

Course Descriptions: The hours identified with each course description represent the amount of time spent in the classroom, laboratory and clinical area per week during a semester.

Prerequisite: A prerequisite indicates a course which must be successfully completed before enrolling in other courses as indicated.

Corequisite: This indicates a course which must be taken no later than the same semester as the course described.

Recommended Background: Indicates level of course background or other criteria a student needs to be successful in a course.

American Studies Courses

AMST 200

INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN STUDIES 3 Hrs

Introduces students to the interdisciplinary methods of research and writing in the field of American Studies, and to the major themes in American culture and thought. The course emphasizes interdisciplinary thinking, close reading, and writing skills through the analysis of primary sources: including novels, drawings, paintings, photographs, architecture, cartoons, advertisements, movies, poems, speeches, essays, autobiographies, short stories, and music.

Fall, Spring

AMST 401

SENIOR PROJECT 3 Hrs

A required seminar for American studies majors normally taken during the senior year in which students undertake a project on a topic that lends itself to interdisciplinary research, leading to projects such as a research paper, a multi-media PowerPoint presentation, and/or the development of a web site.

Fall, Spring

AMST 499

PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIP 2-4 Hrs

requires students to make intellectual connections between scholarship and service to a broader community. Students work with local non-profit organizations, government agencies, or foundations. Students develop projects in consultation with their faculty advisor that are consistent with American Studies inquiry and concerns.

Fall, Spring

Geography Course

GEOG 231

PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

3 Hrs

Features of man's natural environment: climate, topography, soils, waters, the earth's universe.

Fall, Spring

History Courses

Surveys

HIST 101

WORLD CIVILIZATION I

3 Hrs

General introduction to political, social, economic, and intellectual developments in major world civilizations to 1500.

Fall, Spring

HIST 102

WORLD CIVILIZATION II

3 Hrs

General introduction to political, social, economic, and intellectual developments in major world civilizations from 1500 to the present.

Fall, Spring

HIST 105

U.S. HISTORY I

3 Hrs

General introduction to political, social, economic, cultural, and intellectual development of the United States to 1865.

Fall, Spring

HIST 106

U.S. HISTORY II

3 Hrs

General introduction to political, social, economic, cultural, and intellectual development of the United States from 1865 to the present.

Fall, Spring

HIST 319

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

3 Hrs

Advanced introduction to the history and culture of Africans in the Americas from the 15th century to the present.

Fall, Spring

HIST 322

AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY 3 Hrs

The course will explore the changing American attitudes and actions toward the natural environment. Topics discussed will include the rise of the conservation movement, the impact of government policies, and the major development of an ecological perspective.

Fall, Spring

HIST 325

WOMEN IN AMERICAN HISTORY 3 Hrs

History of women in the United States from Colonial Era through the 20th century. Topics include women's legal status in society; the suffrage movement; the portrayal of women in popular culture; as well as social, political and economic contributions.

Fall, Spring

HIST 326

AMERICAN FRONTIER AND WEST 3 Hrs

Advanced introduction to the history and culture of frontiers in North America, including European and American movement west, and impact on peoples and resources of the continent.

Fall, Spring

HIST 328

HISTORY OF INDIANA 3 Hrs

This course will explore the history of Indiana from its frontier era to the 20th century. Topics include significant events and individuals, minority populations, the role of the government, and the state's place within the context of our national history.

Fall, Spring

HIST 330

WOMEN, MEDIA AND WWII 3 Hrs

This course will look at women during World War II, and their roles in society and the war effort. History will then be viewed through film/media with a focus on interpreting the portrayal of women, and comparing and contrasting perceptions with reality (same as HUMN 330).

Fall, Spring

HIST 332

NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY 3 Hrs

This course will explore the history of the Native Americans from the United States colonial era to the 20th century. Topics include the social impact of European contact, government policies, and the discussion of significant events and individuals.

Fall, Spring

HIST 350

COLONIAL AND REVOLUTIONARY AMERICA 3 Hrs

This course discusses America from its colonial era to the ratification of the United States Constitution. Topics include the colonial/revolutionary economy, the bond and break with Great Britain, contact with the Native Nations, and the culture of slavery.

Fall, Spring

HIST 351

EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC 3 Hrs

This course covers the growth of political parties, the economy, land acquisition, contact with the Native Nations, foreign affairs, and industrial growth. Emphasis will be given to Jeffersonian and Jacksonian democracy and the rise of sectional tensions.

Fall, Spring

HIST 352

SECTIONALISM AND THE CIVIL WAR 3 Hrs

This course will emphasize the causes of the Civil War and the reconstruction of the Union. Topics discussed will include the early women's rights movement, slavery and its controversial expansion, and the rise of the Lincoln and the Republican Party.

Fall, Spring

HIST 371

VIETNAM WAR 3 Hrs

The American and Vietnamese experience in the Vietnam War from several perspectives; social/cultural/political origins of the war and U.S. escalation; media coverage; public opinion and antiwar movements; U.S. withdrawal and communist victory; war in retrospect as seen in American and Vietnamese popular and national culture, political debate, and foreign policy.

Fall, Spring

HIST 421

GILDED AGE AND PROGRESSIVE ERA 3 Hrs

Exploration of the development of the United States from the Civil War to the election of President Wilson, featuring social, economic and political trends.

Fall, Spring

HIST 422

U.S. HISTORY 1912-1945 3 Hrs

Exploration of the development of the United States from President Wilson through World War II, featuring social, economic and political trends.

Fall, Spring

HIST 423

U.S. HISTORY SINCE 1945 3 Hrs

Exploration of the development of the United States since World War II, featuring social, economic and political trends.

Fall, Spring

European/World

HIST 304

MEDIEVAL EUROPE 3 Hrs

Covers European History from the fall of the Western Roman Empire to the Renaissance (400-1300 AD). Topics include Church-State relations, Byzantium, economic and political development in Western Europe, the Crusades, and intellectual developments of the period.

Fall, Spring

HIST 305

EARLY MODERN EUROPE 3 Hrs

Covers the period from 1300 to 1789. Topics include the Italian Renaissance, Black Death, the Age of Discovery, Protestant and Catholic Reformations, colonialism, and the Enlightenment.

Fall, Spring

HIST 313

RUSSIAN HISTORY 3 Hrs

History of Imperial Russia, the Soviet Union, and the Russian Republic, emphasizing culture, political and economic evolution, and role as a world power.

Fall, Spring

HIST 315

HISTORY OF EAST ASIA 3 Hrs

The history of China and Japan from their beginnings to the present, including a focus on the interaction of these cultures with each other and with the wider world.

Fall, Spring

HIST 318

THE AGE OF WORLD WARS 3 Hrs

Study of the origins of the Second World War covering WWI, the interwar years, and WWII. Topics include Fascism, the Holocaust, military campaigns, leaders, strategy, technological developments, and diplomacy.

Fall, Spring

HIST 327

HISTORY OF MODERN GERMANY 3Hrs

This course examines modern German history from the Protestant Reformation until German reunification of 1989/90. It focuses on a wide range of issues, including politics, social change, warfare, religion, economics, gender, and race, that shaped Germany's difficult path between monarchy, democracy and dictatorship.

Fall, Spring

HIST 329

LATIN AMERICAN SURVEY 3 Hrs

Latin American culture and history from earliest migrations to the present with emphasis on indigenous cultures, Iberian conquest and adaptation, independence movements, modern states, accomplishments, and problems.

Fall, Spring

HIST 331

THE COLD WAR 3 Hrs

A study of the origins, events and legacy of the Cold War. Topics include Classical Liberalism, Communism, the German question, Korean and Vietnamese conflicts, nuclear arms race, non-aligned movement, affects on domestic and foreign policies of various nations, and the legacy of this struggle in today's world.

Fall, Spring

HIST 334

COMPARATIVE GENOCIDE 3Hrs

This course explores multiple cases of genocide in the modern world. It uses a comparative approach to examine characteristics of the victims and the

perpetrators, including differences in race, gender, nationality, and religion, and the effects of colonization and decolonization.

Fall, Spring

HIST 340

MIDDLE EASTERN HISTORY

3 Hrs

Covers the history of the region from the beginning of the Islamic period in the 7th century. Topics include Islam, Umayyad and Abbasid Empires, the Mongols, Mamelukes and Turks, Crusades, the Ottoman Empire, imperialism, and the modern Arab-Israeli conflict.

Fall, Spring

Common Upper Level History Courses

HIST 439

HISTORIOGRAPHY AND RESEARCH

3 Hrs

This course introduces students to historiography and research methods. It will focus on how to select an appropriate research topic, gather relevant background materials, and begin the research process for the Senior Thesis (HIST 440).

Fall, Spring

Recommended Background: Junior status required.

HIST 440

SENIOR THESIS

3 Hrs

Advanced seminar in history for majors; research and writing a seminar paper with the goal of publication, using primary sources. Open to non-majors with permission of instructor.

Prerequisite: HIST 439

Fall, Spring

HIST 497-498-499

INTERNSHIP: HISTORY

1-3 Hrs

An internship provides an opportunity for a student to integrate work and formal education under the guidance of a professional in his/her major field of study, and to test career choice decisions. Internships will be content based, skill related, academically substantive, value related, and integral to the student's academic and career choice.

Fall, Spring