

History

- HIST 101 History of Western Civilization I 3 credits**
Attributes: LA SS
This course is a study of the foundations and development of the history, ideas, and institutions of the Western world from ancient to early modern times. The Greco-Roman and Judeo-Christian heritages and the Renaissance and Reformation receive special attention. This course emphasizes reading, writing, and critical thinking. Please note: HIST 101 and 102 may be taken in either order.
Prerequisites: Placement in English 101 English Composition I or higher, or departmental approval
- HIST 102 History of Western Civilization II 3 credits**
Attributes: LA SS
This course deals with the development and problems of the Western world from early modern times. Emphasis is given to the development of nation states; the impact of wars, revolutions, and ideas; industrialization and modern science; and the development of political systems such as democracy and totalitarianism. This course emphasizes reading, writing, and critical thinking. Please note: HIST 101 and 102 may be taken in either order.
Prerequisites: Placement in English 101 English Composition I or higher, or departmental approval
- HIST 103 United States History I 3 credits**
Attributes: LA SS
This course traces the political, economic, social, and cultural development of what became the United States from its beginnings to the end of the Civil War. Particular attention is paid to the nature of Puritanism, the complex background to the American Revolution, the creation of the Federal and State Constitutions and their implementation, the growth of sectionalism, westward expansion, the nature of slavery, and the breakdown of the American political system resulting in the Civil War. This course emphasizes reading, writing, and critical thinking. Please note: HIST 103 and 104 may be taken in either order.
Prerequisites: Placement in English 101 English Composition I or higher, or departmental approval.
- HIST 104 United States History II 3 credits**
Attributes: LA SS
This course traces the political, economic, social, and cultural development of the United States since the Civil War. Emphasis is placed on the discord of the Reconstruction Era, the rise of industrialization, urbanization, and immigration, the development of American foreign policy, American reform movements as seen in Populism, Progressivism, and the New Deal, the course of the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement, the contemporary women's movement, the influence of technology on American life, and recent developments. This course emphasizes reading, writing, and critical thinking. Please note: HIST 103 and 104 may be taken in either order.
Prerequisites: Placement in English 101 English Composition I or higher, or departmental approval.
- HIST 107 The Origins of Civilization 3 credits**
Attributes: LA SS
This course focuses on the study of the origins and development of early civilizations in the Near East, Egypt, Europe, and the Americas. The period from the domestication of plants and animals to the establishment of large states and empires is covered.
Prerequisites: Placement in English 101 English Composition I or higher, or departmental approval
- HIST 108 World History I 3 credits**
Attributes: GL LA SS
This course is a study of the foundations and development of major world civilizations from the origins of human societies through the Post-Classical Era. Emphasis is given to ideas, institutions, political and economic systems, and cultures as they developed within societies and civilizations in the Near and Middle East, Africa, Central and East Asia, the Americas, and the Pacific Islands. There is a special focus on the development of religion and philosophy in early societies; cross-cultural interaction and trade; the emergence of urban life and empires; human and physical geography; and the development and exchange of science and technology.
Prerequisites: Placement in English 101 English Composition I or higher, or departmental approval
- HIST 109 World History II 3 credits**
Attributes: GL LA SS
This course is a study of modern world history from approximately 1450 to the present with a focus on the non-western world before European expansion; the ecological impact of globalization; the development of modern states and nations in Asia, Africa, the Near and Middle East, and the Americas; and economic and cultural contact and exchange between civilizations in the modern era. Special attention is given to the cultural, political, and economic interrelationship of these regions; local, regional, and global conflicts; imperialism and the struggle for independence; and global political systems.
Prerequisites: Placement in English 101 English Composition I or higher, or departmental approval.
- HIST 131 The United States Since 1945 3 credits**
Attributes: LA SS

This course surveys the political, economic, social, and cultural changes experienced by the United States from the end of the Second World War to the present.

Prerequisites: Placement in English 101 English Composition I or higher, or departmental approval.

HIST 140 Refugees, Immigrants, and Displaced People

3 credits

Attributes: GL LA SS

This course aims to provide both a theoretical orientation and the substantive information necessary to understand and analyze a range of immigration policy issues that confront us at the present. Particular attention will be paid to how transnational migration impacts the way we think of society, nation, family, and home. We will begin by examining the current debates surrounding immigration policy in the US. We will next explore why people choose to leave their homes and the history of immigration to better understand how the policies of immigration have developed over time. To that end, we will draw our case studies from China, Europe, the Middle East, and the Americas from the nineteenth century until the present. We will particularly look at the national security and human rights aspects of migration. The final section of the course will analyze a range of policy issues that confront US politics on immigration.

Prerequisites: Placement in English 101 English Composition I or higher, or departmental approval.

HIST 145 African American History I

3 credits

Attributes: LA SS

This course examines African American History from its West African origins to the end of Reconstruction. Special focus is placed on the Transatlantic slave trade, a comparative exploration of American slavery in the North and South, and an examination of such issues as the Black family and community, culture, and slave resistance. Other issues of note include the importance of Black participation in the American Revolution, the increased growth of slavery in the South after the war, free Blacks in urban cities who were impoverished and denied equal rights but influenced the culture, politics, and economics of the nation, the rise of abolitionism in the north, and how slavery's expansion to the west became the pivotal issue just before the Civil War. The course concludes with an examination of the Reconstruction period that shaped the freedom experiences of the newly freed. Please note: HIST 145 and 146 may be taken in either order.

Prerequisites: Placement in English 101 English Composition I or higher, or departmental approval.

HIST 251 American Labor History

3 credits

Attributes: LA SS

This course traces the changes in the nature of work and the experiences of workers in America from the colonial era to the present. This course reviews all types of American work and labor but concentrates on labor organizations. Extensive coverage is given to the following topics: work in pre-industrial society, conditions of labor in early industries, growth of labor associations and organizations in the 19th and 20th centuries, labor-management relations, and recent changes in the post-industrial economy. This course emphasizes reading, writing, and critical thinking.

Prerequisites: Placement in English 101 English Composition I or higher, or departmental approval.

HIST 400 Special Study in History

1 credit

Attributes: LA SS

This course involves independent work on a selected topic under the direction of members of the History and Government Department. Limited to two courses per student.

Prerequisite: approval of the Department Chair and Division Dean.