

History (HIS)
History, Politics & Geography Department
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Objectives: History offers courses designed to help the student understand something of human nature through an understanding of the past.

Subject Endorsement in History (BA or BS) 42 hours

The endorsement includes 15 hours of Block 3 General Education history and social sciences requirements.

No course with a grade below “C” will be accepted as part of the minimum requirements for the endorsement. HIS 120 and HIS 150 do not count in the History Subject Endorsement.

GEO	120 World Regional Geography.....	3
HIS	170 World Civilizations I.....	3
	171 World Civilizations II.....	3
	180 The American Experience I.....	3
	181 The American Experience II.....	3
U.S.	Upper level History.....	6
Non-U.S.	Upper level History.....	6
History	Electives.....	9
POS	100 American National Government.....	3
SSC	490 Social Sciences Research Seminar.....	3

(or appropriate Honors Course 395 or 499)

EDU 409 Social Sciences Content Area Methods and Materials must be taken as part of the professional education requirements.

Major in History (BA or BS) 36 hours

The Major includes 6 hours of Block 3 General Education History requirements.

HIS	170 World Civilizations I.....	3
	171 World Civilizations II.....	3
	180 The American Experience I.....	3
	181 The American Experience II.....	3

U.S. Upper level History.....6

Non U.S. Upper level History.....6

History Electives.....9

SSC 490 Social Sciences Research Seminar

(or appropriate Honors Course 395 or 499).....3

Minor in History: 21 hours

A minor must include a minimum of 12 hours unduplicated by the student’s major(s) and minor(s).

21 hours of History electives.....21

A minimum of 12 of the 21 hours must be upper level courses.

Undergraduate Courses

HIS 120 World History (3) An examination of the major cultural traditions, trends, and events that have shaped the modern world, from the beginnings of civilization to the present. This course does not count in the major in History, subject endorsement in History, or field endorsement in Social Sciences.

HIS 150 History of the United States (3) A selective examination of the major trends, events, and issues that have shaped the development of the United States, from pre-colonial times to the present. This course does not count in the major in History, subject endorsement in History, or field endorsement in Social Sciences.

HIS 170 World Civilizations I (3) This course surveys the world’s cultures and their interactions from the rise of civilization through the age of European expansion. Required for majors and teacher education candidates seeking a Social Sciences field endorsement or a history subject endorsement.

HIS 171 World Civilizations II (3) This course surveys the world’s cultures from the age of the European voyages of discovery to the twentieth century. Required for majors and teacher education candidates seeking a Social Sciences field endorsement or a history subject endorsement.

HIS 180 The American Experience I (3) A comprehensive survey of American History from the colonial era to the late nineteenth century. Required for majors and teacher education candidates seeking a Social Sciences field endorsement or a history subject endorsement.

HIS 181 The American Experience II (3) A comprehensive survey of American History from the late nineteenth century to the present. Required for majors and teacher education candidates seeking a Social Sciences field endorsement or a history subject endorsement.

HIS 200 History of Asia (3) This course will focus on the political, cultural, and intellectual development of China, India, and Japan in an attempt to develop an understanding of and appreciation for the diverse contributions each has made to the modern world.

HIS 220 Slavery and Anti-Slavery in the Western Tradition (4) Prerequisites: Honor student status or by permission. This course is a survey of the role of slavery in Western society from the earliest civilizations in Mesopotamia and Egypt through nineteenth-century Europe and America. It introduces students to the debate over the impact of slavery on both slaveholder and slave, and the origins of both racism and abolitionism. Although the course focuses on the Western experience, there will be numerous crosscultural references to African, Asian, and Islamic societies. Recurring themes are: rights and restrictions; conditions of work; resistance to slavery; slave society; emancipation; justifications and denunciations of slaveholding; slavery

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and racism; and gender issues in the history of slavery and abolitionism. Meets the HIS 120 & 150 General Education requirement.

HIS 300 The Ancient World (3) A survey of the ancient Near East, Greece, and Rome, from the Neolithic Revolution to the decline of the Roman Empire in the West, circa 10,000 B.C. to A.D. 400. The emphasis is on cross-cultural borrowings and the diverse patterns of social and political organization.

HIS 305 Medieval Europe (3) A survey of changing values and institutions in Europe, from the decline of the Western Roman Empire to the 14th century, circa 400-1400.

HIS 310 The Renaissance and Reformation (3) A survey of the fundamental changes in European society that resulted from the Renaissance and Reformation, covering the period from 1400 to 1650.

HIS 315 Europe, 1600-1815 (3) A survey of Europe from the end of the Religious Wars to the French Revolution and Napoleon. Focuses on French society under the Old Regime, changes in the European balance of power, and the origins of the French Revolution.

HIS 317 Nineteenth Century Europe (3) A survey of Europe from the post-Napoleonic era to the eve of World War I, studying such major movements and events as the rise of industrial civilization and the unification of Germany and Italy.

HIS 320 The Twentieth Century (3) A survey of the major events in world history during the twentieth century.

HIS 350 Nebraska History (3) A history of Nebraska focusing on principal people, events, and themes in the state's history.

HIS 360 Colonial and Revolutionary America (3) Traces the growth of America from the first settlements to the establishment of the Constitution in 1789.

HIS 370 Early National America (3) Traces American history from the establishment of the Constitution in 1789 to the end of the War of 1812. Focuses on the contributions of the Founding Fathers - Washington, Hamilton, Jefferson, and Madison - and on the impact of the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars.

HIS 380 America, Civil War Era (3) A detailed survey of the political, legal, economic, and social issues of the Antebellum period, Civil War, the era of Reconstruction, the expansion of the West, and the growth of industrialism.

HIS 385 America, 1941 to the Present (3) A survey of America in the latter half of this century. Topics include World War II, Industrialism, the Cold War, and changes in American domestic and foreign policies.

HIS 420 Society and Gender in the Western Tradition (3) This course provides a broad historical framework for understanding current controversies about gender roles in society. It introduces students to the debate over the origins of patriarchy, the legacy of attitudes from both Greco-Roman civilization and Judaeo-Christian tradition, and the impact of gender and class identity on actual life experience from medieval to modern times. This is a reading and discussion course. Recurring themes are sexuality, marriage, family relations, patterns of work and religious experience, and opportunities for education and self-expression.

HIS 444 Topics in History (3) Current or special issues in History will be examined. The course offers students the opportunity to discuss relevant issues facing society. The course may be repeated for credit, by advisement, when no duplication of topics exists.

HIS 450 The American West (3) The history of the western U.S., with special emphasis on defining the West as a region, the relation to and impact of the West on the rest of the U.S., and changing historical and popular culture interpretations of the West.

HIS 465 The American Civil Rights Movement (3) Examines the development and achievements of the mid-twentieth century U.S. civil rights movement. The emphasis will be on the activities of civil rights organizations and their leaders; forms of white resistance, both north and south, and economic, political, and cultural legacy of the movement.

HIS 476 Recent American Culture (3) An examination of the main themes and issues in American culture in the twentieth century. The course focuses on the development of a post-industrial mass culture and the interaction of important thinkers and ideas with historical events and trends in popular culture.

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Cross Listed Courses:

Three hours from the following courses may be taken as electives in the history major, minor, and endorsement programs:

ECO 360 Global Economics

GEO 360 Geography of Russia

GEO 370 Geography of Latin America

SOC 465 Peoples & Cultures of the Middle East

HIS 665 Studies in United States History (3) Study of a particular topic or period. The course emphasizes both acquisition of content knowledge and general research skills. A major research paper is required. Content and title will vary. May be repeated if topic and title are different.

Eligible seniors may enroll in 500 level graduate courses.

Graduate Courses

HIS 505 Topics in Western Civilization (3) Reading and discussion seminar on selected topics in European history. Content and title will vary. May be repeated if topic and title are different.

HIS 560 Topics in United States History (3) Reading and discussion seminar on selected topics in the history of the United States. Content and title will vary. May be repeated if topic and title are different.

HIS 600 Reading Seminar in Early Western Civilization (3) Extensive reading and discussion seminar designed to provide a broad competency in the history of early western civilization.

HIS 601 Reading Seminar in Modern World History (3) Extensive reading and discussion seminar designed to provide a broad competency in the history of modern world history.

HIS 605 Studies in Western Civilization (3) Study of a particular topic or period. Will emphasize both content acquisition and general research skills. A major research paper is required. Content and title will vary. May be repeated if topic and title are different.

HIS 660 Reading Seminar in United States History to 1877 (3) Extensive reading and discussion seminar designed to provide a broad competency in early American history. May be repeated if topic and title are different

HIS 661 Reading Seminar in United States History Since 1877 (3) Extensive reading and discussion seminar designed to provide a broad competency in recent American history. May be repeated if topic and title are different.