

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

HISTORY

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The study of history helps students acquire the historical perspective which places human events in a chronological sequence, emphasizing the dimension of time and causality. History students explore a broad spectrum of ideas, such as nationalism, romanticism, and Marxism, as well as such themes as national and social histories, progress, industrialization, the history of women, war, rural life, and death and dying through the ages. History students develop the ability to analyze, synthesize, and make informed judgments. Open to history graduates are careers in law, teaching, county, state and national government, historical societies, the ministry, business, and others. They might also choose to become archivists or professional historians.

For teacher certification requirements, see the Education section.

Bachelor of Arts: History (39 credits)

HIST 201	Rural World	3
	OR	3
HIST 210	World History	3
HIST 221	Early America: History of the U.S. from the Colonial Era to Civil War	3
HIST 222	Modern America: History of the U.S. 1865 to the Present	3
HIST 242	European Civilization I: Ancient and Medieval Europe	3
HIST 243	European Civilization II: Modern and Contemporary Europe	3
HIST 301	Historiography	3
HIST 387	Pro-Seminar	3
HIST 487	Senior Seminar	3
	Five elective courses in History	15

One of the electives shall be selected from the following courses in non-western history:

HIST 311	World in War and Crisis, 1910-1945	3
HIST 314	Modern Latin America	3
HIST 315	Mexico and Central America	3
HIST 316	South America and the Caribbean	3
HIST 321	U.S.-Latin American Relations	3
HIST 322	Comparative Colonialisms	3
HIST 324	The Post-Colonial World	3
HIST 325	Africa since 1800	3
HIST 326	Slavery, Race, and Gender in the Atlantic World	3
HIST 328	History of Cuba	3
HIST 351	Origins of Islamic Civilization	3

Students who are not seeking a Social Science licensure may substitute one of the following courses for a history elective:

INDS 325	Genocide, Survival, and Indigenous Peoples	3
INDS 326	Decolonization, Recovery, and Indigenous Peoples	3
PHIL 331	History of Philosophy II: Human Institutions	3

Total Credits: 39

Students majoring in history are strongly encouraged to devote themselves seriously to the study of a foreign language.

History majors shall maintain an overall GPA of 2.8 with no grade lower than a "C" in classes for the major.

Minor: History (18 credits)

I. Take a total of 6 credits from this section. Only one course per grouping.....	6
a. HIST 201 The Rural World	3
HIST 210 World History	3
b. HIST 221 Early America	3
HIST 222 Modern America	3
c. HIST 242 European Civilization I	3
HIST 243 European Civilization II	3
II. Required:	
HIST 301 Historiography	3

- III. Take one elective from each category: (9 credits)9
- a. Non-Western History
 - b. European History
 - c. United States History

Total Credits 18

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HISTORY COURSES (HIST)

HIST 150 Perspectives in History (3 credits)

Selected topics viewed in historical perspective.

HIST 201 (LAC, E, R, S) The Rural World (3 credits)

This course will survey the origins and development of agriculture from neolithic times to the mechanization and rationalization of agricultural production in the 19th and 20th centuries. It will also concentrate on the social, political, cultural and economic structures of European village life and on the special development of American agricultural society from colonial times to the 20th century.

HIST 210 (LAC, G) World History in the 20th Century (3 credits)

This course is a broadly based survey of major developments in the 20th century world history. Major topics will include colonialism and nation building, war, genocide, free trade, socialism, communism, capitalism, democracy, dictatorships, national liberation, human rights, racism, gender, and freedom. Expect units on Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas.

HIST 221 (LAC, C, D) Early America: History of the United States from the Colonial Era to the Civil War (3 credits)

A survey of American civilization with emphasis on the political, economic, and social aspects of our development prior to 1865.

HIST 222 (LAC, C, D) Modern America: History of the United States from 1865 to the Present (3 credits)

A survey of American civilization with emphasis on the social, economic, and political history of the United States from 1865 to the present.

HIST 242 (LAC, G) European Civilization I: Ancient and Medieval Europe (3 credits)

Course surveys European civilization from the time of the Greeks and Romans to the Renaissance.

HIST 243 (LAC, G) European Civilization II: Modern and Contemporary Europe (3 credits)

This course surveys European history from the Renaissance to the 20th century.

HIST 286 Special Topics (1-4 credits)

HIST 292 Honors Credit in History (1 credit)

An independent study course designed primarily for Honors Program students. This course allows more in-depth or comprehensive study or research by certain students concurrently enrolled in at least one other history course. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

HIST 301 Historiography (3 credits)

This course is a basic introduction to the history of history and the philosophy of history. This course should be taken as soon as possible after a student declares a history major.

HIST 311: World at War and Crisis, 1910-1945 (3 credits)

In the first half of the twentieth century, two world wars and the Great Depression revealed the negative effects of the Industrial Revolution and European, US, and Japanese imperialism and competition. Through books and films from the time period, students in this course will examine world history, politics and culture, going beyond the borders and the conflicts of Europe and the U.S. to investigate Latin America, Africa, and Asia.

HIST 314 Modern Latin America (3 credits)

This course covers the history of Latin America since Independence, with an emphasis on the problems of reform and revolution, the socioeconomic challenges of globalization, and the cultural ferment of the the region.

HIST 315 (G) Mexico and Central America (3 credits)

This course surveys the history of Mexico and Central America. It will focus on Amerindian societies before conquest by Spain and other European powers. It will examine the creation of "New Spain," a colonial world neither Spanish nor Amerindian, but a combination of both. For modern times, beginning with independence in the early 19th century, the course will focus upon the successes and failures of modernization in Mexico and Central America.

HIST 321 U.S.-Latin American Relations (3 credits)

This course covers the history of the relations between Latin America and the United States, addressing the development and execution of U.S. foreign policy in the region, Latin American cooperation with and resistance to the U.S. and the socioeconomic challenges of globalization, and the cultural ferment of the region.

HIST 322 Development in the Post-Colonial World (3 credits)

This course explores issues of economic development and nation-building in Africa, Latin America, and Asia, focusing primarily on the mid- to late-twentieth century. Topics covered include theories of modernization and underdevelopment, the legacy of the colonial experience and decolonization, and case studies of developments strategies and their consequences.

HIST 325 Africa Since 1800 (3 credits)

This course explores the history of concepts of race and their consequences in the Americas and West Africa between the 25th and the 21st Centuries.

HIST 326 Slavery, Race, and Gender in the Atlantic World (3 credits)

This course will examine comparatively Atlantic slavery and the slave trade, with particular emphasis on Latin America and the Caribbean. Topics will include the origin and functioning of the Atlantic slave trade, slave life, work, family, community, religion, resistance, and abolition.

HIST 328: History of Cuba (3 credits)

This course examines the history of Cuba, from pre-colonial times to today, with a special emphasis on the institution of slavery, the sugar business, the struggle for Independence from Spain, economic and political relations with the US, the Revolution, and the Castro regime.

HIST 331 U.S. Since 1945 (3 credits)

A broad look at American social, cultural, and political history in a crucial modern period.

HIST 350 The Vietnam Wars, 1945-1975 (3 credits)

This course examines the experience of Vietnamese and American women and men as they endured the Vietnam War. Critical examination of the Cold War, Colonialism, and Independence movements, and the experience of soldiers will be expected. The course makes extensive use of primary and secondary sources.

HIST 351 (G) The Origins of Islamic Civilization (3 credits)

This course will examine the origins of Islamic civilization and the beginnings of some of its key traditions. Topics will include pre-Islamic Arabia, Muhammed as a religious and political leader, Islamic law, sufism (Islamic mysticism), popular piety in the Islamic world, and Muslim social organization.

HIST 352 American Revolution and the Early Republic, 1763-1816 (3 credits)

This course covers the years from 1763-1816, the beginnings of the American Revolution through the War of 1812. It focuses on the intellectual, social, economic and political developments that brought about the American colonies break from Britain, the founding of the republic, and the launching of the republican experiment. Prerequisite: HIST 221 or consent of instructor.

HIST 354 Growing Up In America (3 credits)

This course is a history of children and youth in America from colonial times to the present. It looks across time at the role of the family, the school, and the state in relation to children.

HIST 355 Growth of U.S. Foreign Policy (3 credits)

This course surveys American diplomatic history and the development of America's foreign policy with emphasis on the factors influencing those policies and their impact on the development of the United States.

HIST 356 Civil War and Reconstruction (3 credits)

This course will study events leading up to the United States Civil War, the impact of the war itself, and its aftermath. Special attention will be paid to issues of race, territorial expansion, the law, and economic development.

HIST 359 (D, R) African-American History: Civil War to the Present (3 credits)

This course examines the experience of African American women and men from the Civil War to the present by focusing briefly on the slave experience and emancipation with a more intensive focus on Reconstruction, the era of Jim Crow, and the Civil Rights Movement. The course will feature the use of primary documents and use as its interpretative framework the concept of struggle.

HIST 360 (D) American Women's History (3 credits)

This course surveys American women's history from the colonial era through the modern era. The course will focus on the evolution of women's roles within American society and women's contributions to the development of American society. The texts used cover the stories of women from various ethnic, social, and economic backgrounds.

HIST 362 The Making of Modern America, 1890-1920 (3 credits)

This course will focus on the thirty crucial years from 1890 to 1920 when the United States began to come to terms with itself as an urban, industrial nation and a world power. Prerequisite: HIST 222 or consent of instructor.

HIST 363 A History of Social Welfare in the United States (3 credits)

This course focuses on the situation of vulnerable people and American society's response to them from colonial times to the present, considering both the state and private response to those in need.

HIST 364 Immigration and Ethnicity in U.S. History (3 credits)

This course provides a broad historical survey of the process of migration and its impact on U.S. social, political, and cultural development. Prerequisite: HIST 222 or consent of instructor.

HIST 365 Roman Civilization (3 credits)

This class will discuss the origins, development, and decline of Roman civilization.

HIST 370 History of Capitalism (3 credits)

This course will chart the development of capitalism from Adam Smith to the Global Economy of our own time.

HIST 371 (D, E) History of the American West (3 credits)

This is a course about Indians and Mountain Men, Cowboys and Outlaws, Farmers and Pioneer Mormons. The course attempts to develop an understanding of the important cultures and personalities of the West. It will also study the physical environment, mythology, fiction and history of the West. Prerequisite: HIST 221 or 222 or consent of instructor.

HIST 375 The Middle Ages and the Renaissance (3 credits)

This course will examine the political institutions, the economy, the art, and the society of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance.

HIST 377 Modern Germany (3 credits)

A history of Germany from 1815 to the present. Major topics will include the impact of the Napoleonic invasion, German nationalism, the revolution of 1848, unification, the first and second world wars, the Nazi movement, and contemporary Germany.

HIST 378 The U.S., 1920-1945 (3 credits)

This course is designed to give the student a concentrated study of a crucial period in American history, 1920 through World War II. Emphasis will be placed on the political, economic, and social issues of the time. Prerequisite: HIST 222 or consent of instructor.

HIST 380 The Examined Life: American History through Autobiography (3 credits)

The Examined Life is a study of the intellectual history of the United States from colonial times to the twentieth century through the medium of autobiography. Prerequisite: HIST 222 or consent of instructor.

HIST 381 History of Russia I (3 credits)

This course surveys Russian civilization from earliest beginnings to the 19th century.

HIST 382 History of Russia II (3 credits)

This course surveys Russian civilization from the 19th century to the present.

HIST 383 History of England I (3 credits)

This course surveys British civilization from the beginning to the 18th century.

HIST 384 History of England II (3 credits)

This course surveys British civilization since the 18th century.

HIST 387 Pro-Seminar (3 credits)

This course is designed to provide reading and discussion of selected topics not covered in the regular curriculum and an introduction to research techniques. Prerequisite: consent of instructor. Must be taken the term before senior seminar.

HIST 395 Minnesota History (3 credits)

This course surveys the social, economic, and political development of Minnesota.

HIST 486 Advanced Special Topics in History (1-4 credits)**HIST 487 (M) Senior Seminar – Capstone Course (3 credits)**

In this capstone course, topics are considered through reading, discussion, and primary research. This course will include a paper based on primary resources. Prerequisites: HIST 387 and consent of instructor.

HIST 494 Individual Study in History (1-4 credits)

Prerequisite: consent of instructor. Student must propose topic and offer a preliminary bibliography.