

HISTORY (HSTY)

HSTY 100 World History to 1500

Comparative survey of society and culture in Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China, Greece, Rome, Africa, central Europe, and the Americas from 4000 BCE to 1500 CE, with an emphasis on religion, the arts, and technology. Formerly HIST 101. Not challengeable.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 101 World History 1500 to Present

Comparative survey of society and culture in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas, from 1500 to the present era, with an emphasis on state formation, imperialism, world wars, and political and industrial revolutions. Formerly HIST 102. Not challengeable.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 105 Power, Privilege, & Resistance

This course explores the history and theory of relations of power with attention to race, class, gender, sexual orientation, and neurodiversity. Letter grade only.

Semester Hours: 2

HSTY 110 US History to 1877

Political, economic, social, and cultural history of the United States from colonial times to 1877. Formerly HIST 110. Not challengeable.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 111 US History 1877 to the Present

Beginning with the end of Reconstruction and concluding at the new millennium, this course provides an overview of major social, cultural, and political topics in American history. Main themes to be covered include the development of the American nation and its empire, the expansion of class consciousness, the long civil rights movements, the history of LGBT communities, America's role in global affairs during war and peace, economic development, and the late twentieth-century conservative ascendancy. Letter grade only. Not challengeable.

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 200 Issues in History

An introduction to the historical and historiographical debates that characterize the discipline. These include, but are not limited to, the history of gender and sexuality, environmental history, race relations, political history, and cultural history. Letter grade only. Not challengeable.

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 310 The American Experience to 1877

Origins, growth, and development of American ideas of democracy, and impact of recent economic and international forces upon these ideas. Also PLSC 311. Formerly HIST 311. Not challengeable.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 311 The American Experience from 1877

Continuation of HSTY 310. Origins, growth, and development of American ideas of democracy, and impact of recent economic and international forces upon these ideas. Also PLSC 312. Not challengeable.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 315 Intro to Latinx Histories

Introduces students to major themes and current debates in the study of Latina/o history, from the 19th century to the present, with emphasis on migration, activism, and culture in Mexican, Mexican American, Puerto Rican, Cuban, and other Hispanic and Latina/o communities. Formerly HIST 315. Letter grade only. Not challengeable.

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 320 History of Latin America

Latin American peoples from their Indian and Iberian origins. Emphasizes Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and Mexico. Formerly HIST 351. Not challengeable.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 330 Early Modern Europe

Political, economic, and social analysis of Europe, 1500-1800; Humanism and Reformation; political and industrial revolutions. Formerly HIST 333. Not challengeable.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 331 Modern Europe

Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: HSTY 100, HSTY 101, HSTY 110, HSTY 111, or HSTY 200

Beginning with the Napoleonic Wars, the course provides an overview of themes and topics that were central to the rise of modern Europe during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Main themes to be covered include the rise of nation states and colonialism, the development of political ideologies (democracy, communism, fascism), the abolitionist movement and human rights, and expansion of the arts and culture for a mass audience. Students will further consider decolonization and American hegemony in an era that saw the decline of European power and influence after World War II. Letter grade only. Not challengeable.

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 350 Intro to Public History

This course introduces students to the major concepts in the field of public history, emphasizes the role of archives, museums, and historic sites in the development of the discipline, and engages a variety of public history topics, including oral history, sociocultural legitimacy, and fundraising. Formerly HIST 350. Letter grade only. Not challengeable.

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 351 Internships in Public History

Places students in local archives, museums, and historic sites for professional work. Internship must last a minimum of 90 total hours per semester. Requires instructor approval. Not challengeable.

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 353 History of Mexico

Political, economic, and social development of Mexico from its Pre-Columbian origins to contemporary times. Not challengeable.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 398 Approaches to History

Analyzes European and American historical writing. Discusses methods and current debates on the nature of historical study. Formerly HIST 389. Not challengeable.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 399 Independent Study

Student-designed courses approved by a faculty member. Prior approval of goals, objectives, procedures, and assessment plan as directed in the Independent Study Manual is required. May be taken multiple times with a different topic for credit. Not challengeable.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 1-4

HSTY 402 Monarchy

Examines the institution of monarchies through global history and analyzes how monarchies operate in modern settings. Formerly HIST 402. Not challengeable.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 405 United States Involvement in Vietnam: 1944-1975

This course examines the political, cultural, military and technological context and issues of the Vietnam War from its roots in French colonialism through the U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam and the reunification of the country. Special emphasis is placed on the long term effects this war has had on US foreign and military policy as well as on cultural and social movements. Also PLSC 405. May be taken for letter grade only. Not challengeable.

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 409 Topics in History and Political Science

Selected topics in history and/or political science relating to current issues and/or special fields of study. May be repeated once with a different topic. Can be taken for letter grade only. Not challengeable. Also PLSC 409.

Grade Mode: Letter, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 411 Civil War and Reconstruction

Origins and aftermath of American Civil War; slavery and emancipation; success and failure of reform. Not challengeable.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 412 Great Depression and World War II

Political, economic, and social history of the United States during the 1930's and 1940's. Not challengeable.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 414 Western Film in American Culture

Political, social, and cultural analysis of Western film in American culture during the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Also PLSC 414. Formerly HIST 414. Not challengeable.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 415 Borderlands and Migration in North America

A survey of central themes in the political and cultural history of the United States-Mexico borderlands, from the Spanish colonial borderlands to the present. Themes include encounter, violence, community formation and identity, migration, and culture. Formerly HIST 355. Letter grade only. Not challengeable.

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 416 Los Angeles: Study of a City

Development of Los Angeles and Southern California from its origins to the present; economic and demographic shifts; role as entertainment center of America. Formerly HIST 317. Not challengeable.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 417 California History

Economic, social, political, and cultural history of California. Formerly HSTY 316. Not challengeable.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 420 United States Since World War II

Social, economic, and political analysis of contemporary US history. Not challengeable.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 425 Topics in Cultural and Intellectual History

Social, economic, and philosophical ideas since Civil War. Emphasizes impact of industrialism on American thought. Formerly HIST 425.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 430 Topics in Modern Europe

Analyzes European society and politics, including the origins and aftermath of World War I and II, the Russian Revolution, the founding of the European Union, and movements in music and art. Formerly HIST 439. Not challengeable.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 431 Ancient History

The history of the ancient Near East and Europe, ca. 3000 BC – ca. AD 500: beginning with the ancient Mesopotamians and Egyptians and other late Bronze Age/early Iron Age cultures, with a focus on the ancient Greeks and Romans. Students will be exposed to the foundations of not only European civilization, but also subsequent Middle Eastern and Islamic civilizations, which have their origins in the larger story of the ancient Near East and Europe. Formerly HIST 330. Letter grade only. Not challengeable.

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 432 Medieval & Renaissance Europe

European cultural, intellectual, political, and economic history from the fall of Rome to the Italian Renaissance. Formerly HIST 332. Not challengeable.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 436 French Revolution & Napoleon

Economy, politics, and society of Revolutionary and Napoleonic eras (1785-1815); impact of the Revolution on Europe. Formerly HIST 336. Not challengeable.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 450 Topics in Public History

Selected topics in the field of public history, including archival management, museum studies, and historic preservation. May be repeated once with a different topic. Letter grade only. Not challengeable.

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 455 Topics in Modern Latin America

This course surveys all major issues and topics of significance to Latin American politics. It covers the historical background of Latin America's colonial legacy and contrasts it with the current state of the region's politics. Current issues of particular salience, such as political and economic development, narco-trafficking, environmental degradation, and international trade will also be detailed. May be taken for letter grade only. Not challengeable.

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 460 Race & Resistance in the 20th Century

Explores histories of resistance and organizing across the globe in the 20th century. Includes discussion of social movement theories. Topics include global anti-apartheid movement, AIDS activism, indigenous rights activism from the Americas to Australia, and radical Black and Latinx movements in the United States. Also PLSC 445. Letter grade only. Not challengeable.

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 464 Modern East Asia

This course covers economic and political developments in China and Japan since the nineteenth century and their influence on the "four tigers": Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, and South Korea. Also PLSC 464. Formerly HIST 464.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 469 Modern Middle East

Key political issues in the Middle East, including colonialism, independence and state-building, Arab nationalism, Zionism, relations between states, Islamic revivalism, globalization, and non-state actors. Also PLSC 469. Formerly HIST 469. Not challengeable.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 470 Modern Africa

African history with emphasis on developments in the 19th and 20th centuries. Formerly HIST 377. Also PLSC 377. Not challengeable.

Grade Mode: Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

Semester Hours: 4

HSTY 499 Senior Project

Prerequisite: Completion of HSTY 398

Culminating activity required by majors in all departments. Papers/theses/projects researched, prepared, and written under the guidance of a faculty member. Comprehensive exams or recitals required in some departments. Academically, Students must be in Good Standing to enroll in 499. Formerly HIST 499. May be taken for letter grade only. Not challengeable.

Semester Hours: 4