

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

HISTORY COURSE OFFERINGS FOR SPRING 2023

As of 11/8/2022

HST 010A D2: GLOBAL HISTORY SINCE 1500 (10242)

This course traces the outlines of global history from the emergence of an increasingly interconnected world from around 1500, to the present day. We will pay particular attention to the evolving economic and social foundations of human societies around the globe, to their cultural, religious, and intellectual traditions, and to the growing material and military interactions between them. In particular, we will examine the causes and consequences of the rise of capitalism and the resulting development of a global economy. The course will be based on lectures and class/group discussions, and will include study of primary documents and artifacts. History 010 fulfills the Non-European Cultures requirement of the College of Arts and Sciences: it is included in the Asia/Africa/Middle East/Global category for History majors.

Concentration: Asia/Africa/Middle East/Global (HI04)

3 Credits

BUCHANAN, Andrew

MWF 2:20-3:10

HST 011A US HISTORY TO 1865 (14947)

This survey of US history will focus on the expansion of American territory from the first British colonial settlements through the US purchase of Alaska in 1867 and the integration—or re-integration, in the case of the Confederacy—of that territory into the culture and political, legal, and economic systems of the United States. We will investigate the processes by which the US government acquired territory and individuals acquired private property; how people already resident in the territories were affected; how people, goods, capital, and ideas traveled to and from the territories; what work was necessary to live in the physical environment of the territories and who did that work; and how effectively federal, state, and local governments operated in the territories; among other issues. We will also consider some territories that many Americans in this period hoped to include in the country, but which remained outside the United States, including Canada, Cuba, and a Central American canal route. Students will build and reinforce their knowledge of US history, geography, and governmental institutions and will demonstrate that knowledge via a series of objective exercises on Blackboard and in an in-person geography test. Students will also build their skills in reading and analyzing historical scholarship (secondary sources) using journal articles, interpretive syntheses, and the research monograph *A Nation of Counterfeiters: Capitalists, Con Men, and the Making of the United States*. Those skills will be demonstrated via objective exercises on Blackboard and in writing, as well as in a writing assignment/essay based on *Nation of Counterfeiters*. Regular attendance and note taking in class is important for achieving these learning objectives. In person attendance is expected and is the only way to achieve full credit for the attendance portion of the class grade, but class sessions will also be streamed over Teams to accommodate the specific complications that arise in the lives of individual students. There is no group work in this course, and the books and materials needed should cost less than \$100 in total.

Concentration: The Americas (HI05)

3 Credits

PHELPS, Nicole

MWF 9:40 – 10:30

HST 015A EARLY EUROPE (12447)

This course surveys the history of Europe from the early Middle Ages to the wars of religion between Catholics and Protestants. Topics will include Charlemagne's empire, the power struggles between kings and popes, the crusades, the great discoveries (science and technology, the Americas), the Renaissance and the Reformation. Cross-listed with CLAS 095A

Concentration: Europe (HI02)

3 Credits

Briggs, Charles

MWF 1:10 – 2:00

HST 096A FW: FYS: D1: REEL AND REAL INDIANS (14965)

This seminar explores the depiction of North American Indians in film. Its objectives are three-fold: to hone our skills as writers; to become more critical observers of commercial film; and to explore a compelling slice of North American cultural history, namely how North American Native Peoples were portrayed, objectified, even invented, by mainstream Euro-Americans, from the nineteenth century to the present, and how Natives themselves responded and ultimately pushed back against such stereotypes.

Prerequisites: FYS Course; CAS FTFY students only.

Concentration: The Americas (HI05)

3 Hours

MASSELL, David

T Th 2:50 – 4:05

HST 096B HS: Visualizing India (14085)

In this course we will explore India's urban history through its nineteenth and twentieth century visual and material culture, using images, advertisements and the histories of things to uncover different perspectives on the past than what is available from other sources. Visual and material culture provided essential tools by which Britain made sense of their colony, and urbanized Indians integrated global trends and built national identities. By looking at examples including handwoven cloth, soap, tea and much more, we will explore how various visual and material forms have generated meanings in different historical contexts, and how those materials are used for particular social, cultural or political ends. The course will be divided into roughly three parts. In the first, we will do a crash course in Indian history in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, offering a quick overview of the development of British colonial

3 Credits

- HST 103B MEDIEVAL FRANCE, POWER & CULTURE IN THE LONG 12th CENTURY (14978)**
 Across the dynamic twelfth century, the nature of power and culture developed rapidly in the kingdom of France. From crusades to cathedral schools, from Arthurian romance to the love letters of Abelard and Heloise, from Eleanor of Aquitaine to Philip Augustus, medieval culture was at its most inventive in this century, with Paris and France at its heart. This course will trace developments on three levels: Royal power, intellectual institutions, and aristocratic culture. We will pursue these themes largely by reading and analyzing primary sources, and by writing a series of medium-length papers.
***Prerequisite:** Three hours of History*
Concentration: Europe (HI02)
 3 Credits FIELD, Sean T Th 8:30 – 9:45
- HST 115A HISTORY OF POLAND (13969)**
 This course traces developments in the history of Poland and the Polish people from the origins of the Polish state in the tenth century to the present. The first part of the course will consider political and cultural developments in this growing and powerful state, the "golden age" of the Polish renaissance, and the causes of Poland's disappearance from the map of Europe in the late eighteenth century. The majority of the course, however, will be devoted to Poland's role at the crossroads of the continent in the last 100 years—a role that placed Poland in the midst of two world wars, the Holocaust, Soviet domination, and the anti-communist revolutionary movements of the 1980s. It is a history of nationalism and multiculturalism, tragedy and triumph, oppression and liberation. Cross-listed with HS 115A and JS 196C.
***Prerequisite:** Three hours of History*
Concentration: Europe (HI02)
 3 Credits HUENER, Jonathan T Th 11:40 – 12:55
- HST 119A D2: MODERN JEWISH HISTORY (14966)**
 A history of the Jewish people from the 18th century to the present, with a geographical focus on Europe and the United States. Major themes will include the Jewish Enlightenment, the debate over emancipation, religious reform movements, the culture of the Shtetl, antisemitism, Zionism, the Great Migration, Jewish life in America, assimilation and identity, the Holocaust and its aftermath, the founding of the modern State of Israel. No previous knowledge of Jewish religion or history will be assumed. Two take-home exams and one paper. Cross-listed with: Holocaust Studies, HS-119 and JS-196B.
***Prerequisite:** Three hours of History.*
Concentration: Europe (HI02)
 3 Credits STEINWEIS, Alan M W 5:05 – 6:20

HST 139A MODERN GERMANY (14979)

This course examines German history from the unification of the German lands (1871) to German reunification in 1990. It addresses the major events and forces that have shaped Germany in the last hundred years, and their interpretation by historians. We will begin by considering the political, social, and cultural life of Imperial Germany, and the origins of World War I. We will then examine the first German Republic (1918-33), the rise of National Socialism, and the Nazi dictatorship. In May 1945, Nazi rule came to an end. Having unleashed a brutal war of conquest, and having perpetrated murder on a massive scale, Germany stood morally bankrupt. The course will then turn to a discussion of the two German states that emerged from the rubble and came to embody the postwar division of the world into the two hostile blocs of the Cold War. In the final week of the semester, we will look at the process of German reunification (1990). Please note: this is **not** a military history course. Cross-listed with Holocaust Studies HS 139A and JS 196 C.

Prerequisites: *Three hours of History*

Concentration: Europe (HI02)

3 Credits

SCHRAFSTETTER, Susanna

M W 3:30 - 4:45

HST 144A D2: RELIGION & POL IN ISLAMIC HISTORY (14967)

This course examines the relationship between religion and politics in Islamic history, from the rise of Islam in seventh-century Arabia until modern times. We will use a range of primary and secondary sources in the course of our study. Our focus will be mainly on historical trends in the Middle East and North Africa, with some discussion of the Indian subcontinent. Through a chronological and thematic approach, we will explore relevant examples of politicized Islam such as the notion of the Caliphate; the rise of Sunni and Shiite governments; the development of various forms of Islamic radicalism and reform; reactions to secularism and colonialism; and modern Islamic political activism. No prior knowledge of Islam or the Middle East is assumed; those possessing prior knowledge are, however, welcomed.

Prerequisite: *Three hours of History*

Concentration: Africa / Asia/ Middle East/Global (HI04)

3 Credits

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T Th 1:15 – 2:30

HST 182A HISTORY OF WOMEN IN THE U.S. (14969)

This lecture-discussion course surveys the role of women in U.S. history from the time of the American Revolution to the recent past. We will investigate how women lived their lives in different historical eras, consider women's contributions to the development of American society and culture, and assess our world today in light of women's historical activities. We will examine the ways in which race, ethnicity, class, and geographic location have influenced women's social, economic and political positions. Student assessment will include written assignments, tests, and/or a research project. Cross-listed with GSWS 196C.

Prerequisite: *Three hours of History*

Concentration: The Americas (HI05)

3 Credits

GUSTAFSON, Melanie

T Th 10:05 – 11:20

Independent Studies, Research, and Internship at the Undergraduate level may be arranged with Professor's permission and completion of History Special Course Form.

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HST 252A CHINA'S CENTURY OF STRUGGLE (14984)

This seminar examines the roughly 100-year period from the 1840s until the 1940s that is known in Chinese historical consciousness as the *Century of Humiliation*. Our aim is to develop a sophisticated understanding of how this period shaped the construction of modern Chinese national identity and political culture. Students will engage in the critical analysis and discussion of secondary scholarship and/or primary sources each week, as well as develop an independent research project on a topic of their choice related to modern Chinese history.

Prerequisites: *Twelve hours History; Junior, Senior, and Graduate Students Only*

Concentration: Africa/ Asia/ Middle East/ Global (HI04)

3 Credits

ESSELSTROM, Erik

W 4:05-7:05

HST 271A U.S. SOCIAL HISTORY SINCE 1865 (14004)

In this weekly seminar we will examine the social history of the United States since the era of the Civil War. The course will be organized in roughly chronological order around five overlapping themes: the relationship of civil society to domestic politics and government; changing understandings of race and gender; class relations and meanings of wealth and poverty; grass-roots movements for social and political change; and the impact of culture and consumerism on individual lives. Seminar discussions will be based on that week's assigned readings. We will discuss content – the historical events and people we have read about – as well as historical interpretation, points of view, and the methods historians use to gather and evaluate primary evidence. The final course grade will be evenly split between class participation and a final research project.

Prerequisite: *Twelve hours in History; Juniors and Seniors only, Graduate students register for HST 395 E.*

Concentration: The Americas (HI05)

3 Credits

GUSTAFSON, Melanie

Th 4:35-7:35

HST 296A U.S. MILITARY BASES AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF HEGEMONY (14987)

Drawing on the work of anthropologists, architects, economists, historians, political scientists, and specialists in women's and environmental studies, this seminar will offer an interdisciplinary exploration of the construction of American global hegemony following World War II. In particular, we will approach this issue through an examination of the siting, construction, and operation of American military bases around the world—a process that inevitably touches on broader questions of international law and grand strategy as well as on the relationship between American soldiers and the local population in the “host” countries. Seminars will be based on discussing an assigned book, academic article, or film. Over the course of the semester, each seminar participant will prepare a short (5 page) review of one of the assigned texts, and they will be responsible for initiating the seminar discussion on that text. Class introductions should not summarize the book, but should draw out the main points the author is making. The purpose of the introductions is to stimulate class discussion. Book reviews should include reference to at least one academic review. All seminar participants are expected to read the assigned texts, and

HST 296B HISTORY OF THE BOOK IN AMERICA (14990)

Once upon a time, most Americans read little, and there was little available for them to read—the Bible, a yearly almanac, perhaps an old copy of Pilgrim’s Progress. The nineteenth century saw a revolution in print, including massive technological changes in production and distribution of magazines, newspapers, and books. For many Americans in those years, reading literally “became a necessity of life.” Today, hypertext has transformed the experiences of reading, writing, and publishing in almost every imaginable way. In this research seminar, we will explore the relatively new field of the “history of the book.” With interdisciplinary roots in social history, literary studies, and the history of technology, it has grown into a full-scale subdiscipline over the past thirty years or so. Its subjects include the evolution of the technologies of book production; the professions of authorship, bookselling, book reviewing, and publishing; the experiences of reading; the phenomenon of the bestseller and the rise of tastemakers; and even the text itself. The seminar requires intensive reading of a variety of types of texts; a class presentation; and several types of writing, including a final research essay. Although the focus of our collective work will be on the United States, students may choose to focus their individual research on their own areas of interest.

Prerequisite: *Twelve hours in History; Juniors and Seniors only. Graduate students register for HST 395F*

Concentration: The Americas (HI05)

3 Credits

BROWN, Dona

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4:05-7:05

Independent Studies, Master’s Thesis Research and Graduate Internship at the Graduate level may be arranged with Professor’s permission and completion of History Special Course Form.

https://www.uvm.edu/sites/default/files/Department-of-History/docs/Pink_Special_Course_Approval_Form_Fillable.pdf

HST 297 INDEPENDENT STUDY (13410)

Prerequisite: *History Graduate students only. Instructor Permission Required.*

1-6 Credits

STILWELL, Sean - Instructor Varies

TBA

HST 391 MASTER’S THESIS RESEARCH

History Special Course Form Required

Prerequisite: *History Graduate students only. Instructor Permission Required.*

1-6 Credits

Instructor Varies

TBA

HST 393A GRADUATE INTERNSHIP (13311)

History Special Course Form Required

Prerequisite: *History Graduate students only. Instructor Permission Required.*

1-6 Credits

OSTEN, Sarah

TBA

HST 395A MEDIEVAL SAINTS: GENDER, SANCTITY, AUTHORSHIP (15030)

“Sanctity” is obviously a culturally, socially, and religiously constructed category. In medieval Europe, the first step for supporters to try to get a holy person formally declared a saint was to write a “life” that detailed her or his virtues and (usually) miracles. Sometimes more than one life was written; sometime the would-be-saint also left behind writings of her or his own; and eventually sometimes a formal canonization process recorded testimony from those who remembered the “saint.” This seminar will closely examine several such dossiers, paying particular attention to gender as our main interpretive lens: How was holiness or sanctity itself gendered, how did male and female perspectives on (mainly) female saints differ and overlap, and how did gendered perspectives intersect with other elements such as class and status? We will write a number of short papers based on these primary sources throughout the semester, and one longer paper at the end of the term.

Prerequisite: *History Grad students only or Instructor permission*

Concentration: Europe (HI04)

3 Credits

FIELD, Sean

W 4:05-7:05

HST 395B U.S. MILITARY BASES AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF HEGEMONY (15041)

Drawing on the work of anthropologists, architects, economists, historians, political scientists, and specialists in women’s and environmental studies, this seminar will offer an interdisciplinary exploration of the construction of American global on n of Amolopli4TT0 1 Tf0.001Opers based on t8oo
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HST 395C NAZISM AND FASCISM (15042)

This seminar will explore the origins, development, and legacies of extreme right-wing movements in Europe during the 20th century. The emphasis will be on Nazism in Germany and Fascism in Italy, and attention will also be devoted to the Spanish Civil War and Fascist movements elsewhere in Europe. The chronological focus will be on the period from 1918 to 1945, but post-1945 developments will also be addressed. The seminar will explore the question of whether one can rightly speak of Fascism as a generic phenomenon, and, if so, what similarities and differences existed among its various manifestations. The class will look, among other issues, at questions of nationalism, anti-Communism, the notion of a “Third Way” between communism and capitalism, antisemitism, racism, colonialism, foreign policy, militarism, and masculinity. Requirements will include lots of reading, regular participation in class discussions, several short oral presentations, and one major research paper. Cross-listed with Holocaust Studies: HS 227A and Jewish Studies: JS 296A

Prerequisites: *Graduate students only; Juniors and Seniors register for HST 227A*

Concentration: Europe (HI02)

OTHER SPRING 2023 COURSES TAUGHT BY HISTORY DEPARTMENT FACULTY

HCOL 086K D2: LATIN AMERICAN AUTHORITARIAN (15487)

In the United States, Latin America is often associated with authoritarianism, corruption and human rights violations. This course invites students to consider why this is, and the local, regional and global factors that have historically contributed to the rise of authoritarian regimes in the region, as well as their undoing during periods of democratization. In the process, we will study the particular impact of different kinds of authoritarianism, both left and right, on particular populations that were targeted by these regimes, including indigenous people, women, LGBTQ people, and young people in general. This is therefore also a course about long-term struggles in Latin America for human rights in addition to political freedom and civil rights.

Prerequisites: *Instructor permission required, HCOL first year students only*

3 Credits

OSTEN, Sarah

T Th 2:50 – 4:05

GRS 200A U.S. MILITARY BASES AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF HEGEMONY (12575)

Drawing on the work of anthropologists, architects, economists, historians, political scientists, and specialists in women's and environmental studies, this seminar will offer an interdisciplinary exploration of the construction of American global hegemony following World War II. In particular, we will approach this issue through an examination of the siting, construction, and operation of American military bases around the world—a process that inevitably touches on broader questions of international law and grand strategy as well as on the relationship between American soldiers and the local population in the “host” countries. Seminars will be based on discussing an assigned book, academic article, or film. Over the course of the semester, each seminar participant will prepare a short (5 page) review of one of the assigned texts, and they will be responsible for initiating the seminar discussion on that text. Class introductions should not summarize the book, but should draw out the main points the author is making. The purpose of the introductions is to stimulate class discussion. Book reviews should include reference to at least one academic review. All seminar participants are expected to read the assigned texts, and come to the seminar ready to discuss them. We will also discuss a number of easily available movies, which you should watch before the class. Over the course of the semester, you will write a 20-page capstone term paper on a topic of your choosing, using a selection of secondary sources and, if appropriate, suitable primary materials. Primary materials may include film and literary works, as well as written sources such as maps, newspaper articles, and government documents. During the first weeks of the semester, and in consultation with me, you will choose a topic for your term paper and prepare a brief annotated bibliography. *Cross-listed with GRS 200A and HST 396B*

Prerequisites: *GRS Majors only, Graduate students register for HST 395 B, Juniors and Seniors register for HST 296A*

3 Credits

Concentration: The Americas (H105), Africa, Asia, Middle East, and Global (H104), Europe (H102)

BUCHANAN, Andrew

M 4:05-7:05

GSWS 100A D2: GENDER AND FEMINISM(s) (13825)

This course explores the politics and history of feminist movements and theories, as well as the ways in which gender has shaped public policies. The emphasis will be primarily, although not exclusively, on gender and feminism(s) in the United States.

Prerequisites: *GSWS 001; GSWS majors and minors and SGIS minors only*

3 Credits

KORNBLUH, Felicia

T Th 11:40 – 12:55

HP 305A

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PRACTICE METHODS (10347)

Building upon skills and methods learned in HP 205, this course aims to provide students with practical training in three vitally important areas of preservation practice: Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credits (RITC), National Register Nominations, and Historic Sites and Structures Surveys. Class presentations and discussion will focus on case studies, philosophical theories and the specific issues students will likely confront in these areas of practice, such as the use of substitute materials. Assignments will require preparation of a sample RITC application and its supporting materials, a sample National Register nomination and building surveys - urban and rural. Related tasks, such as the writing of proficient statements of significance and building descriptions, NR and NPS photograph policies and requirements, interpretation of the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, and the reading of building plans also will be stressed. By the end of the course, students should understand the level of professional competence required to practice in these areas of historic preservation. Also

3 Credits

