

HISTORY DEPARTMENT UPPER DIVISION COURSES AND DESCRIPTIONS

Upper division courses require upper division standing (close to 60 units completed) or instructor permission
See History BA Requirements and/or SSTP BA Requirements for details on major requirements or see advisor

All courses are 4 units unless otherwise noted

CORE COURSES

- 100W **History Writers' Workshop.** Development of skills required for practice of historical research & writing. Prereq: HIST 99. SJSU Studies, Area Z. 3 units.
- 102 **Historiography.** Critical study of the writings of great historians. Prerequisite: HIST 99 and HIST 100W.

PRE-1750

- 109A **History of China to 1800.** Traditional Chinese society from earliest times to 1800.
- 110A **History of Japan to 1750.** Origins of the Japanese people, rise of samurai and shoguns to 1750.
- 112 **Ancient West to 500 BCE.** Political, social, and cultural history of the Ancient West (Europe, Middle East, and North Africa) from 15,000 BCE to 500 BCE.
- 114 **Ancient West, 500 BCE to 400 CE.** Political, social, and cultural history of the Ancient West (Europe, Middle East, and North Africa) from 500 BCE to 400 CE.
- 121A **Medieval Worlds, 400 CE to 1000 CE.** Political, social, economic, cultural, & religious transformations from late antiquity (400 CE) to the beginning of the High Middle Ages (1000 CE). Topics include the end of the Roman Empire, the development of different religious faiths, kingship and power, culture, society, women and gender, the Carolingian Renaissance, and economic life.
- 121B **Medieval Worlds, 1000 CE to 1500 CE.** Examines important political, social, cultural, intellectual, economic, and religious developments during the period from the beginning of the High Middle Ages (1000 CE) to the end of the Later Middle Ages (1500 CE). Topics include the Renaissance, the Crusades, the Commercial Revolution, Papal Schism, women and gender, the development of medieval society, trade and travel.
- 122 **Byzantine and Islamic Worlds.** Covers the history and culture of the Middle East from the 4th to the 15th centuries.
- 123 **Age of Arthur to the Tudors: The British Isles 500-1600.** Explores the medieval history of the British Isles, including developments in the political, social, cultural, economic, and intellectual history of England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. Topics include the Norman conquest, Anglo-Norman conquest of Ireland, the Edwardian Conquest of Wales, colonization, the development of government (including kingship and Parliament), society, women and gender, differing cultures, the Great Famine, the Black Death, native revolts, the Hundred Years' War, the Wars of the Roses, and the rise of the Tudors.
- 124 **Witchcraft & Magic in the Medieval & Early Modern World.** Global history of pre-modern witchcraft, magic, and witch hunts, from its origins in the ancient world to the modern world, with a focus on the period c.500-c.1750. Covers the British Isles, continental Europe and Scandinavia, colonial America, Africa, the Pacific Rim, and beyond.
- 125 **Medieval & Early Modern Travelers, 500-1750.** Examines medieval and early modern travel and the experiences of travelers who traveled across different areas of the globe during the period from c.500-c.1600 as well as cross-cultural interactions both within Europe and between Europeans and peoples in Asia, Africa, India, the Americas, the Middle East, and the Mediterranean World.
- 127 **Early Modern Europe.** The European World in transition from c.1500-c.1800. Explores the nature of society, daily life in the country, towns, and cities, travel and trade, the Age of Exploration, intellectual life, the religious transformations of the Protestant Reformation, the growth of nation states and government, warfare, technology, women and gender, the transatlantic slave trade, the Enlightenment, and more.
- 130 **Military History to 1500.** The development of military force and warfare from its origins to 1500.
- 136 **World Jewish History.** Jews and Judaism in global perspective. SJSU Studies, Area 3. 3 units.
- 147 **Tudors, Revolution, & Empire: Britain & Ireland, 1500-1800.** Survey of the early modern religious, political, cultural, and social history of Britain and Ireland, beginning with the Battle of Bosworth Field (1485) up to c. 1800. Topics include life and death, belief, governance, rebellion, the exercise of power, social order and community, gender, law, popular culture, and living standards, slavery, trade, and the origins of the British Empire.
- 153 **Women in Europe.** Ancient Greece to Modern Europe. Examines women's changing national, economic & cultural roles. SJSU Studies, Area 3. 3 units.
- 162 **Colonial Latin America.** Colonial administration & society of Spanish & Portuguese colonies in the New World.
- 173 **New World Encounters.** Examines the first wave of European expansion, from 1400-1750, through the prism of cultural & religious interactions.
- 174 **Colonial & Revolutionary America.** Investigates the socio-political development of British North America from the 1600s to the era of the American Revolution.

1750-PRESENT

- 109B **History of China from 1800.** China's revolutions and ongoing modernization.
- 110B **History of Japan from 1750.** Since 1750 emphasizing the process of modernization.
- 131 **Military History from 1500.** The development of military force and warfare since 1500.

- 133 **World War I.** Explores the causes of the First World War, the aims of the Entente and Central Powers, the experience of total war, including trench warfare and the development of tanks and poison gas, and the global experience of war in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East.
- 134 **World War II.** Examines the origins and conduct of totalitarian regimes including Nazism, Italian fascism, and Japanese imperialism. Also traces the strategies and tactics of the Allies and Axis in Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and Atlantic and Pacific Theaters of war, the causes of mass violence and genocide, the development and use of nuclear weapons, and the end of empire.
- 135 **Global Cold War.** History of the Cold War from a global perspective. Includes politics, economics, diplomacy, culture, science, technology, and war in every part of the world from the 1940s to the 1990s.
- 137 **World Environmental History.** Focuses on relationships between humans and the nonhuman world, exploring the environmental consequences and context of major themes in world history, including ecological imperialism, capitalism, industrialization, colonialism, and warfare.
- 138 **Chinese Communism, 1921-1976.** Explores politics, economics, and people's daily lives in Communist China from 1949-1976 through material culture, movies, and scholarship.
- 143 **Europe, 1750-1900.** Major political, economic, social and cultural themes of European history from the Enlightenment to 1900.
- 144 **Europe, 1900-1945.** A history of political, economic, social & cultural developments in Europe during the era of the two world wars.
- 145 **Europe & the World Since 1945.** Political, economic and social developments since World War II, with emphasis on Europe.
- 148 **Imperial Russia.** Investigates 18th through early 20th century Russia from Peter the Great to the eve of Revolution, focusing on a range of issues, political, cultural, economic and social.
- 149 **Modern Germany.** Covers the long process of German unification, defeat in World War I, the Nazi takeover, the devastation of World War II, the postwar division of Germany, the final reunification of the country after the fall of communism, and the revival of far-right political parties.
- 150 **The Soviet Union 1917-1990.** Traces the emergence and transformation of the Soviet Union starting with the Bolshevik Revolution. Topics include communism, civil war, collectivization, purges, industrialization, World War II, and the Cold War.
- 153 **Women in Europe.** Ancient Greece to Modern Europe. Examines women's changing national, economic & cultural roles. SJSU Studies, Area 3. 3 units.
- 155 20th Century World. Examines the history of the recently ended century from a global perspective. SJSU Studies, Area 3. 3 units.
- 163 **Modern Latin America.** Focus on major political changes, such as independence, wars, popular uprisings, and systems of government since 1800.
- 166 **History of Mexico.** History of Mexico from independence to the present. Topics include the turbulence of the early national period, the development of Mexican liberalism, the 1910 revolution, the decades of single-party rule following the revolution, and the relationship with the United States.
- 171 **U.S. Constitutional & Legal History.** Origins and Evolution of the US Constitution and federal system from the American Revolution to the present.
- 172 **U.S. Foreign Relations.** An exploration of how the United States has engaged with other nations through diplomacy, commerce, and war.
- 175 **U.S. 1800 to 1860.** Topics include the rise of democratic political culture, industrialization, emergence of a market economy, slavery, westward expansion, reform movements and the Second Great Awakening.
- 176 **Civil War and Reconstruction America.** Examines the political, social, economic, military, and ideological dimensions of the Civil War and Reconstruction.
- 177 **US Gilded Age and Progressive Era, 1877-1920.** Political, social, and economic history from the end of Reconstruction to the end of World War I and the achievement of women's suffrage.
- 178 **U.S 1920-1950.** The Roaring Twenties, the Great Crash, The Great Depression, The New Deal, World War II, The Atomic Age, and the origins of the Cold War.
- 179 **Cold War America since 1950.** U.S. history since 1950 including the Cold War, the Korean & Vietnam wars, the Civil Rights Movement, culture, economics and politics.
- 182 **Native American History.** History of indigenous peoples in North America, Colonial America, and then the United States up to the present.
- 183 **The American West.** History of the American West starting with Native American civilizations and European colonization. Topics include American exploration, expansion, and conquest; the "frontier" thesis; economic development; environmental destruction and conservation; racial diversity and conflict; migration and immigration; population growth and urbanization; politics and culture.
- 185 **LGBTQ+ History in the U.S.** Intersectional LGBTQ+ history in the US, emphasizing institutions, ideals, and identities. SJSU Studies, Area 4. 3 units.
- 186 **American Labor History.** History of working people in the United States from the colonial period to the present.
- 187 **U.S. Immigration.** History of immigration to the United States from independence to the present. How immigrants from Europe, Asia, and Latin America adapted to US society, how the native-born population responded to immigrants, and how legislation and foreign policy decisions influenced immigration.
- 188 **History of Women in the U.S.** Multi-faceted history of women in the U.S. from colonial times to present. SJSU Studies, Area 4. 3 units.

- 189A **California History to 1900.** Topics include Native Americans, Spanish missions, the Mexican era, the American conquest, the Gold Rush, the railroad, Chinese immigration, and the anti-Chinese movement. American Institutions, Area US3.
- 189B **California History since 1900.** Topics include migration, growth, development, reform, immigration, depression, war, politics, protest, schools & environmentalism. American Institutions, Area US3.
- 190 **U.S. Sex, Gender & Medicine.** History of medicine in America and the complex relationship between health care and society through the lenses of gender, sexuality, race, and class.
- 191 **U.S. Civil Rights Movements.** History of twentieth century civil rights movements in the United States, including the legacy and contributions of movements for equality to U.S. society, economy, and politics and the presentation of civil rights movements in history and culture.
- 193 **America in the 1960's.** History of the United States in the 1960s including the Cold War, politics, protest, riots, assassinations, the Civil Rights Movement, the Vietnam War, the Peace Movement, the Counterculture, the Sexual Revolution, Gay Liberation, and Feminism.
- 197 **Introduction to Public History.** Introduction to preservation and presentation of history to the community and to roles of historians in public agencies, archives, museums, and historic sites. Required for admission to public history internship.
- 199 **Public History Internship.** Supervised placement in historical organizations, public institutions, and community agencies concerned with preservation of history. Repeatable up to 6 units.

THE FOLLOWING COURSES DO NOT COUNT TOWARD THE B.A., M.A., OR MINOR IN HISTORY. THESE ARE NOT FOR HISTORY MAJORS!

HISTORY COURSES:

- 170S **Topics in American History: American Identities & Institutions.** Focuses on historical relationships between social groups and the political, social, economic, and cultural institutions they created. American Institutions, Area US1 and SJSU Studies, Area 4. 3 units.

SOCIAL SCIENCE TEACHER PREPARATION COURSES:

- 137 **California History for Teachers.** Interdisciplinary preparation for future California history teachers from social science perspectives. 3 units.
- 138 **U.S. History for Teachers.** Interdisciplinary preparation for future U.S. history teachers from social science perspectives. SJSU Studies, Area 4. 3 units.
- 139 **World History for Teachers.** Interdisciplinary preparation for future world history teachers from social science perspectives. SJSU Studies, Area 3. 3 units.
- 195 **Social Science Teacher Preparation Capstone.** SSTP majors will synthesize their learning about Social Science education with a portfolio project. 3 units.

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