HSTA - History-American

HSTA 101IH  American History I: 4 Credits (3 Lec, 1 Other)
An examination of the colonial world of the Americas and the development of the United States as a nation.

HSTA 102IH  American History II: 4 Credits (3 Lec, 1 Other)
An examination of the United States after the Civil War through the 20th Century.

HSTA 160D  Introduction to the American West: 4 Credits (3 Lec, 1 Other)
Introduction to the American West examines the conquest, settlement, and development west of the Mississippi River.

HSTA 220IH  Shaping of America: History of American Religion: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
In 1630, John Winthrop warned the Puritan community who was about to embark from the Arabella that the city they were going to found should be as a “city on a hill,” a beacon of godliness to the world. This course focuses on American religious life from Winthrop forward, looking at how religion has shaped American politics and society from the fifteenth century to the present.

HSTA 291  Special Topics: 1-4 Credits (1-4 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: None required but some may be determined necessary by each offering department. Course not required in any curriculum for which there is a particular one-time need, or given on a trial basis to determine acceptability and demand before requesting a regular course number.
Repeatable up to 12 credits.

HSTA 298  American History Internship: 1-12 Credits (1-12 Other)
PREREQUISITE: Consent of instructor, and approval of department head. An individualized assignment arranged with an agency, business, or other organization to provide guided experience in the field.
Repeatable up to 12 credits.

HSTA 311  Early America: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITES: HSTA 101IH or HSTA 102IH
The development of the British American colonies and the establishment of the U.S. before 1800. Topics include pre-Columbian Native Americans, the European invasion and settlement of America, the social, economic, and political evolution of the colonies, the American Revolution, and the establishment of the new nation.

HSTA 315  The Age of Jefferson and Jackson: The Early American Republic: 3 Credits (3 Other)
PREREQUISITES: HSTA 101IH or HSTA 102IH. The political, social, and economic history of the United States during its formative years. Topics include the emergence of national political parties and democratic politics, westward expansion, economic and social development, slavery, Indian removal and social reform.

HSTA 316  American Civil War Era: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: HSTA 101IH or HSTA 102IH. Political, economic, and social developments leading to sectional division breakdown of political accommodations, Civil War, and Reconstruction.

HSTA 320  Birth of Modern US: 1865-1945: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: HSTA 101IH or HSTA 102IH or consent of instructor. The modern US was born in the fiery crucible of these pivotal decades, shaped by the resurgent racism of Reconstruction, the wrenching dislocation of rapid industrialization and technological change, the rise of big cities and big business, and the catastrophic economic collapse of the Great Depression that gave rise to the New Deal order that would define the nation for decades to come.

HSTA 322  Am History: WWII to Present: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITES: HSTA 101IH or HSTA 102IH
Political, cultural, and economic history of the U.S. since the end of WWII.

HSTA 334  American Myth, Memory and Monuments: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: WRIT 101. Investigate how American public monuments create and reinforce historical narratives.

HSTA 402  Sex and Sexuality in America: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: HSTA 101IH or HSTA 102IH or AMST 101D.
This course explores how definitions of sex and sexuality have changed in the United States from the sixteenth-century to the present. In the course, students will come to understand sexuality and sex as historically constructed and will investigate the importance of these topics to American politics and culture. Students will also examine how societies have tried to govern sexuality and the constant challenge that individuals have offered to sexual regulation. Topics will include: prostitution, birth control, abortion, homosexuality, the development of transsexual identity, and women’s liberation movements.

HSTA 406  McCarthy, Populism and Fear in US Politics: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: HSTA 101IH or HSTA 102IH. An analysis of the ways the Truman and Eisenhower administrations dealt with anti-communism, with a focus on McCarthyism.

HSTA 407  Gender in US & Canadian West: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: HSTA 101IH or HSTA 102IH or HSTA 160D or AMST 101D. Exploring the US and Canadian West in the light of gender.
Focuses on topics of race and ethnicity, families and intimacy, politics and the law, paid and unpaid work, and art and culture.

HSTA 408  Gender in America: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: HSTA 101IH or HSTA 102IH or HSTA 160D or AMST 101D. History of women in America from colonial times to the present.
Analysis of gender relations, the family, the struggle by women to achieve civil rights and social reform, the problems of working women, and the rise of feminism.

HSTA 409  Food in America: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: HSTA 101IH or HSTA 102IH or HSTA 160D or AMST 101D. An examination of the history of the production, consumption, and cultural meaning of food in America. In this class, food functions as the gateway to examine issues of labor, gender, race, and class in America from the colonial period to the present.

HSTA 412IH  American Thought and Culture: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: HSTA 101IH or HSTA 102IH or HSTA 160D or AMST 101D. The fundamental purpose of this course is to show the interconnectedness of science, philosophy, literature, and religion in shaping the American intellectual tradition from the Puritan founding to the present.

HSTA 416  Race and Class in America: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: HSTA 101IH or HSTA 102IH or HSTA 160D or AMST 101D. Race in the history of the U.S. from early European and Native American contact until the present. Considers issues of racism, race relations, slavery, African-American culture, jazz, the modern Civil Rights movement, and current policy and racial questions.

HSTA 450  History of American Indians: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: HSTA 101IH or HSTA 102IH. Indian affairs in America from 1600-1970. Emphasis on white reaction to the American Indians and the effect of the European invasion on Indian culture.

HSTA 460  Montana and the West: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: HSTA 101IH or HSTA 102IH or HSTA 160D. A survey of how the region that became the territory and then the state of Montana developed. Focuses on the social, economic, cultural, military, and political patterns that connect Montana with the rest of the American West.
HSTA 464 History of the American West: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: HSTA 101IH or HSTA 102IH or consent of the instructor. (Sp) Exploration of major themes in the development of the American West, such as conquest and settlement, economic development, racial and ethnic diversity, urbanization, and popular culture

HSTA 468 History of Yellowstone: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: HSTA 101IH or HSTA 102IH. Historical analysis of changing perceptions of nature on development of Yellowstone and of the Park’s place in the context of a modernizing American nation

HSTA 470 American Environmental History: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: HSTA 101IH or HSTA 102IH. Survey of changing perceptions and uses of the natural world from the colonial era to the present

HSTA 482 Technology and the Fate of Humanity: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
From the earliest stone tools to electricity, nuclear weapons, and the modern smart phone, technologies have repeatedly transformed the very nature of what it means to be “human.” Using case studies from the United States and around the globe, this course reveals how key technologies have shaped history while also grappling with a profoundly important question: Can we learn to control the technologies that increasingly threaten our future existence?

HSTA 490R Undergraduate Research: 1-6 Credits (1 Other)
PREREQUISITE: Consent of instructor and approval of department head. (F, Sp, Su) Course will address responsible conduct of research. Directed research on an individual basis Repeatable up to 12 credits.

HSTA 491 Special Topics: 1-4 Credits (1-4 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: Course prerequisites as determined for each offering. Courses not required in any curriculum for which there is a particular one-time need, or given on a trial basis to determine acceptability and demand before requesting a regular course number Repeatable up to 12 credits.

HSTA 492 Independent Study: 1-4 Credits (1-4 Other)
PREREQUISITE: Consent of instructor and approval of department head. (F, Sp, Su) Directed research and study on an individual basis Repeatable up to 6 credits.

HSTA 498 Internship: 1-12 Credits (1-12 Other)
PREREQUISITE: Consent of instructor, consent of internship supervisor, and approval of department head. An individualized assignment arranged with an agency, business, or other organization to provide guided experience in the field Repeatable up to 12 credits.

HSTA 591 Special Topics: 1-4 Credits (1-4 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: Course prerequisites as determined for each offering. Courses not required in any curriculum for which there is a particular one-time need, or given on a trial basis to determine acceptability and demand before requesting a regular course number Repeatable up to 12 credits.