

History Courses – Spring 2021

HIS 1201 1: Decade: Caesar's Rome

Dr. Ewing

MWF 10-10:50am

This course introduces historical study through via the late Roman Republic in the years leading up to its fall. We will investigate the Crises period broadly, but primarily focus on the decade preceding Caesar's crossing of the Rubicon (in 49 BCE) and the start of his dictatorship. Students will become familiar with the Roman political, social, economic, and cultural worlds, and learn to work with historical sources from the ancient period. Suitable for majors and non-majors.

Classical Studies elective; can count toward the rFLA 200C divisional substitution

HIS 120 2: Decade: Revolution in Chile 1970s

Dr. Savala

TR 11-12:15pm

This course introduces historical study through the lens of Chile in the 1970s. From experimenting with new forms of cultural production, sweeping economic shifts to support the working-class and poor, and subaltern people empowering themselves under the first democratically elected socialist president, to extreme right wing violence, the disappearance of thousands, and the birth of neoliberalism, the decade of the 1970s reveals much about Chile as well as modern history more broadly. In his course, we will cover a number of topics, including unionization, agrarian reform, state violence, and political economy. We will read oral histories, fiction, political manifestoes, and a critique of Donald Duck as imperialist propaganda—it is quite the fun read!

HIS 163: Modern East Asia

Dr. Yao

MWF 9-9:50am

This course is to introduce students a modern history of East Asia including China, Japan, and Korea about their shared but also distinctive experiences in modern transformation.

HIS 260: Researching Asian History

Dr. Yao

MWF 11-11:50am

This course will teach students how to research and write history papers. In addition to acquiring a body of knowledge on the history of modern China (1839-Present), the students will learn skills: some associated with historians and others more general academic skills such as critical thinking and clear and logical writing.

HIS 332: Crusades

Dr. Ewing

MW 2:30-3:45pm

This upper-level course in European history that examines the various crusades in the Holy Land, as well as those in Spain, Eastern Europe, and Southern France. It covers the history of the crusading movement, from its roots in Europe and the Middle East, through to the 16th century—as well as historiographical reception of the movement. Students will not only learn to think critically about this complicated topic from multiple perspectives, but will also evaluate modern crusades scholarship and produce an original research paper based on primary sources.

ECMP competency course; MENA elective. Pre-req: One prior History course or instructor consent

HIS 340: History of American Sexuality**Dr. Strom****TR 3:30-4:45pm**

This course explores how Americans interacted sexually and how they understood their sexuality conceptually from colonial times to the present. It investigates the intersections of both race and gender with sexuality. It also discusses sexual taboos, both those enforced by legislation and those marginalized by mainstream medicine. Ultimately, the course asks students to examine their own sexuality and sexual behaviors and understand the forces that shape them.

HIS 366 H1X: Mao and the Chinese Revolution**Dr. Yao****MW 4-5:15pm**

This course will examine the following issues: What were the origins and causes of the Communist Revolution? How did Mao become the leader of the Chinese revolution? What was Maoism? How did Mao's revolution shape China?

HIS 490: Senior Capstone**Dr. Strom****F 1-4:45pm**