

Upcoming Graduate Courses, 2022-2024

Core Courses

HIST 570: Introduction to Research

This course is about renowned historians, research techniques in history, training in the critical handling of primary and secondary resource materials, and formal presentation of research.

Required for all graduate students

Offered each Fall semester

HIST 530: Seminar in Public History

This course explores the world of public history. Museum studies, archiving, grant writing, historic sites, and historic preservation are among the topics discussed, providing a broad foundation for careers in public history.

Required for the Public History Concentration

Offered Spring 2023

Thesis I (HIST 572), Thesis II (HIST 573), and Field Experience and Internship (HIST 586) are available each semester and during summer sessions on an individualized basis.

Electives*

Summer 2022, 2023, and 2024

Interpreting Civil War Sites

This public history graduate course is an examination of how Americans interpret, remember, and commemorate their Civil War past. Class focus will target a variety of venues, including historical sites, museums, and national parks, while specific attention will also be devoted to markers, monuments, buildings and battlefield tours.

Fall 2022

China in Revolution

Analyzes, through a variety of written and visual texts, the revolutionary domestic transformations and foreign dynamics that shaped and defined China during the 19th and into the early 21st centuries. In addition, the course focuses on some of the historiographical issues and methodological techniques employed in constructing the history of “China.”

History of American Ideas

This course consists of readings about selected ideas that motivated American thought and action from the colonial period to the present day. Changes in meaning of older American ideas will be examined.

Spring 2023

Britain in the Age of Discovery and Revolution

Covers rapid changes in British society from the late fifteenth to the early eighteenth century and the challenge they posed to Britain’s rulers – a challenge they frequently failed to meet during this period.

* Tentative schedule: offerings may change based on a variety of factors.

Post 1940 U.S. History

This course will focus on readings in U.S. American history from the WWII era to the present with an emphasis on race, class, gender, and place. Topics we will cover will be the end of liberalism following the Great Depression, WWII, the Cold War, the myriad social movements of the “sixties,” the rise of the Conservative Resurgence, and changes in the political, social, and economic structure of the U.S.

Fall 2023

Civil War & Reconstruction

This course consists of research, reading, and writing in selected topics related to the Civil War, with the political, military, social, cultural and environmental aspects of the era. The controversial and volatile Reconstruction period will also be covered. Finally, emphasis will be placed on historiography, it is assumed students already have a basic understanding of the era.

Vietnam and Southeast Asia

Examines the 19th and 20th century colonial experiences and national evolutions of the broad and diverse area known as Southeast Asia by spotlighting four key regions/countries: the Philippines, Indonesia, Cambodia and Vietnam. The course outlines how Southeast Asia as a whole, and specifically each of these areas, was impacted and transformed (somewhat similarly and simultaneously) by processes of Western (and to varying degrees, Chinese and Japanese) imperialist aspirations, the intensification of capitalist modes of production and exchange, Japanese military occupation, the rise of nationalism and onset of decolonization, Cold War rivalry, and the frequently violent disintegration of civil, democratic society (particularly post-World War II).

Spring 2024

African-American History

This class will provide you with a general overview of the history of African Americans in the United States, from colonization and the emergence of slavery to the present. Keeping in mind race, class, gender, and place, the course will cover topics ranging from slavery, the end of slavery and the rise of Jim Crow, African Americans during war, depression, and notably, the civil rights movement in America and the post-civil rights era. The topic of race and critical race theory will be at the forefront of discussion.

The British Empire

Covers the formal and informal British Empire from its sixteenth century origins to its end in the twentieth century from a variety of viewpoints: geopolitical, economic, cultural, and as a world-system.

Readings on Abolitionism

The primary focus of this course is to facilitate a nuanced understanding of what abolitionism – especially in the United States – is and was. This shall be achieved by reading and discussion of a multitude of works, some published in our age and some contemporaneous with the subjects and people discussed.