

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. *Either semester* (CGCL; CHUM; CMCL)

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. *Either semester* (CGCL; CHUM; CMCL)

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. (CGCL; CHUM; CMCL)

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. (CGCL; CHUM; CMCL)

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 50 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 12. 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. (CGCL; CHUM; CMCL)

HIST 161 History and Culture of Mexico (3 credits)

This course surveys the history of Mexico from the earliest human habitation 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. (CGCL; CHUM; CMCL; CWRT)

HIST 199 First Year Seminar (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Open to all freshmen with a writing placement score of 3 or above or a SAT score of 500 or above. Students with 24 or more transfer credits will have this requirement waived.

First Year Seminars (FYS) are writing-intensive, topic courses that introduce students to academic thought, discourse and practices. FYS courses prepare and orient students toward productive and fulfilling college careers by actively engaging them in a specific academic area of interest. Students will improve their writing, reading, research and basic information and technology skills while learning to work both collaboratively and independently. These courses will fulfill the First Year Seminar requirement and may fulfill other requirements for the core curriculum. Each course may fulfill different requirements and topics may change each semester. Only one FYS course may be taken for credit. (CFYS)

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. *Either semester* (CHUM; CUSC)

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. *Either semester* (CHUM; CUSC)

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*

HIST 298 Second Year Seminar (Speaking Intensive) (3 credits)

Prerequisite: _____199; Open to all sophomores and juniors who have completed ENGL 101, and the speaking skills requirement. Students with 54 or more transfer credits will have this requirement waived. Cannot be taken if _____299 is taken for credit.

Second Year Seminars (SYS) are speaking-intensive, topic courses that build on the academic skills and habits introduced in the First Year Seminar. SYS courses engage students in a specific aca-

demographic area of interest and provide them with the opportunity to reinforce, share and interpret knowledge. Students will improve their speaking, reading, research and basic information and technology skills while building the connections between scholarship and action that are required for lifelong learning. These courses will fulfill the Second Year Seminar requirement and may fulfill other requirements for the core curriculum. Each course may fulfill different requirements and topics may change each semester. Only one SYS course may be taken for credit. (CSYS)

HIST 299 Second Year Seminar (Writing Intensive) (3 credits)

Prerequisite: _____199; *Open to all sophomores and juniors who have completed ENGL 101 and ENGL 102. Students with 54 or more transfer credits will have this requirement waived. Cannot be taken if _____298 is taken for credit.*

Second Year Seminars (SYS) are writing-intensive, topic courses that build on the academic skills and habits introduced in the First Year Seminar. SYS courses engage students in a specific academic area of interest and provide them with the opportunity to reinforce, share and interpret knowledge. Students will improve their writing, reading, research and basic information and technology skills while building the connections between scholarship and action that are required for lifelong learning. These courses will fulfill the Second Year Seminar requirement and may fulfill other requirements for the core curriculum. Each course may fulfill different requirements and topics may change each semester. Only one SYS course may be taken for credit. (CSYS)

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

Prerequisite: *HIST 111 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 131*

A 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 131*

From its beginnings to the barbarian invasions.

HIST 406 Rise of Early Christianity (3 credits†)

Prerequisite: *HIST 111 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.

HIST 410 Latin American Women and Gender History (3 credits)

Prerequisite: *One course from two of the following: HIST 111 or HIST 131; HIST 112 or HIST 132; HIST 477 or HIST 478*

This course will explore Latin American women's history and gender issues from the Spanish conquest through the present. Special emphasis will be given on the ways that class and race influence women's experiences and on how and why gender was a central component of Latin American social and political development over time.

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

Prerequisite: *HIST 111 or HIST 131*

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, HIST 112, HIST 131, 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, HIST 112, HIST 131, 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 circa 1648.

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

Prerequisite: *One of the following: HIST 111, HIST 112, HIST 131, 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 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*

†May be taken for graduate-level credit

HIST 425 British History since 1603 (3 creditst)

Prerequisite: HIST 111 or HIST 131

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 creditst)

Prerequisite: HIST 111 or HIST 131

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

HIST 427 The British Atlantic World: 1500-1800 (3 credits)

Prerequisites: Two of the following: HIST 112 or 132 or 221; or consent of instructor

This course looks at how people from Europe, Africa and the Americas came together in the early modern period, changing the worlds they knew and forging new relationships and institutions. This course will focus on several themes present in the Atlantic world, including cultural encounters, indentured servitude and slavery, commerce and trade, marginal characters, religion and political revolution. Each theme will be covered in a separate section of the class that combines lectures with secondary and primary sources.

HIST 430 Nineteenth-Century Europe (3 creditst)

Prerequisite: HIST 111 or HIST 131

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

HIST 431 Twentieth-Century Europe (3 creditst)

Prerequisite: HIST 111 or HIST 131

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

HIST 432 Intellectual History of Modern Europe (3 creditst)

Prerequisite: HIST 111 or HIST 131

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

HIST 434 Modern Russia to 1917 (3 creditst)

Prerequisite: HIST 111 or HIST 131

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 creditst)

Prerequisite: HIST 111 or HIST 131

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

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

Prerequisite: HIST 111 or HIST 131

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 creditst)

Prerequisite: One of the following: HIST 111, HIST 112, HIST 131, 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.

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

Prerequisite: HIST 111 or HIST 131

Varied topics such as the Crusades and Latin American revolutions. This course may be repeated for different topics. *Either semester*

HIST 440 Topics in United States History (3 creditst)

Prerequisite: HIST 221 or HIST 222

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 creditst)

Prerequisite: HIST 221 or HIST 222

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 Native Americans; and the rivalry with the French in America. *Offered alternate years*

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

Prerequisite: HIST 221 or HIST 222

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 creditst)

Prerequisite: HIST 221 or HIST 222

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 creditst)

Prerequisite: HIST 221 or HIST 222

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, and the events leading to the outbreak of the Civil War.

†May be taken for graduate-level credit

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

Prerequisite: HIST 221 or HIST 222

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

Prerequisite: HIST 221 or HIST 222

From the American Revolution to 1900. *Fall semester*

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

Prerequisite: HIST 221 or HIST 222

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 455 History Study Tour (country to be determined) (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor

This course will offer students a first-hand, supervised cross-cultural travel and study experience from a historical perspective. Students will participate in lectures, site visits, research and other academic experiences, including pre- and post-travel activities, as appropriate. Topics focus on historical development of world cultures such as walled cities in Italy and heritage sites in Japan. This course is interdisciplinary in nature, drawing upon perspectives such as visual and performing arts, religious traditions, political organization, economic development and family life. This course may be taken as an elective or an area requirement for history credits.

HIST 456 World War II (3 credits†)

Prerequisite: HIST 221 or HIST 222

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 or 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 461 American Immigration and Ethnicity (3 credits†)

Prerequisite: HIST 221 or HIST 222

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†)

Prerequisite: HIST 221 or HIST 222

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

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

Prerequisite: HIST 221 or HIST 222

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†)

Prerequisite: HIST 221 or HIST 222

From the colonial period through the present.

HIST 466 Women in American History (3 credits†)

Prerequisite: HIST 221 or HIST 222

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 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 473 Asian-American History (3 credits†)

Prerequisite: HIST 221 or HIST 222; and one of the following: HIST 111, HIST 112, HIST 131, HIST 132, HIST 151

This course explores Asian-American history, from the 19th century to the present. It will focus on the changing experiences of Asian-Americans within the larger context of immigration and race relations in American history.

HIST 474 Islamic Civilization to 1400 (3 credits†)

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

A survey of Middle Eastern history from the rise of Islam in the 7th century through the Mongol conquests in the 13th century. Coverage will include political, social and religious developments during the formative centuries of Islamic civilization. Topics include the career of the Prophet Muhammad and the origins of the earliest Muslim state; the attempt to create a universal Muslim empire (the Caliphate) and its ultimate collapse; the transmission of knowledge and learning; mystical and sectarian forms of piety and their social and political expressions; forms of household, and the place of slaves, women and non-Muslims in Islamic society; tribes, cities, and the rise of warrior elites; and the popular imagination. Attention will be given to long-term cultural and social continuities between the Islamic and ancient Near East, evolving conceptions of religious and political authority, and the relationship between rules and ruled.

HIST 475 The Modern Middle East (3 credits†)

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

A survey of Middle Eastern history from 1400 to the present. Topics include the rise and decline of the last Muslim empires, European colonial and imperial penetration of the Middle East in the 19th century, the social and cultural impact of imperialism,

the rise of nation-states in the 20th century, nationalist ideologies (e.g. pan-Arabism, Zionism), the emergence of political Islam as a key force, religious sectarianism, and contemporary problems of political and economic development.

HIST 477 Latin America: The Colonial Period (3 creditst)

Prerequisite: HIST 111 or HIST 131

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

HIST 478 Latin America: The National Period (3 creditst)

Prerequisite: HIST 111 or HIST 131

From the revolutions against Spain to the present.

HIST 480 History of Imperial China (3 creditst)

Prerequisite: HIST 111 or HIST 131

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 creditst)

Prerequisite: one of the following: HIST 111, HIST 112, 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 creditst)

Prerequisite: HIST 111 or HIST 131

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 creditst)

Prerequisite: HIST 111 or HIST 131

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

HIST 484 War and Revolution in Modern Asia (3 creditst)

Prerequisite: One of the following: HIST 111, 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 creditst)

Prerequisite: HIST 221 or HIST 222

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 creditst)

Prerequisite: HIST 221 or HIST 222

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

HIST 489 History of Canadian-American Relations (3 creditst)

Prerequisite: HIST 221 or HIST 222

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 creditst)

Prerequisite: HIST 111 or HIST 131

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 creditst)

Prerequisite: One of the following: HIST 111, HIST 112, HIST 131, HIST 132, HIST 221, HIST 222; or consent of 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 494 Quebec and Canada since 1867 (3 creditst)

Prerequisite: One of the following: HIST 111, HIST 112, HIST 131, HIST 132, HIST 221, HIST 222; or consent of 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 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. (CWRM)

HIST 496 Undergraduate History Seminar (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Two of the following: HIST 111, HIST 112, 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
Directed study is 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 is six. *Either semester*

HIST 503 Directed Study (credit to be arranged)

Prerequisite: Consent of the department; formal application required
Directed study is designed for the graduate student who desires to study selected topics in a specific field. For details, consult the paragraph entitled "Directed or Independent Study" in the "School of Graduate Studies" 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 prior to registration. This course may be repeated for different topics. 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 prior to registration. This course may be repeated for different topics.

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 prior to registration. This course may be repeated for different topics. 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 prior to registration. This course may be repeated for different topics. 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 prior to registration. This course may be repeated for different topics. 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 prior to registration. This course may be repeated for different topics. Limited enrollment.

Other Approved Courses

HIST 408 Jews and Christians in the Ancient Roman World
HIST 429 The French Revolution and the Napoleonic Era
HIST 433 Modern European Imperialism
HIST 493 Museum Management: A Practicum
HIST 502 Research