

HISTORY

HIST 0125 RELIGIONS OF THE WEST 3 cr.

A historical introduction to the religious traditions that developed in ancient Near East and the Mediterranean. Our major emphasis is on the history of the religious traditions that emerged in late antiquity in this area and which continue to be major world religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. We will also touch on Zoroastrianism. We focus on key concepts, historical developments, and contemporary issues. Throughout the course, we also examine interactions among these religious traditions. In the last part of the course we examine the issue of globalization and the spread of these religions around the world as well as the presence of "non-Western" religion in the "West." The course also serves as an introduction to the academic study of religion and provides a foundation for further coursework in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. No prior knowledge of any of the religions studied is expected or assumed.

Prerequisite: None.

HIST 0180 19TH CENTURY EUROPE 3 cr.

Through textbook and lecture, the students will become familiar with the major political developments that took place in Europe between the French revolution and World War 1. Original source material will be used to acquaint the students with social roles and attitudes during the period

Prerequisite: Sophomore.

HIST 0500 COLONIAL LATIN AMERICA 3 cr.

History of Latin America during the period of Spanish and Portuguese colonial rule, from 1500 to 1825.

Prerequisite: None.

HIST 0501 MODERN LATIN AMERICA 3 cr.

History of the Latin American republics from independence, in 1825, to the present.

Prerequisite: None.

HIST 0505 UPG EXCHANGE: HISTORY OF MEXICO 3 cr.

Study abroad office has approved the general agreement of collaboration between Pitt-Greensburg and the Universidad De Guanajuato in which faculty and students will be exchanged.

Note: Department Consent Required.

HIST 0575 HISTORY OF MODERN CENTRAL AMERICA 3 cr.

Covers the history of Central America from conquest to the present day. Emphasis will be on the social and economic development of indigenous peoples, national identity and human rights in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Also studies the history of the influence of the United States on the region; with stress on the history of social movements, revolution, tenuous peace agreements, globalization and the continuation of social unrest still present in Central America today.

Prerequisite: None.

HIST 0600 UNITED STATES TO 1877 3 cr.

Introductory, lower division, course that develops the history of United States from the 1400s through the 1880s.

Prerequisite: None.

HIST 0601 UNITED STATES 1865-PRESENT 3 cr.

An introduction to American history from the Civil War to the present which emphasizes selected topics on changes in American society and politics as an earlier agrarian society became an industrial-urban one and as the nation took up an ever larger role in world affairs.

Prerequisite: None.

HIST 0640 AMERICAN MILITARY HISTORY 3 cr.

Survey of the American military experience from the early colonial period to the most recent experiences in the Gulf War and Afghanistan. Explores the impact of warfare and military forces in the development of the United States. Emphasis is placed on the context of American warfare and how it has influenced our history and way of life.

Prerequisite: None.

HIST 0710 WORLD HISTORY TO 1500 3 cr.

An introduction to the global history of humanity from its beginnings to about the year 1500, emphasizing common trends across regions and cultures.

Prerequisite: None.

HIST 0711 WORLD HISTORY 1500 TO THE PRESENT 3 cr.

An introduction to the last five centuries of human history: the rise of the western powers, continuity and change elsewhere in the world, and the emergence of modernity.

Prerequisite: None.

HIST 0756 INTRODUCTION TO ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION 3 cr.

Aims to introduce students to Islamic and Middle Eastern History from the time of the Prophet (ca. 600 C.E.) to the Iranian Revolution in 1979. We will proceed chronologically, focusing mainly on political events. However, a special emphasis will be given to the formation of the Islamic tradition, its evolution across different regions and cultures in time, and its interaction with other traditions. In the modern era, we will particularly explore the Islamic societies' political, cultural, and military encounter with the rising power of the West in the Middle East. In addition to the several historical processes and developments such as modernization, nation-building, Islamic fundamentalism and globalization, which have shaped the history of the Middle East in the last two centuries, our class discussions will also touch on the main theoretical perspectives that have stamped the studies of Islam and the Middle East. Here, concepts such as orientalism, defensive development, and modernity will constitute our main focus.

Prerequisite: None.

HIST 0810 ENGLAND SINCE 1689 3 cr.

Surveys the development of English social, political, economic and cultural history to the present.

Prerequisite: None.

HIST 1005 SPECIAL TOPICS 3 cr.

Entails the exploration of a special topic chosen by the instructor.

Prerequisite: None.

HIST 1010 HISTORICAL INQUIRY AND METHODS 3 cr.

Introduces students to the historian's craft. Students will learn the nature of historical knowledge, how to locate, document, and interpret a diverse array of history evidence, and how to produce a research proposal using primary and secondary sources. Emphasizes history is both a social science and an interpretative art. Accordingly, exposes students to recent interdisciplinary trends in historical methodology and historical schools of thought and debate. The primary aim of this course is to instruct prospective and actual History majors in what it means to think, write, and verbally communicate like a historian.

Prerequisite: None.

HIST 1035 20TH-CENTURY WORLD 3 cr.

A history of the world between the years 1900 and 2000. Takes a broad, global approach to the political, social, and cultural developments that characterize the Twentieth Century. The course covers developments in Asia, Europe, and elsewhere, and emphasizes the ideological systems that motivated many of the great conflicts of the century.

Prerequisite: Sophomore.

HIST 1075 SLAVERY IN THE ATLANTIC WORLD 3 cr.

Examines slavery in the Americas from the Atlantic perspective (including Africa and Europe) from the 15th century through the present, with special emphasis on slave trades, the plantation systems, daily life, slavery and race, resistance, and abolition.

Prerequisite: Junior.

HIST 1087 WORLD WAR 2 3 cr.

Examines the Second World War as a global phenomenon, including the Eastern and Western fronts in Europe, the Sino-Japanese War, and the Pacific War. Covers the origins of conflict in the various theaters, the course of the war, and its consequences. While some attention is given to military strategy, emphasis is also placed on the social and political dimensions of the conflict.

Prerequisite: Sophomore.

HIST 1104 THE CRUSADES 3 cr.

An examination of the crusades from both Christian and Muslim perspectives. Emphasizes crusading in and around the Holy Land, but also gives some attention to crusades within Europe. Considers political, social, and religious contexts in both Latin Europe and the Islamic Middle East.

Prerequisite: Sophomore.

HIST 1123 MODERN BRITAIN 3 cr.

Political, economic, and social change in Britain from the early 18th century to the present are examined in depth. Topics include the pre-industrial social structure, the origins of political stability, the making of the industrial revolution, popular protest and political reform, Britain's supremacy during the Victorian era, imperialism and the rise of labor, the impact of total war, and the emergence of the welfare state. A discussion of Britain's future prospects concludes the course.

Prerequisite: None.

HIST 1140 HISTORY AND CULTURE OF SPAIN 3 cr.

Surveys the history and culture of Spain from Roman times to the present. Emphasis will be placed on Spanish geography, the interaction between the different cultures that lived in Spain, as well as, Spanish art, architecture, and literature. The highlights of the course include the rise and fall of the Spanish Empire, the Spanish Civil War, and Spain under Franco, redemocratization, and modern Spain in the 21st century.

Prerequisite: Sophomore.

HIST 1158 **BRITISH IMPERIALISM** **3 cr.**

Covers the last phase of British imperialism during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The focus will be on the nature and meaning of the British Empire abroad as well as back home in the motherland. Topics will include new imperialism, the scramble for Africa as well as world war. This course is a complement to the one offered in Sociology on American imperialism.

Prerequisite: None.

HIST 1197 **BLACK DEATH: PLAGUE AND HISTORY** **3 cr.**

The Black Death, the great epidemic of 1347-1350's was the most profound epidemiological-ecological crisis Europe had ever experienced. Between 30 and 70% of the population of the Western world vanished. In the wake of this demographic disaster economic, psychological, social, literary and even artistic processes were profoundly altered. This epidemic can be traced through extensive primary sources ranging from literature to art history - from population statistics through village desertions. This course will introduce these data and examine the consequences of the Black Death.

Prerequisite: None.

HIST 1367 **20TH-CENTURY EUROPE** **3 cr.**

Explores the most significant and dramatic episodes of contemporary history, both political and intellectual, including World Wars I and II, Nazi Germany, Soviet Russia, inflation, depression, and the explosion of cultural modernism.

Prerequisites: Sophomore.

HIST 1522 **BRAZIL** **3 cr.**

Begins with an overview of Brazilian culture and of the country's enormous resource base. Cultural change is traced through the pre-Columbian, colonial, imperial, and republican periods. A major theme throughout is the evolution of a Portuguese heritage into today's distinctive Brazilian national culture. The country is then divided into five regions as a means of understanding its internal diversity. Popular American ideas about subjects like carnival, the Amazon rainforest, coffee, Copacabana beach, and the huge foreign debt are also dealt with.

Prerequisite: Sophomore.

HIST 1525 **MEXICO, AZTECS TO THE PRESENT** **3 cr.**

Mexican history from the Aztecs to the present. We will discuss the conquest, the colonial era, the struggle for independence, nineteenth-century liberalism, the Porfirian dictatorship, the twentieth-century revolution, the formation of a single party state, the temptations of socialism, the oil boom, the debt crisis, and the "crisis of the system" now being experienced by Mexico.

Prerequisite: Sophomore.

HIST 1560 WOMEN IN LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY 3 cr.

A course tracing the history of women in Latin America from the conquest to the modern day.

Prerequisite: None.

HIST 1580 19TH-CENTURY LATIN AMERICA 3 cr.

Discusses the major political, economic, social and ideological developments of the Latin American world from the Independence Wars (1810-1825) to the first decade of the twentieth century. Emphasis will be placed on the similarities and differences among the newly emerging nations as they sought to find individual and recognizable status in the industrialized Western world.

Prerequisite: Sophomore.

HIST 1583 20TH-CENTURY LATIN AMERICAN REVOLUTIONS 3 cr.

A comparative examination of instances of social and political revolution in 20th century Latin American history. Cases considered include the Mexican revolution (1910-1917), the Bolivian revolution (1952), the Cuban revolution (1959), and the Nicaraguan revolution (1979).

Prerequisite: Sophomore.

HIST 1610 UNITED STATES COLONIAL 3 cr.

Upper division course that develops the history of the North American English colonies from around 1400 through the early 1760s.

Prerequisite: Sophomore.

HIST 1611 AMERICAN REVOLUTION 1763–1791 3 cr.

Upper division course that considers the history of revolutionary America between the 1750s and the 1790s.

Prerequisite: Sophomore.

HIST 1614 CIVIL WAR HISTORY 3 cr.

Upper division course that considers the impact of the civil war upon the development of the United States.

Prerequisite: None.

HIST 1616 **ANTEBELLUM AMERICA: 1790s TO THE WAR WITH MEXICO** **3 cr.**

A course in the history of the United States from the late 1780s through the late 1840s. It will focus on the processes involved in the evolution of the United States from a pre-industrial, relatively traditional society into a more modern, industrializing nation. We will consider topics involving commercial, manufacturing, agricultural and demographic development, changes in gender, social-economic and racial relationships, the creation of partisan politics and an analysis of American expansion.

Prerequisite: Sophomore.

HIST 1620 **THE VIETNAM WAR** **3 cr.**

Designed to acquaint the student with American involvement in Southeast Asia, in particular with the second Indochina war. Some attempt will be made to provide a background of Vietnamese historical and cultural perspective. The major portion of the course will focus on American policy, at home and abroad, and the manner in which five American presidents tried to deal with the "Indochina problem."

Prerequisite: Sophomore.

HIST 1625 **HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN FRONTIER** **3 cr.**

Explores the settlement and development of frontier regions across the continent, emphasizing 19th century experiences. Diverse and distinctive frontier societies emerged from the processes associated with land acquisition, exploration, Indian relations, westward migration, economic development, social organization, governance, and urbanization. The different and conflicting interpretations of the frontier experience raise important questions and perspectives about the character of American society.

Prerequisite: None.

HIST 1715 **EMPIRES IN THE MODERN WORLD** **3 cr.**

Through lecture and discussion, this course reviews empires in world historical context. Themes of governance, economy, war, culture, social organization, and colonies and decolonization are explored in three segments: empires 1400-1800, 1800-2000, and the future of empire.

Prerequisite: None.

HIST 1730 **THE MONGOLS** **3 cr.**

Explores the political and social histories of the Mongol empire and its successor states across Eurasia during the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries and considers their larger world historical context.

Prerequisite: Sophomore.

HIST 1745 **SPECIAL TOPICS-STUDY ABROAD** **1-3 cr.**

The study of special topics related to a study abroad experience.

HIST 1753 **THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE (1300-1923)** **3 cr.**

Traces the history of the Ottoman Empire from its origins as an obscure band of frontier warriors, to the highpoint of its geopolitical power in the Sixteenth Century, and on to its further evolution as an increasingly complex and peaceful society, down to the opening of the period of European imperialism and nation building. It will address not only the Ottomans' political power, but also those economic, social, and cultural factors that helped explain that power and gave the empire such a distinctive place in the history of Western Europe, Balkans and the Middle East.

Prerequisite: Sophomore.

HIST 1775 **ORIGINS OF CHRISTIANITY** **3 cr.**

Presents a historical-critical investigation of Christian origins. Special attention is paid to varieties of 1st century Hellenistic and Palestinian Judaism within the Greco-Roman world. Primary readings include selected Biblical passages and apocrypha, 1st century historians and philosophers (Josephus, Tacitus, Suetonius, and Philo), the New Testament corpus (including Paul and the Pastorals), and selected readings from the Dead Sea Scrolls. In addition there will be assignments from various modern New Testament critics, historians, and theologians.

Prerequisite: None.

HIST 1793 **HISTORY OF IRAN** **3 cr.**

Surveys the long history of Iran, also known as Persia, from ancient times to the present. Covers the Persian empire of antiquity and traces the introduction of foreign cultures over the centuries - Greeks, Arabs, Turks, and Europeans to create the multifaceted society of modern Iran. Classical culture and religious history are discussed, as are modern political developments in the 20th and 21st centuries.

Prerequisite: Sophomore.

HIST 1900 **INTERNSHIP** **1-6 cr.**

Enables students to combine academic training and practical work experienced related to the major.

Note: Instructor Consent Required.

HIST 1901 **INDEPENDENT STUDY** **1-9 cr.**

Individual project administered under the supervision of a faculty member.

Note: Department Consent Required.

HIST 1947

RISE OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY STATE

3 cr.

Examines the history of the National Security State in the United States, tracing its origins from the early 20th century with a particular focus on the rise and expansion at the federal level after WWII. Areas of focus will also include the increasing use of surveillance in the United States, including those by various federal and state agencies, corporations, organizations, and individuals.

Prerequisite: Sophomore.

HIST 1955

HISTORY CAPSTONE

3 cr.

Presumes a basic knowledge of historical information and technique. Utilizing a research seminar format, student will develop a substantial group or individual research project. Following discussion and revision, student will complete this research project. The project will be presented to the seminar in both written and oral form.

Prerequisite: Junior.