

HISTORY

Department Website (https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/artsandsciences/history/index.php/front-page/)

Studying history helps students learn to think critically, provides context to understand current events and fosters civic engagement. Along with equipping students with essential skills like writing, analysis and communication, studying history provides a foundation for academic and future career success. History students are well-informed citizens who go on to work in areas such as education, museums and archives, business, law and more.

The department offers the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major and minor. The major provides undergraduates with a high degree of flexibility. Students can choose among electives that interest them or declare an area of focus, such as public history. The Bachelor of Arts with Distinction track expands on the B.A. through additional learning and an exceptional research project. Students preparing for a career teaching secondary social science may complete the B.A. in History and the Master of Teaching (MT) program in just over five years.

Programs

- History Minor (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history/history-minor/>)
- History, B.A. (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history/history-ba/>)

Courses

HIST 101 - European Civilization from Ancient Times to the Mid-17th Century (3 Credits)

The rise and development of European civilization from its Mediterranean origins through the Renaissance and Reformation.

Carolina Core: GHS

HIST 102 - European Civilization from the Mid-17th Century (3 Credits)

European development and expansion from the mid-17th century to the present.

Carolina Core: GHS

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 103 - Introduction to South Asian History (3 Credits)

Political, cultural, and economic forces that have conditioned the development of institutions and ideas in South Asia.

Carolina Core: GHS

HIST 104 - Introduction to the Civilization of the Islamic Middle East (3 Credits)

An analysis which treats the major cultural elements of traditional Islamic civilization and then concentrates upon the reactions of the Arabs, Turks, and Iranians to the problems of adjusting to the modern world.

Carolina Core: GHS

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 105 - Introduction to East Asian Civilization (3 Credits)

The evolution of social, political, and cultural patterns in East Asia, with emphasis on the development of philosophical, religious, and political institutions and their relationship to literary and artistic forms in China and Japan.

Carolina Core: GHS

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 106 - Introduction to African History (3 Credits)

An examination of several traditional sub-Saharan African societies and of their political and economic transformation in the modern, colonial, and post-independence periods.

Carolina Core: GHS

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 107 - Introduction to Ancient Near Eastern Civilization (3 Credits)

The political, social, religious, economic, military, and intellectual development of Ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia, and adjoining areas from the origins of civilization until the seventh century A.D.

HIST 108 - Science and Technology in World History (3 Credits)

The development of science and technology and their roles in world civilizations from antiquity to the present.

Carolina Core: GHS, VSR

HIST 109 - Introduction to Latin American Civilization (3 Credits)

A discussion of the political, cultural, and economic forces which have conditioned the development of institutions and ideas in Spanish and Portuguese America.

Carolina Core: GHS

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 110 - Conquest, Colonization, and Captivity: A Cultural History of the Americas from 1441 to 1888 (3 Credits)

Comparative examination of conquest, colonization, and human captivity in the history, cultural values, and social ethics of European, African, and Indigenous civilizations in the Americas, 1441-1888.

Carolina Core: GHS, VSR

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy

HIST 111 - United States History to 1865 (3 Credits)

A general survey of the United States from the era of discovery to 1865, emphasizing major political, economic, social, and intellectual developments.

Carolina Core: GHS

Founding Documents: FND Founding Documents

HIST 112 - United States History since 1865 (3 Credits)

A general survey of the United States from 1865 to the present, emphasizing major political, economic, social, and intellectual developments. Honors sections are available for students in the honors program.

Carolina Core: GHS

HIST 201 - American Founding Documents (3 Credits)

Introduction to Declaration of independence, Constitution, Federalist Papers, Bill of Rights, landmark Supreme Court cases and constitutional amendments; exploration of these texts' historical context and debates about their meaning.

Carolina Core: GHS

Founding Documents: FND Founding Documents

HIST 209 - History of Magic (3 Credits)

History of magic as theory and practice from antiquity to modernity and beyond. Chronological, geographical, and thematic range stretches from ancient Mesopotamia, Greece, and Rome; to the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic worlds; to early modernity and the modern period in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas.

Cross-listed course: RELG 209

HIST 213 - History of the American West (3 Credits)

The history and development of an American region, "the West," through the narratives of its diverse people and the effects of its complex geography.

HIST 214 - The Practice of Public History (3 Credits)

Introduction to the field of public history. Explores the challenges of portraying history in museums, parks, and other public history venues.

Carolina Core: GHS

HIST 215 - History of the Devil (3 Credits)

A survey of the beliefs and practices associated with the demonic and the Devil from c 500 B.C.E. to the 20th century.

Cross-listed course: RELG 206

HIST 216 - History of Crime and Punishment (3 Credits)

An exploration of the evolution of global practices related to enforcing conformity with societal norms. Examines legal codes, philosophies, and technological devices associated with crime and punishment throughout history.

Cross-listed course: CRJU 216

HIST 217 - History of Sport (3 Credits)

An examination of sports from their origins in the military preparedness of the ancient world to the entertainment and recreation of modern society, including their interactions with race, class, gender, sexuality, nationalism, amateurism, and professionalism.

HIST 300 - Introduction to the History Major: The Historian's Craft (3 Credits)

The nature of historical evidence, the formulation of historical questions, the process of historical research, and the construction of historical arguments using primary sources and secondary materials.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Research

HIST 301 - The Ancient Near East to 323 B.C. (3 Credits)

The formation of ancient Near Eastern cultures, the ultimate synthesis of these cultures and the resulting establishment of the Near East as an historical entity.

HIST 302 - Greek History and Civilization to 146 B.C. (3 Credits)

The origins and development of Greek civilization in its political, economic, social, and cultural aspects with special attention being given to the early and late classical periods and the Hellenistic Age.

HIST 303 - Roman Republic and Early Empire (3 Credits)

The origins of Rome and shaping of its republican government, the spread of Roman rule in Italy and across the Mediterranean, the establishment of the principate and formation of one diverse imperial society and culture.

HIST 304 - Late Antiquity: Imperial Rome to Islam (3 Credits)

Political, social and religious transformation of the Mediterranean world, 2nd to the 8th century., including the rise of Christianity, the decline of Roman power, and the rise of Islam.

HIST 305 - Greece and Rome in Film and Popular Culture (3 Credits)

Representations of antiquity in cinema, television, and other contemporary media, with emphasis on Hollywood's reception of Greek and Roman history.

Cross-listed course: CLAS 305

HIST 306 - Medieval Europe, ca. 300-1492 (3 Credits)

Topics include the formation of monarchies, the rise of Christianity, learning and universities, knighthood and social orders, and heresy and crusades.

HIST 307 - Family and Society in Europe, c. 1200-1700 (3 Credits)

Explores the concerns and importance of families in pre-modern Europe. Topics include household furnishings and management, social classes, gender roles, family law, marriages, business, children, feuds, and sexuality.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 308 - Magic and Witchcraft in Europe, c. 1200-1700 (3 Credits)

Practices of, reactions against, and ideas surrounding magic and witchcraft during the late Middle Ages and the time of Europe's "Great Witch Craze".

HIST 309 - Age of Renaissance (3 Credits)

Social, cultural, and artistic movements in Italy and northern Europe from the Black Death (c. 1350) to religious reforms and revolutions (c. 1520).

HIST 310 - Age of the Reformation (3 Credits)

Religious, social, and political reforms from the rise of local religious protests (c. 1450) to the crisis of the 17th century. The rise of Protestantism and reactions in Catholicism.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Research

HIST 311 - The Age of Absolutism, 1648-1789 (3 Credits)

A survey of European political, economic, and intellectual development from the age of Louis XIV to the eve of the French Revolution.

HIST 312 - French Revolution and Napoleon (3 Credits)

The changes in France and Europe during the revolutionary decade, the rise of Napoleon, and the establishment of French hegemony over the Continent.

HIST 313 - The Enlightenment (3 Credits)

Intellectual and cultural history of the Enlightenment with particular attention to its relationship with the colonial world and its challenges to eighteenth-century states. Readings focused on primary sources.

HIST 314 - Video Games and History (3 Credits)

History in video games; comparison of selected games with historical scholarship, to assess the validity of the games' presentations of historical developments and the value of games to the understanding of history.

HIST 315 - Rise and Fall of the Athenian Empire (3 Credits)

Athenian History from Persian Wars through Peloponnesian War.

Cross-listed course: CLAS 370

HIST 316 - Nineteenth-Century Europe (3 Credits)

Political, social, economic, and intellectual developments from 1815-1900, which brought European culture to its zenith and contributed to Europe's global domination.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 317 - Contemporary Europe from World War I to World War II (3 Credits)

The Great War, revolution, and reconstruction; the rise of authoritarian and totalitarian regimes and the coming of World War II.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 318 - Europe from World War II to the Present (3 Credits)

The Second World War and its origins; the Cold War; European recovery; a divided continent and Europe in the Global Era.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 320 - The History of Great Britain I (3 Credits)

A survey of the political, social, economic, and cultural development of the British Isles from pre-history to the Restoration of 1660.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 321 - The History of Great Britain II (3 Credits)

A survey of the political, social, economic, and cultural development of the British Isles since 1660.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 323 - The British Empire (3 Credits)

Examination of the British Empire, tracing various historical themes as regions of world fell under British control, with particular attention to Ireland, India, and sub-Saharan Africa (especially South Africa) in the 17th Century-20th Century.

HIST 324 - Slavery and Freedom in the Ancient and Medieval World (3 Credits)

Exploration of varied forms of servitude in the ancient and medieval Mediterranean; examination of human bondage in the Hebrew Bible, ancient Greece, Roman society, late antique religious teachings, and medieval Christian and Islamic societies; study of ancient slavery in modern political debates, historians' writings, and television and film.

HIST 325 - Byzantine History: 4th to 11th Centuries (3 Credits)

The political, religious, and military developments within the Eastern Empire including its influence on Western and Slavonic Europe and Islam.

HIST 326 - Byzantine History: 11th to 15th Centuries (3 Credits)

The political and military developments within the Eastern Empire from the invasion of the Seljuk Turks to its final destruction by the Ottoman Turks.

HIST 327 - The Crusades (3 Credits)

Holy war and realpolitik in Mediterranean East-West relations from the 10th through the 15th centuries with emphasis on the role of the crusades in the cultural formation, development, and international relations of East and West.

HIST 328 - Nineteenth-Century Britain (3 Credits)

The political, economic, and social developments in Great Britain and Ireland during the Victorian Age.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 329 - Modern and Contemporary Britain (3 Credits)

The political, economic, and social developments in Great Britain and Ireland during the 20th century.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning, GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

HIST 331 - Black Experience in the United States to 1865 (3 Credits)

The social, cultural, economic, and political life of Black people in the United States to 1865.

Cross-listed course: AFAM 331

HIST 332 - Black Experience in the United States since 1865 (3 Credits)

The social, cultural, economic, and political life of black people in the United States since 1865.

Cross-listed course: AFAM 332

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy, GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

HIST 333 - France Since 1815 (3 Credits)

A political and social history from the Bourbon Restoration to the present.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 334 - The History of Russia from the Earliest Times to the Mid-19th Century (3 Credits)

The earliest life on the steppe, the Kievan State, the foundations of Moscow, and the Russian empire to the reign of Nicholas I.

HIST 335 - The History of Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (3 Credits)

The decline of Imperial Russia, the Revolution of 1917, Lenin, Stalin, and the Soviet Union since Stalin.

HIST 336 - Russian and Soviet Diplomatic History (3 Credits)

Imperial and Soviet foreign and military policies in the 19th and 20th centuries.

HIST 337 - Stalinism (3 Credits)

Political, economic, social, and cultural development of the USSR from the 1917 Bolshevik revolution until the end of Stalin's rule.

HIST 338 - Modern Germany (3 Credits)

A survey of German history including political, cultural, social, and economic developments from unification in 1871 to the present.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning, GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

HIST 342 - The Slavs in History (3 Credits)

An introductory survey of the civilization of the Slavic peoples. The historical traditions and culture of the peoples that occupy much of the Eurasian continent.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 343 - The Fall of the Eastern European Empires (3 Credits)

Nineteenth-century eastern European states and peoples; the political and social forces leading to World War I.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 344 - Eastern Europe Since WWI (3 Credits)

Survey of states in East-central and Southeastern Europe. Problems of national identity, modernization, and small state politics. Impact of WWII, the Cold war, the fall of communism, and the return to pluralism.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 347 - The Middle East in Modern Times (3 Credits)

The impact of modern civilization upon the Middle East, including the history of the Arab, Turkish, Iranian, and Israeli segments of the Middle East during the 19th and 20th centuries.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning, GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

HIST 348 - North Africa from Colonialism to Revolution: 1830-1962 (3 Credits)

A survey of French North Africa (Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia) and Libya under colonial rule. The creation, development, and triumph of the nationalist movements, with particular attention to Algeria and its revolution.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 349 - The Contemporary Middle East and North Africa (3 Credits)

Political, social, and economic history of the Middle East and North Africa in the years since World War II.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning, GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

HIST 350 - Saving Africa: Development and Humanitarianism in Historical Perspective (3 Credits)

Exploration of how and why Africa is often represented as helpless, the colonial origins of common patterns of development and humanitarianism, and other possible models for these processes.

HIST 351 - Africa to 1800 (3 Credits)

Social, cultural, economic, and political developments, focusing on internally and externally generated changes.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 352 - Africa since 1800 (3 Credits)

Commercial and religious revolutions of the 19th century, imposition and ending of formal colonial rule, and post-colonial issues.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 353 - Problems in the History of Africa South of the Sahara (3 Credits)

Independent readings and written papers on appropriate topics.

HIST 354 - Modern East Asia (3 Credits)

Surveys modern development of East Asia from 1800 to the present.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning, GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

HIST 355 - Late Imperial China (3 Credits)

Political, economic, social, and intellectual transformations of late imperial China from the Ming dynasty (1368-1644) through the last empire of China, the Qing dynasty (1644-1911).

HIST 356 - China Since 1949 (3 Credits)

Introduction to the major social, economic, and political changes in China from the Communist Revolution in 1949 to the present.

HIST 357 - Japan to 1800: Aristocrats and Warriors (3 Credits)

The growth of the ancient state and the evolution of the samurai class and its political authority.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 358 - Japan since 1800 (3 Credits)

The development of modern Japan: political evolution, industrial growth, social change, war, defeat, and occupation.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 359 - Cold War Korea (3 Credits)

Survey of the history of the Korean peninsula since 1945 in the context of the Cold War.

HIST 360 - Into the Wild: Global Conservation since 1800 (3 Credits)

Global and comparative environmental-historical investigation of the ecological, socioeconomic, and cultural significance of wilderness protection, nature conservation, national parks, and nature tourism; field excursions required.

HIST 361 - The Age of Alexander the Great (3 Credits)

In-depth study of the history, literature and culture of the Greek world era of Alexander the Great.

Cross-listed course: CLAS 372

HIST 362 - The Fall of the Roman Empire (3 Credits)

Historical, literary, and cultural study of the Roman Empire during its final years of dominance in the West.

Cross-listed course: CLAS 373

HIST 365 - East Africa and the Indian Ocean World (3 Credits)

East Africans' contributions to an Indian ocean World that transcends single nation-states (stretching from Mozambique and Somalia to the Middle east, India and China) from the deep past to the present, including sections on "piracy," Islam, slavery, race, and gender.

HIST 367 - 1947 Partition of India and Pakistan (3 Credits)

Causes, consequences, and legacies of the largest mass displacement in modern history: the division of British India into independent states of India and Pakistan. Focuses upon British imperialism, South Asian nationalisms, religious identity, mass violence between Hindus, Muslims, and Sikhs, and how these events are remembered.

HIST 368 - The Caesars: Rome's First Family (3 Credits)

Study of Rome's imperial family from Julius Caesar until the death of Nero.

Cross-listed course: CLAS 371

HIST 369 - History of Capitalism 1: Ancient and Medieval World (3 Credits)

History of "capitalist" economic behavior and culture in various premodern societies: the Ancient Middle East, Classical Greece, the Roman Empire, early Islamic society, medieval Christian and Islamic states, the Mongol period and the era of global expansionism; evaluation of competing theories about premodern economic life and the meaning of "capitalism"

Cross-listed course: GLST 369

HIST 370 - History of Capitalism 2: From the Industrial Revolution to the Global Economy (3 Credits)

A history of capitalism and its evolving definitions in Europe from the Middle Ages to the 20th Century, including its role in agriculture, mechanical industry, international trade, and colonialism and domination.

HIST 371 - History of Airpower (3 Credits)

The evolution of airpower from the early 20th Century through the early 21st Century. The emphasis is on the development of various theories about the application of aerial force, and how operations in time of war have confirmed or challenged these theories from a multinational perspective.

HIST 372 - History of Modern Sea Power (3 Credits)

The evolution of sea power through the development of steam navies around the globe, 1860 CE - 2020 CE.

HIST 374 - Nationalism: Myth and Reality (3 Credits)

A comparative examination of the origins and development of nationalism and its impact on the modern world.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 375 - Nazis and Fascists in European History, 1919-1945 (3 Credits)

German and Italian political movements; emphasis on the role of leadership, propaganda, and ideology. Fascist movements in France, Rumania, Hungary, and Great Britain.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 376 - War and European Society, 1914-1945 (3 Credits)

Thematic examination of the nature and impact of total war on European society; emphasis on socio-economic, cultural, and military aspects.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 377 - Business in Historical Perspective (3 Credits)

Capitalism in the Western world; the rise of modern corporate enterprise in Europe and America since 1850.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 378 - Urban Experience in Modern Europe (3 Credits)

Social and cultural impact of urbanization in Europe since 1789 through a comparison of major cities such as London, Paris, Vienna, and Berlin.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 379 - Women in Modern Europe (3 Credits)

Survey of women in European history from the eighteenth to the twenty-first century. Focus on women's citizenship beginning with Enlightenment idea of rights through developments in modern feminism.

Cross-listed course: WGST 379

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning, GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

HIST 380 - History of the Holocaust (3 Credits)

Introduction to Nazi Germany's systematic mass-murder of Europe's Jews and other minorities during World War II. Examination of forces that led to the Holocaust, including scientific racism, Nazi policy implementation, and dynamics of annihilation during war.

Cross-listed course: JSTU 492

HIST 381 - The Nobel Peace Prize: Peace, War, and Politics (3 Credits)

Modern history through the lens of the Nobel Peace Prize. Limitations of the Nobel as encouragement to peace.

HIST 382 - History of Medicine: Antiquity to the Scientific Revolution (3 Credits)

A survey of the history of premodern medicine. How Western cultures of the past approached health and illness; anatomy; nutrition; sexuality; disease and plague; mental and emotional health; and more. From ancient Greece, through medieval and early modern Islamic, Jewish, and Christian approaches to medicine and the body.

HIST 383 - Jewish History I: Late Antiquity to 1500 (3 Credits)

The religious, cultural, social, and political conditions that shaped the Jewish experience in the Near East and Europe from Late Antiquity to 1500.

Cross-listed course: JSTU 381, RELG 381

HIST 384 - Jewish History II: 1500 to the Present (3 Credits)

Case studies of Jewish history in Europe, America, and the land of Israel, 1500 to the present.

Cross-listed course: JSTU 382, RELG 382

HIST 385 - The Expansion of Christianity (3 Credits)

Critical epochs in the spread of Christianity. Consideration of the great crises that shaped the structure and form of Christianity during the last 20 centuries: the Hellenistic world; the medieval syntheses; the breakup of Western Christian unity; the transition to worldwide mission activity in the industrial age.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 386 - Islamic Institutions and Traditions (3 Credits)

The religious, political, social and economic institutions and intellectual and scholarly traditions developed by Muslim societies throughout Afro-Eurasia from late antiquity to the present.

Cross-listed course: RELG 354

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy, GLD: Global Learning, GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

HIST 387 - Messiahs, Mystics and Rebels in the Islamic World (3 Credits)

Representative messianic movements, millenarian visionaries and apocalyptic imaginings in the Islamic world from the 7th century to the present, with attention to related developments in the Jewish and Christian traditions over the last two millennia.

Cross-listed course: RELG 368

HIST 388 - Kabbalah: Science, Religion and Nature in Western History (3 Credits)

Historical investigation of kabbalah, a philosophical system and mystical current common to Judaism, Islam and Christianity, from the medieval period to the present; focus on its formative role in early modern Western cosmology and science, and its ecological implications today.

Cross-listed course: JSTU 388, RELG 388

HIST 389 - Science, Magic and Religion (3 Credits)

Occultism as a link between science and religion and its central role in Western intellectual and cultural history; the historical development of the science-magic-religion continuum in the Islamo-Christian world from late antiquity to present.

Cross-listed course: RELG 362

HIST 390 - Engineering in History (3 Credits)

History of engineering practices, professions, and sciences, as well as development of engineered artifacts from the Middle Ages to the present.

HIST 391 - Information Technology: Past and Present (3 Credits)

The history of the computer; how it acquired various forms through the 20th century; how information, as defined by computers, had shaped the world over the past century.

HIST 392 - Making Modern Science: The Physical Sciences (3 Credits)

The history of physics, chemistry, geology, and related sciences since the Scientific Revolution.

HIST 393 - Making Modern Science: The Life Sciences (3 Credits)

The study of the life from antiquity to the present. Investigates the origins of modern biology and medicine and how life has shaped scientific, political, and economic thought.

HIST 394 - History of the Automobile (3 Credits)

Evolution of the automobile from a conceptual idea through the present-day. Emphasis on analysis of the automobile's impact on culture, economics, the environment, politics, science and technology, and society.

HIST 395 - Plagues and Societies in World History (3 Credits)

A survey of biopolitical, social, economic, and cultural aspects of epidemic diseases throughout world history.

HIST 396 - Evolution of Warfare I (3 Credits)

A history of tactics, strategy, weapons, and logistics from 500 B.C. to A.D. 1400.

HIST 397 - Evolution of Warfare II (3 Credits)

A history of tactics, strategy, weapons, and logistics from A.D. 1400 to the present.

HIST 398 - Sustainability in World History from Early Times to the Anthropocene (3 Credits)

An interdisciplinary examination of sustainability around the world from social, environmental, technological, and economic perspectives from early times to the present.

HIST 399 - Independent Study (1-6 Credits)

Contract approved by instructor, advisor, and department chair is required for undergraduate students.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Research

HIST 400 - Urban America in the Modern Age, 19th Century-present (3 Credits)

Survey of the urban history of the United States from the 19th Century through today.

HIST 401 - The Development of the American People to 1789 (3 Credits)

The founding of the English colonies, their developing maturity, the events leading to the Revolution, and the creation of a new nation.

HIST 402 - The New Nation, 1789-1828 (3 Credits)

The new republic and the developing democratic spirit in politics and culture.

HIST 403 - The Sections and the Nation, 1828-1860 (3 Credits)

The three cultures of East, South, and West; their interactions and the events leading to the Civil War.

HIST 404 - Civil War and Reconstruction, 1860-1877 (3 Credits)

The political, military, and social history of the War and the reorganization which followed.

HIST 405 - The Rise of Industrial America, 1877-1917 (3 Credits)

A survey of recent United States history with emphasis on the economic, social, and literary developments from 1877 to 1917.

HIST 406 - The United States and a World at War, 1917-1945 (3 Credits)

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HIST 407 - United States History Since 1945 (3 Credits)

A survey of the political, economic, social, and cultural developments in the period after World War II.

HIST 408 - The Making of Contemporary America: United States History, the 1960s to the Present (3 Credits)

This course is a survey of social, political, economic, and cultural developments since the 1960s. Students will develop a historical framework for exploring the rights revolution that began in the sixties and seventies, economic changes and transformations, trends in popular culture, the evolution of the media and communication technologies, America's place in the world.

HIST 409 - The History of South Carolina, 1670-1865 (3 Credits)

A study of South Carolina origins and developments.

HIST 410 - History of South Carolina Since 1865 (3 Credits)

A survey of recent South Carolina history with emphasis on social and institutional development.

HIST 413 - History of Canada (3 Credits)

A survey of Canadian development from colony to modern nation.

HIST 415 - Voices of America: U.S. History Through Biography (3 Credits)

Historical exploration of the daily lives and personal stories of Americans through biographies and ethnographies.

HIST 416 - Histories of Native America (3 Credits)

Experiences of Native people in North America from the period before European colonization through the 21st Century.

HIST 420 - Colonial Latin America (3 Credits)

The establishment and consolidation of the Spanish and Portuguese empires in the Western hemisphere; interaction of Indians, Africans, and Iberians, and the formation of social, economic, and political traditions in Latin America; political independence.

Cross-listed course: LASP 341

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy

HIST 421 - Modern Latin America (3 Credits)

Traditional society in the area and problems arising from social, economic, and political changes since independence; comparative studies of national responses to these problems.

Cross-listed course: LASP 342

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning, GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

HIST 422 - Social and Economic History of Latin America (3 Credits)

The evolution of social groups and changes in economic patterns in Latin America from pre-Columbian times to the present.

Cross-listed course: LASP 441

HIST 423 - History of Mexico (3 Credits)

Mexico from the pre-conquest period to the present, with an emphasis on modern Mexico.

Cross-listed course: LASP 442

HIST 425 - Caribbean Race and Slavery, 1500-1900 (3 Credits)

The roles race and slavery played in shaping Colonial Caribbean History from the pre-Columbian Civilizations to the end of the 19th century.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy

HIST 434 - Everyday Life in Colonial America (3 Credits)

The customs, mores, attitudes, and living conditions of men and women of the 17th and 18th centuries. Emphasis on the common people of the American colonies.

HIST 435 - The American Revolution (3 Credits)

The causes of the Revolution; the events of the period and their implications.

HIST 442 - The Old South (3 Credits)

Development of Southern society and of the forces that made the South a distinctive section of the United States.

HIST 443 - The New South (3 Credits)

Reconstruction, the Bourbon era, agrarian revolt, industrial revolution, racial problems, and the changes resulting from the impact of two world wars and the New Deal (1865-1946).

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy

HIST 444 - The Civil War in American History (3 Credits)

The causes, events, and results of the Civil War.

HIST 445 - The Reconstruction of the Nation (3 Credits)

The events and results of the attempt to reorder the American nation after the Civil War.

HIST 446 - Immigration and Ethnicity in America (3 Credits)

Issues of immigration, assimilation and nativism in the United States, 1840 to 1930.

HIST 447 - American Empire: Policy, Society, and Culture (3 Credits)

HIST 447 examines the full sweep of American history through the lens of empire, covering especially the linkages between U.S. foreign policy and American domestic culture.

HIST 448 - American Environmental History (3 Credits)

Interaction of cultural values, economic interests, public policy, and technology with the physical environment over time.

HIST 449 - American Popular Culture Since 1890 (3 Credits)

A history of the contributions of the popular aspects of American culture and their interactions with American institutions.

HIST 450 - LGBTQ History in the United States (3 Credits)

Exploration of LGBTQ history and communities in America from the Colonial Era to the present, using lenses of gender and sexuality to understand historical events.

Cross-listed course: WGST 450

HIST 451 - The History of American Medicine (3 Credits)

The development of the art and science of medicine as practiced in the United States from colonial times to Medicare. Emphasis on the social history of American medicine.

HIST 452 - The History of Science in America (3 Credits)

The development of science in America from colonial times to the present. Special attention will be given to defining those factors, scientific, economic, and social, which have raised American science to its commanding position in the 20th century.

HIST 453 - Technology and American Society (3 Credits)

The historical development of technologies and technological systems in the American context.

HIST 455 - The American Civil Rights Movement (3 Credits)

Examination of the origins of Jim Crow and the multi-faceted struggle against it, and other forms of racial inequality, in the American South and the rest of the US since the early 20th century.

Cross-listed course: AFAM 335

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy, GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

HIST 460 - American Thought to 1865 (3 Credits)

The transfer and adaptation of European ideas to a new environment and the development of new patterns.

HIST 461 - American Thought since 1865 (3 Credits)

The maturation and extension of a national culture.

HIST 462 - Southern Intellectual and Cultural History (3 Credits)

Intellectual and cultural developments characteristic of the Southern region from colonial times to the recent past.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy

HIST 463 - Jim Crow: Histories & Revivals (3 Credits)

This course critically examines the continuities and discontinuities between Jim Crow and our current historical and political moment.

Cross-listed course: AFAM 463

HIST 464 - History of American Women (3 Credits)

The social, political, and economic roles and changing status of women in America.

Cross-listed course: WGST 464

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

HIST 465 - American Diplomatic History (3 Credits)

A historical survey of American foreign policy and foreign relations. First semester: to World War I. Second semester: World War I to the present.

HIST 466 - American Diplomatic History (3 Credits)

A historical survey of American foreign policy and foreign relations. First semester: to World War I. Second semester: World War I to the present.

HIST 467 - History of Republicanism and Constitutional Thought (3 Credits)

A study of the traditions of constitutional thought from Europe and their influence on the American Founding. The class will read Montesquieu's Spirit of the Laws; works by Adam Smith, Adam Ferguson, and David Hume; and writings by Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, John Jay, and Alexander Hamilton including the Federalist Papers.

HIST 468 - American Military Experience (3 Credits)

Transformation of war and of the institutions for waging war from the American Revolution to the present.

Cross-listed course: ARMY 406

HIST 469 - Constitutional History of the United States (3 Credits)

A study of the constitutional development of the United States from the creation of the Articles of Confederation to the Civil War. It deals primarily with problems of governmental organization, judicial interpretation, and sectional politics.

HIST 470 - Constitutional History of the United States (3 Credits)

An analysis of the growth of constitutional power from 1860 to the present, giving special attention to the constitutional problems of the Civil War period, the increasing role of the judiciary in national affairs, and the general extension of constitutional authority in the 20th century.

Founding Documents: FND Founding Documents

HIST 471 - American Jewish History (3 Credits)

Examination of experiences of Jews in the United States from Colonial Period to late 20th century, especially Jewish immigration, political behavior, social mobility, religious affiliation, group identity formation, and meaning of Anti-Semitism in American and global contexts.

Cross-listed course: JSTU 471

HIST 474 - Careers in Public History (3 Credits)

This field-trip based course gives history majors the opportunity to learn about careers in public history through site visits and conversations with practitioners in the Columbia metro area.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: C or better in HIST 214 or HIST 300.

HIST 475 - Historic Preservation (3 Credits)

Overview of historic preservation as the practice of protecting and conserving places that tell stories about the past.

HIST 476 - Digital History (3 Credits)

Introduction to Digital History that examines ways to engage and adapt the discipline of history to technological trends and explores new approaches and interpretive techniques.

HIST 478 - Material Culture in the Digital Age (3 Credits)

Examination of material culture (objects and artifacts a society produces) as primary sources for historical research; how these sources are transformed when digitized; and the nature of born-digital resources.

HIST 479 - Oral History (3 Credits)

Methodology, application and usage, historic and current literature, identification and examination of available resources.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Research

HIST 480 - Internship in Public History (3 Credits)

Professional practice in museums, archives, preservation organizations, and other agencies involved in historical research, advocacy, and preservation of historical resources and history programming for public audiences.

Experiential Learning: Experiential Learning Opportunity

HIST 492 - Topics in History (3 Credits)

Reading and research on selected historical subjects. Open only to juniors and seniors with permission of the instructor.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Community Service, GLD: Research

HIST 493 - Topics in History (3 Credits)

Reading and research on selected historical subjects. Open only to juniors and seniors with permission of the instructor.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Research

HIST 494 - Topics in History (3 Credits)

Reading and research on selected historical subjects. Open only to juniors and seniors with permission of the instructor.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Research

HIST 497 - Senior Seminar (3 Credits)

Principles of historical research and writing as applied to the seminar topic. Open to history majors or by special permission of instructor.

Prerequisites: HIST 300.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Research

HIST 498 - Senior Seminar (3 Credits)

Principles of historical research and writing as applied to the seminar topic. Open to history majors or by special permission of instructor.

Prerequisites: HIST 300.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Research

HIST 499 - Senior Thesis (3 Credits)

Principles of historical research and writing. A senior year thesis related to one of the advanced courses in the major program.

Prerequisites: HIST 300.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Research

HIST 562 - The Middle East and the United States: 1800 to the Present (3 Credits)

Political, cultural, and economic ties which have linked the Middle East to the United States. Middle Eastern views of these relationships and their impact on modern Middle Eastern history.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Global Learning

HIST 599 - Topics in History (3 Credits)

Reading and research on selected historical topics. Course content varies and will be announced in the schedule of classes by title.

HIST 600 - Approaches to Global History (3 Credits)

Examines historical approaches to world and global history from various places, time periods, and positionalities.

HIST 601 - Science, Technology, and Environment: A Historical Introduction (3 Credits)

Examines in the intersections of science, technology, environment and human societies in history.

HIST 640 - South Carolina History (3 Credits)

South Carolina since colonization.

HIST 641 - The American South Comes of Age (3 Credits)

Changes in the Southern region since 1940.

HIST 692 - Historic Preservation Field Experience--Charleston, S.C. (3 Credits)

On-site introduction to historic preservation including research, interpretation, management, and economics of preservation. Offered only in Charleston during summer term.