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Students interested in history who want a multidisciplinary program that views society through the integrated perspective of several social sciences may take a Master of Science in Social Science with a concentration in history.

History Courses

HIS 500 Germany 1870-1945, from Unification to Disintegration

A course that traces the story of Germany's unification, rapid rise to European prominence, and eventual transformation into the Nazi state. It introduces various interpretations of the course of German history and examines a variety of interrelated questions that might be reduced to one: Why Germany? Why did an apparently modern and civilized society accept barbarism on such an unprecedented scale?

Credits: 3

Rotating Basis

HIS 501 Slavery and Freedom: A Comparative Perspective

This course involves the examination and comparison of the development of slave systems in the New World. Emphasis will be on the different definitions of freedom that developed within the various slave societies. Major points of comparison will center on the plantation systems of Brazil, Cuba, and the United States.

Credits: 3

On Occasion

HIS 502 The History of African American Women in the United States

This course examines the complex and varied experiences of African American women in the United States from slavery to the present. In the process of exploring the historical perspective of African American women's lives, students will draw upon other disciplines such as literature, sociology, media arts and political science in a thematic coverage of the myths and realities of "black womanhood".

Credits: 3

On Occasion

HIS 504 The Development of the American Metropolis

A study of the development of the American metropolis from the period of settlement to modern times. Special emphasis is placed on the relationship of physical development to the various

factors that affect urban growth and change. (Same as Urban Studies 504).

Credits: 3

On Occasion

HIS 524 The Civil War and Reconstruction (1850-1877)

An examination of the social, political and economic aspects of the Civil War and Reconstruction. Topics covered include the causes of the conflict; the impact of the war on the North and the South; issues of gender, slavery, and racism; the evolution of a free labor system; and the long-term effects of Reconstruction. (Formerly History 620)

Credits: 3

On Occasion

HIS 535 The Holocaust

This course will rely on a variety of perspectives, psychological, theological, philosophical, ethical as well as historical, to assist students in the search for the Who, What, When and possibly the Why of the Holocaust. They will also be introduced to varying and sometimes conflicting interpretations of the subject in order to underscore the complexities and dilemmas raised by the mass destruction of Europe's Jewish communities.

Credits: 3

On Occasion

HIS 565 Latin America in World History

An introduction to the graduate study of Latin American history from the pre-colonial period to the present as seen through the lens of world history. Students read a selection of texts examining such topics as indigenous culture, slavery, colonialism, imperialism, nationalism and revolution set in the context of the wider currents of history.

Credits: 3

On Occasion

HIS 583 The History of the City of New York

A chronological and topical review of the political and social development of New York City from Dutch settlement to the present. Emphasis is placed on the development of the city as a great financial, intellectual and cultural center. (Same as Urban Studies 583).

Credits: 3

Cross-Listings: HIS 583, URB 583

On Occasion

HIS 584 20th Century East Asian-American Relations

This course aims to provide an examination of the changing East Asian-American relations in the 20th century, with an emphasis on four East Asian countries (China, Japan, Vietnam and Korea). It first reviews the early encounters between East Asia and the United States. It then discusses the major political, economic and cultural development, as well as the dynamic underlying them, that have shaped the confrontation and cooperation between

East Asia and the United States in the past 100 years.

Credits: 3

On Occasion

HIS 622 The Era of the American Revolution

A study of the development of the controversy with England after 1763, the Revolutionary War, and the period of the Confederation through the adoption of the Constitution.

Credits: 3

On Occasion

HIS 632 The World Since 1945

A survey of political and economic trends, including the collapse of European hegemony, the emergence of the Third World, the Cold War in Europe and in Asia, the breakup of the Soviet Empire, the resurgence of nationalism, and the growing economic importance of Asia.

Credits: 3

Rotating Basis

HIS 699 Independent Study and Research

Credit and hours arranged with approval and permission of the Department.

Credits: 3

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