HSTR - History-World

HSTR 101IH. Western Civilization I. 4 Credits. (3 Lec) F,S,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) F,S
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 130D. Latin American History. 4 Credits. (3 Lec, 1 Lab) S
The history of Latin America from the Pre-Columbian period to the present day, focused primarily on the period since Independence in the 1820s. The course examines the origins and legacies of economic and political inequalities both within Latin America and the “first world”, with attention to questions of class, race, ethnicity, and gender.

HSTR 135D. The Modern Middle East. 4 Credits. (3 Lec) F
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) S
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) F,Su
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) F
Introduction to themes important for understanding the world in the 20th century through an examination of commodities from 1000-present: world systems, global interconnections, identity and difference, the rise of mass society, technology, and the environment.

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 maquiladoras.

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,Environ,Tech,Soc: Common Exp. 3 Credits. (3 Sem) S
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 232D. Religion in Latin America. 3 Credits. (Sem)
-- This course examines the history of religion in Latin America from pre-conquest times to the present.

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 102. 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 101 or HSTR 102. 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 322. 19th Century Europe. 3 Credits. (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: HSTR 101 or HSTR 102. 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 101 or HSTR 102. 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: Take one of the following: HSTA 101H, HSTA 102 or HSTR 130D. This course examines the historical processes that resulted in the creation of Modern Mexico.

HSTR 340. Age of the Shoguns. 3 Credits. (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: HSTR 160D 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 Long 19th Century. 3 Credits. (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: HSTR 140D or HSTR 145D. Investigates the revolutionary changes that Japan underwent between the 1770's and 1910 and the emergence of modern Japanese nationalism.

HSTR 345. Modern China. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
PREREQUISITE: HSTR 160, HSTR 102 or HSTR 140. Social, political, and economic history of the People’s Republic of China.

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

HSTR 350. Modern Britain. 3 Credits. (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: HSTR 160 or HSTR 102. 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)
PREREQUISITE: HSTR 160, HSTR 101IH or HSTR 102. 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: HSTR 101IH or HSTR 102. 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 102. 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: One of the following: HSTR 101IH, HSTR 102, HSTR 135D or PSCI 230. 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 every even years.
PREREQUISITE: HSTR 101IH, or HSTR 102, or HSTA 101, or HSTA 102, or HSTA 160. The First 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) F, alternate years, to be offered every even years.
PREREQUISITE: HSTR 101IH, or HSTR 102, or HSTR 135. 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 imperialist, national and religious identity, human mobility, and genocide.

HSTR 376. Twentieth Century War. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: HSTR 160, HSTA 101 or HSTA 102. This course examines the history of U.S. military activity in the Pacific Rim from the Philippine War to Vietnam, investigating the geopolitical, economic, social, and cultural factors that culminated in the nation’s longest war: Vietnam.

HSTR 407. Soviet Union: Rise & Fall. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F,S PREREQUISITE: HSTR 102, HSTR 359 and Junior standing. 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: HSTR 102 or HSTA 102 or consent of instructor. This class explores the relationship between gender and technology in comparative cultural, social, and historical perspective.

HSTR 417. Early Modern Science. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: HSTA 101, HSTR 101IH, HSTR 102, or HSTR 282. The Scientific Revolution in Europe. 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 102, or HSTA 102. 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 102. 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) S to be offered alternate odd years PREREQUISITE:HSTR 101IH or HSTR 201H or HSTA 101H. 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 Soc History. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: HSTR 130, HSTR 101 or HSTA 102. Social history of Latin America from colonial times to the present.

HSTR 431. Race in Latin America. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: HSTR 130, HSTA 101 or HSTA 102. 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 Sem) PREREQUISITE: HSTR 130 or consent of the instructor. This seminar-style course examines the colonial period in Latin America. Important themes include cross-cultural contact and conflict, the development of a colonial economy, religious and cultural change, institutional and political history, and the organization of colonial society.

HSTR 433. Latin American Perspectives. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S PREREQUISITE: HSTR 160, HSTR 102, HSTR 130 or consent of the instructor. 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.

HSTR 434. Gender in Latin America. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: Background in Latin American and/or Women’s Studies. 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) F,S Alternate Years, starting 2015 PREREQUISITE: ANY HSTA 1xx or HSTR 1xx course Seeks deeper understanding of phenomenon of violence in modern world by examining case studies from Latin America. Topics include military dictatorships, revolutions, foreign interventions, drug cartels, and street gangs.

HSTR 436. Armed Conflict Mod Lat Am. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: HSTR 130 or HSTR 102 and junior standing 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 443. Gender in Asia. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: HSTR 160, HSTR 101IH, HSTR 102, HSTR 140, or HSTR 145. Analysis of gender relations, the family, the struggle by women in Asia to achieve civil rights and social reform, the problems of working women and various alternatives to western feminism. Focus on the 19th and 20th centuries.

HSTR 444. Gender in Japan. 3 Credits. (3 Sem) PREREQUISITE: HSTR 140 or HSTR 145. Investigates the role of gender in Japanese history from ancient times to the present.

HSTR 445. Environ, Health & Sci in Japan. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: HSTR 140 or HSTR 145. 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 140 or HSTR 145 or consent of instructor. An exploration of the transformations of medicine, technology, and natural knowledge in imperial and modern China.

HSTR 467. History of Mountaineering. 3 Credits. (3 Sem) S PREREQUISITES: Any HSTA 1XX or HSTR 1XX. 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. The Making of Modern Turkey. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S, alternate years. PREREQUISITE: Lower division HSTR (non-US history) course or junior standing or consent of the instructor. This course focuses upon the major political, cultural, social, and economic developments taking place in the history of Turkey from its establishment in 1923 up to the present day. Of particular importance to this course is the question of what the study of Turkey’s modern history can teach us about the modern era more generally.

HSTR 482. Animal Histories. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: Junior standing or consent of instructor. An intensive and creative research experience, this course allows students to explore the multidisciplinary side of history by investigating the interrelationship of human and nonhuman animals in a historical setting.

HSTR 484. World Environmental History. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F,S alternate years. PREREQUISITE: Any lower division HSTR (non-American) 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) S alternate years, to be offered odd years. PREREQUISITE: Consent of instructor. 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 Ind) On Demand Max 12 cr. May be repeated. PREREQUISITE: Consent of instructor and consent of department head. Course may address responsible conduct of research. Directed research on an individual basis.

HSTR 491. Special Topics. 1-4 Credits. (1-4 Lec; 12 cr max) Max 12 cr. 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) F,S
PREREQUISITE: Senior standing and consent of instructor. Must register in
History Department Office. Senior capstone course. History majors practice sound
research and writing methods, using appropriate bibliographical tools and in light of
contemporary historiography.