HSTR - History-World

HSTR 101IH. Western Civilization I. 4 Credits. (3 Lec, 1 Rec) ES, Su
Survey of the ancient Near East, Greece, Rome, and the European world through 1600. Emphasis on social, economic, and cultural history.

HSTR 102IH. Western Civilization II. 4 Credits. (3 Lec)
This course explores the political, social, and cultural transformation of Europe from the absolute monarchies of the 1600s through the birth of the European Union. Possible topics include overseas trade, revolutions, cityscapes, class and gender identities, environmental transformations, and/or the memory of war. Introduces students to historical methods for analyzing primary sources such as architectural plans, maps, paintings, photographs, music, diaries, political treaties, and propaganda films.

HSTR 105IH. Making Our World-Ten Events. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
This course identifies the ten most important events in world history by exploring the role of the past in creating today's world.

HSTR 130D. Latin American History. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
The history of Latin America, and the Caribbean from the Pre-Columbian period to the present, with emphasis focused on the origins and legacies of colonialism and imperialism.

HSTR 135D. The Modern Middle East. 4 Credits. (3 Lec)
This introductory course examines the Middle East from the early twentieth century until the present day. Beginning with the Ottoman and Safavid empires, this course explores a variety of themes relating to the region and its place in the world.

HSTR 140D. Modern Asia. 4 Credits. (3 Lec)
Explores the legacies of imperialism, war, and revolution in the rise of modern East Asia, primarily Japan and China.

HSTR 145D. Reinventing Japan. 4 Credits. (3 Lec)
Explores the political and cultural development of Japan from earliest time to the present. Special attention will be given to Japanese relations with Asia and the West.

HSTR 160D. Modern World History. 4 Credits. (3 Lec)
Introduction to themes important for understanding the world historical roots of conflict through an examination of religion and belief, social and cultural identities and differences, politics, and global interconnections.

HSTR 205CS. The World Environment. 3 Credits. (3 Lec)
Examines the history, science, and ethics of risk, focusing on the complex relationship of science, technology, and risk in modern age. Includes exploration of knowledge production in science and technology; case studies such as industrial health and safety, the atomic age, ‘natural’ disasters, and global warming to understand how risk has been defined, perceived, and remedied; and team research projects on such topics as automobile safety, earthquakes, and mass disasters.

HSTR 207CS. Sci and Tech in World History. 3 Credits. (3 Lec)
Surveys the role of science and technology in relation to social, political, and economic change in global history. Special attention is given to the historical development of scientific and technological knowledge, the ways different societies have linked ideas of progress and science and how history can provide valuable perspective to contemporary debates over potentially revolutionary scientific and technological practices.

HSTR 208RH. Sci,Envir,Tech,Soc: Common Exp. 3 Credits. (3 Sem)
Science and technology have become pervasive instigators of social change. This course aims to understand the nature, causes, and consequences of the growth of science and technology from a humanistic perspective, including recent advances in stem-cell research, the human genome, atomic energy and weapons, and space technology. We will explore the immense social, cultural, political, and economic consequences of these advances and how they have affected our relationship to the natural world.

HSTR 210IH. History of the Bible. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
Alternate Odd Years This course explores the history of the peoples, places, ideas, and texts that combined over hundreds of years to produce the Bible as a single book, and examines the influence of this book on the development of western thought and culture.

HSTR 282CS. Darwinian Revolution. 3 Credits. (3 Lec)
Covers the history, philosophy, and our current understanding of the biological sciences, focusing especially on the theory of evolution. Explores Darwin’s ideas, the manner in which he came to them, his argument’s explanatory power, and the diverse ramifications of evolutionary theory, including the modern debates in science and religion, stem cell research, cloning, sociobiology, and other tricky contemporary issues.

HSTR 291. Special Topics. 1-4 Credits. (1-4 Lec, 12 cr max) 
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.

HSTR 298. World History Internship. 1-12 Credits. (1-12 Int, 12 cr max) On Demand 
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.

HSTR 302. Ancient Greece. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) 
PREREQUISITE: HSTR 101IH or HSTR 102IH. Origins to Alexander the Great with special attention to life in classical Athens. Emphasis on reading ancient sources in translation.

HSTR 304. Ancient Rome. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) 
PREREQUISITE: HSTR 101IH or HSTR 102IH. From the foundations of the city to the fall of the empire, with special attention to social and military history. Emphasis on reading ancient sources in translation.

HSTR 308. Ancient Egypt. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) 
PREREQUISITE: HSTR 101IH or HSTR 102IH or HSTR 160D. Survey of ancient Egyptian history, religion, and society from its earliest origins as a unified kingdom in the mid-third millennium BC through the Greek conquest of Egypt by Alexander the Great in 332 BC.

HSTR 322. 19th Century Europe. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) 
PREREQUISITE: HSTR 101IH or HSTR 102IH. A comparative and transnational approach to the history of modern Europe from the French Revolution to the First World War.

HSTR 324. 20th Century Europe. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) 
PREREQUISITE: HSTR 101IH or HSTR 102IH. Events and forces in 20th century Europe from World War I to the present. The rise of fascism, communism, and the interwar crisis along with post-World War II developments.

HSTR 330. History of Mexico. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) 
PREREQUISITE: HSTR 101IH, HSTR 102IH or HSTR 130D. This course examines the historical processes that resulted in the creation of Modern Mexico.

HSTR 331. Archaeology, Exploration, and Religion. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
Alternate Even Years PREREQUISITE: Any RLST or HSTR course or consent of the instructor. This course will utilize archaeology and archaeological method and theory as a means to study the history and development of the peoples, places, writings, and religious beliefs of the ancient Near Eastern world.

HSTR 340. Age of the Shoguns. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) 
PREREQUISITE: HSTR 140D or HSTR 145D. Explores the political, cultural, and diplomatic issues involved in the development of the Tokugawa state and the emergence of modern Japanese identity.

HSTR 342. Japan’s Meiji Revolution. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) 
PREREQUISITE: HSTR 140D or HSTR 145D. Investigates the revolutionary changes that Japan underwent between the 1870’s and 1910 and the emergence of modern Japanese nationalism.

HSTR 345. Modern China. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) 
PREREQUISITE: Any 100-level HSTR, HSTA, or AMST course; 100-level PHEL or RLST Course; 100/200 level CHIN course, or 300-level JPNS course or consent of instructor. Social, political, and economic history of the People’s Republic of China.

HSTR 346. Modern India. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) 
PREREQUISITE: HSTR 160D, HSTR 102IH or HSTR 140D. Social, economic, political, and intellectual history of India during the 19th and 20th centuries. 202070.

HSTR 350. Modern Britain. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) 
PREREQUISITE: HSTR 102IH. The emergence and fall of Britain as a world power. Topics of study may include industrialization, the slow emergence of democracy in Britain, the role of the family in Victorian Britain, and the impact of the empire within Britain.

HSTR 353. Modern France. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) 
A survey of French history from 1750 to the present, focusing on revolutions, the emergence of modern French culture, dynamics between Paris and provincial France, and the experience of war.

HSTR 359. Russia to 1917. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) 
PREREQUISITE: Any HSTR course or junior standing, or consent of instructor. Examines the emergence and development of the Russian Empire with a focus upon the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.
HSTR 362. Modern Germany. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: HSTR 101IH or HSTR 102IH. An in-depth look at the economic, social, and political developments of modern Germany.

HSTR 366. Middle East/20th Century. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) On Demand PREREQUISITE: Any HSTR course, junior standing, or consent of instructor. Investigates major diplomatic, economic, cultural and religious themes from the Middle East in the 20th century. Students will choose topics and countries of interest for specific, instructor-guided research.

HSTR 372. The World at War. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F, alternate years, to be offered even years. PREREQUISITE: HSTR 101IH, or HSTR 102IH, or HSTA 101IH, or HSTA 102IH, or HSTA 160D. The First or Second World War examined through political, military, technological, and social history, in the contexts of the early decades of the 20th century and consequences up to the present.

HSTR 375. Eurasian Borderlands. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) Alternate years to be offered even years. PREREQUISITE: Any HSTR course, or junior standing, or consent of instructor. Provides a comparative and thematic approach to a series of issues related to the theme of cross-cultural contact. Draws on scholarly literature pertaining to the Balkans, the Middle East, and the former Soviet Union to examine imperialism, national and religious identity, human mobility, and genocide.

HSTR 376. Twentieth Century War. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) Why was the 20th century the most violent period in human history? In this course, we will examine the fascinating causes and histories of the great military conflicts in the Pacific and Europe, including WWII and WWII and ending with the American war in Vietnam.

HSTR 407. Soviet Union: Rise & Fall. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: Any HSTR course, or junior standing, or consent of instructor. This course examines the history of the USSR and its successor states in Europe and Asia. Beginning with the late imperial era, it examines the major political, cultural, and social developments taking place in the region to the present day.

HSTR 415. Gender and Technology. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: Any 100-level HSTR, HSTA, or AMST course or consent of instructor. This class explores the relationship between gender and technology in comparative cultural, social, and historical perspective.

HSTR 416. Global History of Food. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S PREREQUISITE: Any course in U.S. or World History or consent of instructor. In this course food functions as a gateway to examine issues of trade, globalization, labor systems, ways of knowing, imperial encounters, and the development, transmission, and transformation of various world cuisines.

HSTR 417. Early Modern Science. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: HSTA 101IH, HSTR 101IH, HSTR 102IH, or HSTR 282CS. Topics of study may include the relationships between religion and science, science and gender, and technological change and the structure of society.

HSTR 419. Modern Science. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: HSTR 102IH, or HSTA 102IH. The emergence of modern science in Europe and America from the Scientific Revolution to the Atomic Age. Special emphasis will be given to the cultural, political, and economic rise of science and technology within society.

HSTR 423. European Intellectual History. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: HSTR 101IH or HSTR 102IH. The ideologies and major thinkers who have influenced European history from the French Revolution to the present day.

HSTR 425. Mapping the World. 3 Credits. (3 Sem) Other PREREQUISITE: HSTR 101IH or HSTR 102IH. This course explores the role of map-making in global history from the 1600’s through the present. Class discussions will focus on the role of cartographic images in modern state formation, maritime exploration, nation building, colonial conquest, and urban social geography.

HSTR 430. Latin Amer Social History. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: Junior standing or consent of instructor. Introduces students to field of social history through case studies of social movements in Latin America. Case studies may include the Mexican Revolution, resistance to military dictatorship in Brazil, indigenous movements in the Andes, and environmental justice movements in the circum-Caribbean.

HSTR 431. Race in Latin America. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: HSTR 130D, HSTA 101IH or HSTA 102IH. This course explores the history of race relations in Latin America, focusing on the traditional links between ‘race’ and power. Topics may include examinations of Indigenous, African, and European cultures/ethnicities, from the Conquest to the present day.

HSTR 432. Colonial Latin America. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F Alternate Odd Years PREREQUISITE: Junior standing or consent of instructor. This seminar-style course examines the colonial period in Latin America, with special attention to cross-cultural contact and conflict, religion, and social hierarchies of race and gender.

HSTR 433. Latin American Perspectives. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S This course approaches historical developments, literature, and construction of identity in twentieth-century Latin America. Taught in English with Spanish reading/writing option. Focus will vary by instructor. Cross-listed with SPNS 430, however, SPNS has a language component that HSTR does not contain as an assessment outcome.

HSTR 434. Gender in Latin America. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: HSTR 130D. An exploration of the ways in which transformations in the historical construction of gender and sexuality shaped and were shaped by broader processes of socioeconomic, political, and cultural change in Latin American history.

HSTR 435. Latin America: Human Rights. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: Junior standing or consent of instructor. Seeks deeper understanding of phenomenon of violence in modern world and development of international human rights norms by examining case studies from Latin America. Topics may include military dictatorships, revolutions, foreign interventions, drug cartels, and street gangs.

HSTR 436. Armed Conflict for Modern Latin America. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: HSTR 130D or HSTR 102IH or consent of instructor. Considers the roots and outcomes of different armed conflicts in modern Latin America, including foreign intervention, revolutionary conflict, state violence, and extralegal violence.

HSTR 438. Latin American Nature in History and Culture. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S Alternate Even Years Examines Latin American history and culture through the intersection of human and natural worlds from Pre Columbian times to the present day. Topics will include: the globalization of biota and the making of modern Latin American societies; various human constructions of nature and their real-world implications; how the region’s environmental diversity has shaped human societies; and nature’s role in shaping Latin American identities and cultures.

HSTR 443. Gender in Asia. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: Any 100-level HSTR, HSTA or AMST course or 100-level PHL or RLST course or 100- or 200-level CHIN course or 100- or 300-level JPNS course or WS 401 or consent of instructor. Explores the ways in which constructions of gender in China, Japan, and Korea shaped and were shaped by broad social, political, and cultural factors, from the pre-modern period to the present.

HSTR 445. Environ, Health & Sci in Japan. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: HSTR 140D or HSTR 145D. Investigates the complex relationship between the Japanese and the natural world, including the history of disease and medicine.

HSTR 446. Science and Medicine in China. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: HSTR 140D or HSTR 145D or consent of instructor. An exploration of the transformations of medicine, technology, and natural knowledge in imperial and modern China.

HSTR 447. History of Mountaineering. 3 Credits. (3 Sem) PREREQUISITES: Any 100 or 200-level HSTA or HSTR course. This course will focus on the dynamic relationship between the advance of science and the exploration, conception, and use of the world’s mountains. Environmental history will form a major component of the course.

HSTR 468. From Empire to Republic. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: Any HSTR course or junior standing or consent of instructor. This course looks systematically at the transitions taking place from an imperial world to that of a post-imperial one. What are the qualities of empire, and how do they differ from those of a republic? What, if anything, can we learn today from imperial approaches to managing diverse populations?
HSTR 474. Foundations of Public Histor. 3 Credits. (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: Junior and Senior level standing and any 100-level HSTR, HSTA, or AMST course, or consent of instructor. This course introduces students to the world of non-academic historical careers such as in museums, archives, and historical parks. Students will learn the theory and practice of public history, historical interpretation for diverse audiences and agencies, and methodologies that support collaborative, creative historical approaches. Class combines readings and discussion, interaction with practicing professionals, and participation in public history projects. This course introduces students to the world of non-academic historical careers such as in museums, archives, and historical parks. Students will learn the theory and practice of public history, historical interpretation for diverse audiences and agencies, and methodologies that support collaborative, creative historical approaches. Class combines readings and discussion, interaction with practicing professionals, and participation in public history projects.

HSTR 482. Animal Histories. 3 Credits. (3 Lec)
What is technology and how has it shaped the history of the United States and the broader globe? Does technology drive history? What are the sources of technological innovation and to what degree do humans guide and direct these? What is the relationship technology and nature? Between technology and power?

HSTR 483. Africa: Colonial Through Modern Era. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
PREREQUISITES: Junior and Senior level standing and/or successful completion of HSTR 102. This course addresses the history of Africa beginning in the late fifteenth century through the period of high colonialism in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries to the era of decolonization and its aftermath in the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. The course is designed to explore the themes of early Euro-African communities, Atlantic slavery, dominant tribal groupings and ethnicity, colonial economy, European conquest, indigenous resistance to European invasion, the European “Scramble,” African nationalism, gender, education, independence, post-colonial chaos, genocide, and the re-emergence of militant Islam.

HSTR 484. World Environmental History. 3 Credits. (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: Any 100- or 200-level HSTR course. This course examines the intersection of the natural world with major themes in world history. Topics may include diseases, agriculture, pollution, and environmentalism in global context.

HSTR 486. Museum History. 3 Credits. (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: History major (any concentration) or Museum studies minor and Any 100 or 200-level HSTA or HSTR course. An examination of the development of American museums and their relationship to other exhibitionary forms including wild west shows and world’s fairs. The course also introduces students to theoretical arguments about the nature and function of cultural representations.

HSTR 490R. Undergraduate Research. 1-6 Credits. (1-6 Ind) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: Consent of instructor and consent of department head. Course will address responsible conduct of research. Directed research on an individual basis.

HSTR 491. Special Topics. 1-4 Credits. (1-4 Lec; max unlimited)
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.

HSTR 492. Independent Study. 1-4 Credits. (1-4 Ind; 6 cr max) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: Consent of instructor, and approval of department head. Directed research and study on an individual basis.

HSTR 498. Internship. 1-12 Credits. (1-12 Ind; 12 cr max) On Demand
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.

HSTR 499R. Sen Capstone: Hist Methodology. 3 Credits. (3 Sem)
PREREQUISITE: Senior standing and consent of instructor. Must register in History Department Office. History majors practice sound research and writing methods, using appropriate bibliographical tools and in light of contemporary historiography.