HIST 120 Decade of Decision: Blacks, Babes, and Bathtub Gin. Examines the political, social, economic, cultural, and diplomatic history of the United States during the 1920s. Starting with the end of World War I, charts the great migration of African-Americans to the north, the agricultural depression, the rise of jazz and the flapper era, America in the age of isolation, and the general excitement, dislocation, and discontent that accompanied this pivotal decade.

HIS 120 Decade of Decision: The Mexican Revolution 1910-1920. The Mexican Revolution was the first major revolution of the twentieth century. It consumed the lives of millions of Mexicans, devastated Mexico's economic and social institutions, and significantly altered the course of the country's development. Examines the causes of the revolution, the political ideologies that motivated the contending factions, the social and economic effects of the conflict, the military course of the struggle, and the international interests that played an important role in the upheaval. Concludes by looking at how the revolution shaped Mexico in subsequent decades.

HIS 120 Decade of Decision: The 1780s: War, Constitution, and Revolt – The Birth of the United States. Examines the decade of the 1780s. Considers the end of the Revolutionary War, the debate over the Constitution, Shay’s Rebellion, and the Whiskey Rebellion, along with the everyday life of men, women, and children in the new nation.

HIS 205B/355 Topic: Soviet Russia. Survey of Russia in the twentieth century, from its defeat in the Russian-Japanese war of 1905 to the ending of the “cold war” in the 1990s. Topics include: the revolutions of 1917, the civil war, and the creation of the USSR; the hegemonic role of the Communist Party and its leaders; Soviet economic and social development; WWII and post-war political dominance over Eastern Europe; political, economic, and social problems leading to the loss of legitimacy and eventual disintegration of the USSR; and problems of democratization and economic transition in Russia in the 1990s.

HIS 260 Topic: History of Imperial China. A study of the development of China from the early Republican period to the aftermath of the Cultural Revolution, with emphasis upon nationalism, Marxism, revolutionary tactics, and Chinese relations with the former USSR and USA. Appropriate for non-majors.

HIS 265A Topic: Geography and World Affairs. Reviews concepts, terms, and subfields of geography, integrating historical analysis with current issues. Designed to familiarize students with a nation’s (or region's) major geographic features, including location and physiography, as well as economic, social, ethnic, and cultural profiles. Regions studied include: Europe, Russia, North Africa-Southwest Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and South Asia. Suitable for nonmajors.

HIS 265B Topic: Geography and World Affairs II. Reviews concepts, terms, and subfields of geography, integrating historical analysis with current issues. Designed to familiarize students with a nation’s (or region's) major geographic features, including location and physiography, as well as economic, social, ethnic, and cultural profiles. Regions studied include: North America, Russia, East Asia, South Asia, and South-East Asia. Suitable for non-majors.
HIS 365 Topic: Children and Childhood in America. Concepts and experiences of childhood are much different today than they were 300 years ago. This course examines what has changed and how, examining the history of American childhood through paintings, photographs, toys, children's stories, diaries, clothing, and our own observations, and links changes in childhood to broader developments in American history.

HIS 365 Topic: Environmental History. Surveys the historical interaction of Americans with their physical environment from the beginning of European expansion to the present. Emphasizes the ways human beings have interacted with their surroundings, how they have modified the places they lived, and how they have responded to the results of these modifications. Substitutes for ENV 380 in the Environmental Studies major/minor.

HIS 365 Topic: Gender and Sport. Examines the history of sports culture in the late 19th and 20th centuries to understand what sports can tell us about the history of our culture. Pays particular attention to gender, and how American sports culture has been shaped, reinforced, or challenged by ideas about masculinity and femininity. Why, for example, were members of the All-American Girls Baseball League, the women’s professional league that thrived from 1943 to 1954, required to attend charm school? How does the media contribute to sex role stereotyping by focusing on the loutish, indeed criminal, behavior of male athletes while portraying female athletes such as the World Cup Soccer team as “babe city?” Fulfills elective requirement for the Women’s Studies minor.


HIS 365A Topic: Women and War in the U.S. Scholars in peace and women's studies have constructed myriad theories about the relationship between women and war, addressing questions about women's inclinations toward war or peace, women's capacities for combat, and the impact of maternity on both of these. This course takes an historical approach to these issues by examining American women's experiences of and contributions to various wars, including the American Revolution, the Civil War, the World Wars, the war in Vietnam, and the more recent war(s?) in the Persian Gulf. Study includes anti-war protesters and women on the "home front" as well as female combatants, nurses, and "camp followers." Also investigates the effects of war's aftermath on women's roles, opportunities, and behavior. Evaluates the salience of various theories about women and war at different moments in United States history.

HIS 365B Topic: The Civil Rights Movement. At the conclusion of the Selma-to-Montgomery march in 1965, Martin Luther King, Jr., gave one of those lilting speeches for which he is justifiably famous. Among his most remembered lines that day was this: "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." He uttered these inspiring words at one of the most triumphant moments of a decade-long mass movement to secure legal rights, "simple justice," and basic human dignity for African Americans. Nearly 40 years later, we may have reason to doubt the accuracy of King's assertion, or, alternately, we may conclude that at least a rough justice for all citizens does now characterize American social and political life. In either case, we will surely be better able to reach some reasoned judgment if we examine closely the epic story and surprising complexities of the Civil Rights Movement.
**HIS 365D Topic: The Chinese Revolutions.** Two revolutions – the Nationalist Revolution and the Communist Revolution – have defined 20th-century Chinese history. Compares and contrasts the two revolutions in terms of their historical origins, developments, and various consequences on Chinese society.

**HIS 365G Topic: The Holocaust.** Examines the long history of Antisemitism from the ancient world to the present, and its cumulative affect on the fate of the Jewish people of Europe during the 1930s and 1940s, who were the victims of Nazi Germany's "Final Solution," a bureaucratically created and technologically implemented genocide.

**HIS 365G Topic: Urban America.** Analysis of the growth and development of urban civilization in the U.S. Emphasis on how cities began and their impact on politics, economics, and culture.

**HIS 365J Topic: Ethnicity in America.** An introduction to racial and ethnic identity issues through a critical examination of the social, political, and economic factors that helped to construct identity in the U.S. Examines how American racial and ethnic constructions were created and maintained, and what is at stake struggle to define racial and ethnic identity. Considers how class and gender affect race and ethnic construction, educational institutions, film, television, and mass culture.

**HIS 365K Topic: World War II.** The Second World War was a seminal event of global significance that has influenced the world into this new century. Uses texts, lectures, group discussions, and films to explore the war's multi-faceted implications and historical, geo-political, social, literary, psychological, and ethno-racial legacies. Seeks, moreover, to instill in each student the understanding that World War II was an historical catalyst -- perhaps even the defining event of the 20th century, which changed the course of global history. Suitable for non-majors.

**HIS 365L Topic: Lincoln.** Examines the era of slavery and civil war from the perspective of A. Lincoln, melancholic and sexually confused young Springfield lawyer, Whig politico, unsuccessful Republican Senatorial opponent of Stephen Douglas, President of the U.S. Seeking answers to the above questions, we'll be drawn into the maelstrom of mid-nineteenth-century sectionalism and war, where ever more intriguing issues await our consideration.

**HIS 365M Topic: Urban America.** Offers an analysis of the growth and development of urban civilization in the United States. Special emphasis on how cities began and their impact on politics, economics, and culture. Also considers the technological transformation associated with urban life and perception of the city in society.

**HIS 365N Topic: Women in the Civil Rights Movement.** Although Martin Luther King, Jr., deserves all the accolades given him for his often-courageous leadership of the Civil Rights Movement, his story is hardly the full story of the Movement. It was, after all, a mass movement, composed of a number of local movements, with local heroes, a number of whom were fearless women. This course, then, examines the “hidden” mass movement and the women (and some lesser-known men, too) whose determined leadership produced historic change.

**HIS 365O Topic: The Evolution of American City Planning: Comprehensive Planning and Beautification in the United States, 1890-1930.** The management of municipal growth, the easing of urban congestion, and promotion of cleaner environment are core tenets in the contemporary planning
debates, yet these same goals fostered the development of Progressive Era planning ideology that is often ignored by contemporary thinkers. Explores the ideological justification that shaped the role and defined the function of city planning between 1890 and 1930. Examines the evolution of beautification and planning, municipal governance, comprehensive city plans, and assess the implications of planning professionalism on the development of the American city.

**HIS 365P Topic: Europe Since 1945.** A study of the remarkable recovery of both Western and Eastern Europe in the decades after 1945. Reading and lectures focus primarily on political and social issues, with additional commentary regarding economic and cultural aspects, as they relate to 40 years of East/West confrontation during the Cold War and after.

**HIS 365Q Topic: Hitler and Nazi Germany.** An in-depth study relating to Hitler’s rise to power, the political, socio-economic, and cultural aspects of Nazi Germany, and the goals, ambitions, and genocidal crimes of Nazi Germany during the Second World War.

**HIS 365R Topic: From Sissies to Brokeback: Modern Gay History Projected on Film.** Although the riots at the Stonewall Inn stand out as a pivotal point in the history of gays and lesbians in America, less well known is their history prior to 1969. Most Americans also remain unaware of the experience of gay people in other parts of the world. Provides a comparison of the history of gays and lesbians in America and Britain from the end of World War I to the present. Using films as primary historical documents, examines how the lives of gays changed during this period and the reasons for that transformation. *Critical Media and Cultural Studies major and Film Studies minor elective.*

**HIS 365U Topic: Europe 1914-1945.** Reviews political, cultural, and economic aspects of European history from the First World War, the inter-war years, the rise of Nazism, Fascism, and Communism, and the Second World War. These were defining events that changed the course of European history for the remainder of the 20th century, and ultimately affected global trends and issues which influence our lives in the early 21st century.

**HIS 365V Topic: Modern Latin American History.** Examines the important political, economic, social, and cultural developments in Latin America from the mid-1800’s through the end of the 20th century.

**HIS 375 Aspects of War: The United States in Vietnam.** Examines the political, diplomatic, cultural, and ideological reasons for the United States’ involvement in Vietnam after World War II. Discusses the origins and escalation of war, opposition at home and internationally, and America’s final defeat.