite: Consent of the department; formal application required

Open to juniors and seniors who have demonstrated critical and analytical abilities in their studies and who wish to pursue a project independently. May be taken twice for a maximum of six credits or with an internship program—combined credit maximum, six. *Either semester*

HIST 501 Seminar in Historical Methodology (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Acceptance in a MAT in History degree program at Bridgewater State College

The basic methods of historical research and historical writing and the proper use of primary and secondary sources, bibliography, documentation, and annotation.

HIST 502 Research (credit to be arranged)

Prerequisite: Consent of the department; formal application required

Original research undertaken by the graduate student in his field. For details, consult the paragraph entitled “Independent Study” in the *Graduate and Continuing Education* section of this catalog. This course may be repeated.

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HIST 503 Directed Study (credit to be arranged)

Prerequisite: Consent of the department; formal application required
Designed for the graduate student who desires to study selected topics in a specific field. For details, consult the paragraph entitled "Independent Study" in the *Graduate and Continuing Education* section of this catalog. This course may be repeated.

HIST 540 Topical Seminar: U.S. (3 credits)

This course will stress reading and research in a limited field. Topics will vary each time the course is given and will be announced in the *Course Schedule*. Limited enrollment.

HIST 545 Topical Seminar: Canada (3 credits)

This course will stress reading and research in a limited field. Topics will vary each time the course is given and will be announced in the *Course Schedule*.

HIST 550 Topical Seminar: Europe (3 credits)

This course will stress reading and research in a limited field. Topics will vary each time the course is given and will be announced in the *Course Schedule*. Limited enrollment.

HIST 560 Topical Seminar: Latin America (3 credits)

This course will stress reading and research in a limited field. Topics will vary each time the course is given and will be announced in the *Course Schedule*. Limited enrollment.

HIST 570 Topical Seminar: Africa (3 credits)

This course will stress reading and research in a limited field. Topics will vary each time the course is given and will be announced in the *Course Schedule*. Limited enrollment.

HIST 580 Topical Seminar: Asia (3 credits)

This course will stress reading and research in a limited field. Topics will vary each time the course is given and will be announced in the *Course Schedule*. Limited enrollment.

Other Approved Courses:

HIST 122 World Civilization II: Medieval
HIST 123 World Civilization III: Early Modern
HIST 364 Topics in Recent American History
HIST 366 Constitutional History of the United States
HIST 408 Jews and Christians in the Ancient Roman World
HIST/ANTH 409 Mesoamerican Societies and
Cultures
HIST 423 Portuguese Seaborne Empire
HIST 428 Louis XIV and the Age of Absolutism
HIST 468 History of American West
HIST 470 Contemporary Affairs
HIST 486 Africa since 1800
HIST 521 Pilgrim Heritage Seminar

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