

# History

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The Department of History offers degrees in at both the master's and doctoral levels. In addition to the regular master's degree program, the department offers a special program designed to meet the needs of current and future middle and high school teachers, which leads to the Master of Arts in the Teaching of History (MAT). Students must select one of the following major fields for the MA and PhD: Africa; China; early modern Europe; modern Europe; Great Britain; Eastern Europe; Russia and Eurasia; South Asia; Latin America; the Middle East; and Colonial America and the United States. Each major field is further subdivided into minor fields; there are more than 60 minor fields available. Consult the department's [list of major and minor graduate exam fields](#) for more information.

Two departmental concentrations are available to MA (doctoral track) and PhD students: a concentration in [Work, Race, and Gender in the Urban World](#), and a concentration in [Encounters, Ethnographies, and Empires](#). The Department of History also participates in five interdepartmental concentrations: [Black Studies](#), [Gender and Women's Studies](#), [Latin American and Latino Studies](#), [Central and Eastern European Studies](#), and [Museum and Exhibition Studies](#).

## Admission and Degree Requirements

- [MA in History](#)
- [MAT in History](#)
- [PhD in History](#)

### HIST 400. Topics in Ancient History. 3 or 4 hours.

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of history.

### HIST 401. Topics in Greek History. 3 or 4 hours.

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: Same as CL 401. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of history or classics.

### HIST 403. Queer Histories. 3 or 4 hours.

Lesbian/gay studies; issues in the history of (homo)sexuality; cultural and historical analysis of same-sexuality in several periods, including our own. Course Information: Same as GWS 403. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or consent of the instructor.

### HIST 405. Herodotus and His World. 3 or 4 hours.

Examines the Histories of Herodotus - both the text and the culture of Classical Greece compared to the Near East and Egypt. Course Information: Same as CL 405. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Sophomore standing or above.

### HIST 406. Topics in Medieval History. 3 or 4 hours.

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of history, or junior standing or above, or consent of the instructor.

### HIST 407. The Power of the Image: Roman Sculpture as Propaganda. 3 or 4 hours.

Historical and thematic examination of the use of Roman sculpture, by emperors and private individuals of all social classes, as an instrument of personal and political propaganda. Course Information: Same as AH 407 and CL 407. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): one of the following courses: AH 204, AH 205, AH 110, CL 101, CL 103, CL 203, CL 204, CL 205, HIST 203, HIST 205; or consent of the instructor.

### HIST 408. Athenian Democracy and Society in the Age of Aristophanes. 3 or 4 hours.

A careful examination of the comedies of Aristophanes, his acute criticism of Athenian politics, and his account of the war between Athens and Sparta. Course Information: Same as CL 408. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): CL 202. Recommended background: one of the following courses: CL 251, CL 252, CL 405 or HIST 405.

### HIST 409. Topics in Early Modern European History. 3 or 4 hours.

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of history.

### HIST 410. Topics in Modern European History. 3 or 4 hours.

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of history.

### HIST 411. Topics in the History of Revolutions. 3 or 4 hours.

Examination of anti-colonial and modern revolutions. The ways in which politics, religion, race and ethnicity, and class informed revolutionary movements. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated if topics vary. Students may register in more than one section per term. Course is offered in both face-to-face and hybrid/online formats. Check the class schedule for details. When taught online or hybrid, students will be required to have reliable internet access and a means for accessing it (computer preferable). Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of Latin American history, or consent of the instructor.

**HIST 415. American Indian Ethnohistory. 3 or 4 hours.**

Introduction to ethnohistory, an interdisciplinary approach to researching, conceptualizing, and writing American Indian history. The course is organized topically and centers on classic and current monographs and articles. Course Information: Same as NAST 415. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or above and consent of the instructor. Recommended background: Courses in Cultural Anthropology, American Indian Anthropology, American Indian Literature.

**HIST 418. Topics in German History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: Same as CEES 418. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of European history, or consent of the instructor.

**HIST 419. Teaching Civics Literacy. 3 or 4 hours.**

Methods course to teach civic literacy in middle school and secondary education. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Course is offered in both face-to-face and hybrid formats. Check the class schedule for details on specific sections each semester. When hybrid, reliable internet access and a means for accessing it (computer preferable) are required.

**HIST 420. Teaching the Social Sciences. 3 or 4 hours.**

This course focuses on acquiring and practicing the skills for teaching the social sciences at the secondary level within the context of history. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): 9 hours of credit in the social sciences and approval of the instructor.

**HIST 421. Topics in British and Irish History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 6 hours of history or consent of the instructor.

**HIST 424. Topics in French History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): One 200-level course in French or European history or consent of the instructor.

**HIST 429. Topics in Italian History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of history.

**HIST 433. Topics in Eastern European History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: Same as CEES 433. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of European history or consent of the instructor.

**HIST 435. Topics in Russian History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: Same as CEES 435. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of European history or consent of the instructor.

**HIST 437. The Indian Ocean World: Contact, Commerce, Culture. 3 or 4 hours.**

The movement of people, goods, religious movements and ideas, throughout the Indian Ocean region from earliest times to the colonial era. Course Information: Same as ANTH 436 and GLAS 437. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.

**HIST 438. Women in South Asian History. 3 or 4 hours.**

A study of the diversity of women's experiences in South Asia in a range of social, cultural, and religious contexts from the ancient period to the present. Course Information: Same as GLAS 438 and GWS 438. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of History or consent of the instructor.

**HIST 440. History Research Seminar. 3 hours.**

Conceptualizing, researching, and writing an individual research project based on primary sources. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): HIST 300. Recommended background: At least one 400-level history course.

**HIST 441. Topics in African History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: Same as BLST 441. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of African history, Black Studies, or consent of the instructor.

**HIST 451. Topics in Colonial American History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of U.S. history or consent of the instructor.

**HIST 453. Topics in Nineteenth-Century United States History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of history.

**HIST 454. Topics in Twentieth-Century United States History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of U.S. history or consent of the instructor.

**HIST 461. Topics in Latin American History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: Same as LALS 461. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of history, Latin American and Latino studies, or consent of the instructor.

**HIST 462. AIDS, Politics and Culture. 3 or 4 hours.**

Introduction to the study of AIDS as a medical, social, political and cultural construction. Explores the epidemiology of AIDS, the politics of the state's response, how activists have addressed AIDS, and media representations of AIDS. Course Information: Same as GWS 462. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): GWS 101 or GWS 102 or GWS 203 or GWS 214 and junior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

**HIST 465. Asian Diasporas in Latin America. 3 or 4 hours.**

Examines Asian migration to Latin America, covering topics such as labor and economic systems, transnational networks, community building, racism, identity, and serial migration. Course Information: Same as GLAS 465 and LALS 465. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Grade of C or better in GLAS 100 or Grade of C or better in HIST 161. Recommended background: HIST 264.

**HIST 472. Issues and Events in Twentieth-Century China. 3 or 4 hours.**

Covers the events, places, people, political movements, ideologies, and issues that shaped twentieth-century China, and considers different approaches to the writing of that history. Course Information: Same as ASST 472. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Recommended background: Previous course work in Chinese history at the 100 or 200 level.

**HIST 473. Topics in East Asian History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: Same as GLAS 473. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of East Asian history or consent of the instructor.

**HIST 475. Educational Practice with Seminar I. 6 hours.**

The first half of a two-segment sequence of practice teaching, including seminar, to meet certification requirements for teaching in grades six through twelve. Course Information: Graduate credit only with approval of the department. Prerequisite(s): Good academic standing in a teacher education program, completion of 100 clock hours of pre-student-teaching field experiences, and approval of the department. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Lecture-Discussion and one Practice.

**HIST 476. Educational Practice with Seminar II. 6 hours.**

The second half of a two-segment sequence of practice teaching, including seminar, to meet certification requirements for teaching in grades six through twelve. Course Information: Graduate credit only with approval of the department. Prerequisite(s): Good academic standing in a teacher education program, completion of 100 clock hours of pre-student-teaching field experiences, credit or concurrent registration in HIST 475, and approval of the department. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Conference and one Practice.

**HIST 477. Topics in Middle Eastern History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of history.

**HIST 478. Women in Chinese History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Focuses on scholarship on women in Chinese society throughout history, dealing with topics such as marriage and family, literacy, career options, women in revolution and the historiography of the field. Course Information: Same as ASST 478, and GWS 478. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Recommended background: Previous course work in Chinese history or women's studies.

**HIST 479. Culture and Colonialism in South Asia. 3 or 4 hours.**

Examines the emergence of colonial cultures of domination and resistance on the Indian subcontinent from the 18th century to 1947. Course Information: Same as ANTH 479 and GLAS 479. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.

**HIST 481. Topics in Social History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of history.

**HIST 482. Topics in Migration History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of history.

**HIST 484. Topics in the History of Women. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: Same as GWS 484. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of history or gender and women's studies or consent of the instructor.

**HIST 485. Topics in African American and Diaspora History. 3 or 4 hours.**

African American history and/or history of the diaspora for students with significant background in the field. Topics vary. Course Information: Same as BLST 481. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated if topics vary. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of BLST history course or consent of the instructor.

**HIST 487. Topics in the History of Sexuality. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours in history or consent of the instructor.

**HIST 489. Topics in Military History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of history.

**HIST 490. Topics in Diplomatic History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of history.

**HIST 492. Topics in Intellectual History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 Hours of history.

**HIST 494. Topics in Political History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of history.

**HIST 495. Topics in Religious History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: Same as RELS 495. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of history or consent of the instructor.

**HIST 496. Topics in Race, Ethnic and Minority History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of history or consent of the instructor.

**HIST 497. Topics in Cultural History. 3 or 4 hours.**

Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of history or consent of the instructor.

**HIST 499. History Internship. 0-4 hours.**

Practical experience working "in the field" with partner institutions such as museums, historical societies and/or archives. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated. Students may take HIST 499 as many times as they wish but will only receive credit toward their major or minor the first time they take it. Repeat courses will not replace other 400-level requirements. Field work required. Students interested in the internship should contact the course instructor or the Director of Undergraduate Studies, ideally the semester before they enroll in this course. The course will sometimes be offered in face-to-face format and sometimes in a hybrid format. Check the class schedule for details. When taught with an online component, reliable internet access and a means for accessing it (computer preferable) are required. Prerequisite(s): Approval of the Department. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Lecture-Discussion and one Practice.

**HIST 500. Colloquium on the Teaching of History. 1-4 hours.**

Reading in Topics. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

**HIST 501. Introduction to Graduate Study in History. 4 hours.**

Introduction to history as a discipline and profession. Approach is comparative and by topic. Required for graduate students in the M.A. and Ph.D. in History programs. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing in history.

**HIST 502. Seminar on Ancient History. 4 hours.**

Research in topics. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

**HIST 503. Colloquium on World History. 4 hours.**

Graduate introduction to theories and historiography of the new world history. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Open only to Ph.D degree students; and approval of the department.

**HIST 511. Colloquium on European History. 4 hours.**

Reading in topics. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

**HIST 512. Seminar on European History. 4 hours.**

Research in topics. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

**HIST 521. Colloquium on British History. 4 hours.**

Reading in topics. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

**HIST 532. Seminar on Russian History. 4 hours.**

Research in topics. Course Information: Same as CEES 532. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

**HIST 541. Colloquium on African History. 4 hours.**

Readings on select topics in African history. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term.

**HIST 551. Colloquium on American History. 4 hours.**

Reading in topics. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

**HIST 552. Seminar on American History. 4 hours.**

Research in topics. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

**HIST 561. Colloquium on Latin American History. 4 hours.**

Topics on themes in Latin American history. Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: Same as LALS 561. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term.

**HIST 591. Preliminary Examination and Dissertation Prospectus Preparation. 1-8 hours.**

Under the supervision of a faculty mentor, the student will prepare for the preliminary examination and prepare the dissertation prospectus required by the department. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Prerequisite(s): Approval of the department or completion of all didactic course work in the Ph.D. in History program.

**HIST 592. Colloquium on Approaches to History. 4 hours.**

Reading in topics. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

**HIST 593. Special Topics in the History of Work, Race, and Gender in the Urban World. 4 hours.**

Special topics related to the concentration in the History of Work, Race, and Gender in the Urban World. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing and consent of the instructor.

**HIST 594. Special Topics in the History of Encounters, Ethnographies, and Empires. 4 hours.**

Special topics related to the concentration in Encounters, Ethnographies, and Empires. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing and consent of the instructor.

**HIST 596. Independent Study. 1-4 hours.**

Independent study in selected areas in history. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

**HIST 599. Ph.D. Thesis Research. 0-16 hours.**

Thesis research for the Ph.D. in History. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): Preliminary examination.