

HISTORICAL STUDIES

Historical Studies (FD-HS) is one of the six Foundational Disciplines that are part of the WCAS bachelor's degree.

Historical studies examine change over time in a wide variety of spheres, including beliefs, cultures, economics, intellectual thought, politics, and society. The scale and scope of offerings in this area range from the local or regional to the global, and from the origins of human society to the present day. Students learn to assess, analyze, and interpret primary and secondary sources (for example, documents, testimonies, texts, artifacts, images) and use them to develop arguments in oral and written form. Courses in historical studies teach critical methods including: evaluation of evidence, understanding conditions under which historical actors operated, comprehension of cause and consequence, tracing patterns (continuities and ruptures), comparative analysis of sources, and modes of historical argumentation.

Learning Objectives for FD-HS

Courses in Historical Studies are designed to achieve a combination of the following learning outcomes:

- Acquire knowledge of historical phenomena (cultural, economic, intellectual, political, and social practices and their interdependent development over time in their local, regional, and/or global contexts) and become familiar with relevant primary and secondary sources
- Develop skills of historical analysis, including the means to evaluate sources; become acquainted with scholarly historical demonstration, discussion and debate
- Appreciate the impact of historical developments; acquire historical perspective on the present; consider agency and subjectivity in the context of the times; reflect on the varieties of memory and experience
- Express the results of historical investigation effectively and persuasively in written, oral and visual forms, and engage in debate with other narrators and interpreters of history, both past and present

FD-HS Courses

Courses approved for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Course	Title
ANTHRO 318-0	Material Worlds of the Middle Ages
ANTHRO 319-0	Material Life & Culture in Europe, 1500-1800
ANTHRO 327-0	Historical Archaeology
ANTHRO 329-0	Archaeology and Nationalism
ANTHRO 370-0	Anthropology in Historical Perspective
ART 270-0	Contemporary Art Survey
ART_HIST 220-0	Introduction to African Art
ART_HIST 222-0	Black Art in the TransAtlantic World
ART_HIST 224-0	Introduction to Ancient Art
ART_HIST 225-0	Introduction to Medieval Art
ART_HIST 232-0	Introduction to the History of Architecture: 1400 to Present
ART_HIST 235-0	Introduction to Latin American Art
ART_HIST 240-0	Introduction to Asian Art
ART_HIST 250-0	Introduction to Early Modern European Art
ART_HIST 255-0	Introduction to Modernism
ART_HIST 260-0	Introduction to Contemporary Art
ART_HIST 320-1	Medieval Art: Byzantine

ART_HIST 320-3	Medieval Art: Late Medieval
ART_HIST 330-1	Early Modern European Art 1400–1500
ART_HIST 340-1	Baroque Art: Italy & Spain 1600–1800
ART_HIST 342-0	Eighteenth-Century European Art
ART_HIST 350-1	19th-Century Art 1: 1789–1848
ART_HIST 350-2	19th-Century Art 2: 1848–1914
ART_HIST 359-0	Special Topics in 19th-Century Art
ART_HIST 360-0	20th Century Art
ART_HIST 368-0	Special Topics in Modern Art
ART_HIST 378-0	The Global City
ART_HIST 386-0	Art of Africa
BLK_ST 212-1	Introduction to African-American History: Key concepts from 1700-1861
BLK_ST 212-2	Introduction to African American History: Emancipation to Civil Rights Movement
BLK_ST 213-0	History of the Black World
BLK_ST 220-0	Civil Rights and Black Liberation
BLK_ST 262-0	Introduction to Black Religions: The North American Experience
BLK_ST 315-0	Religion in the Black Atlantic
CLASSICS 211-0	Greek History and Culture: From Homer to Alexander the Great
CLASSICS 212-0	Rome: Culture and Empire
CLASSICS 260-0	Classical Mythology
CLASSICS 310-0	Archaeology of the Ancient Mediterranean
CLASSICS 311-SA	On-Site Archaeology of the Ancient Mediterranean
CLASSICS 314-0	Topics in Ancient Science and Technology
CLASSICS 320-0	Greek and Roman History
CLASSICS 321-SA	On-Site Greek and Roman History
CLASSICS 330-0	Ancient Economy
CLASSICS 380-0	Classical Reception Studies
ENGLISH 302-0	History of the English Language
ENVR_POL 251-0	The Politics of Disaster: A Global Environmental History
ENVR_POL 309-0	American Environmental History
ENVR_POL 340-0	Global Environments and World History
GBL_HLTH 309-0	Biomedicine and World History
GBL_HLTH 325-0	History of Reproductive Health
GERMAN 230-0	Berlin and the Culture of Democracy
GERMAN 337-0	Science and Culture in Germany
GERMAN 344-2	German History: Germany Since 1945
GERMAN 349-0	The History of the Holocaust
GNDR_ST 230-0	Traditions in Feminist Thought
GNDR_ST 321-0	Gender, Sexuality, and History
GNDR_ST 324-0	US Gay and Lesbian History
HISTORY 200-0	New Introductory Courses in History
HISTORY 201-1	Europe in the Medieval and Early Modern World
HISTORY 201-2	Europe in the Modern World
HISTORY 203-1	Jewish History I: 750-1492
HISTORY 210-1	North America and the United States to 1865
HISTORY 210-2	History of the United States, Reconstruction to the Present
HISTORY 211-0	American Wars
HISTORY 212-1	Introduction to African-American History: Key concepts from 1700-1861
HISTORY 212-2	Introduction to African American History: Emancipation to Civil Rights Movement
HISTORY 215-0	History of the American Family

HISTORY 219-0	History of the Present	HISTORY 376-0	Global Environments and World History
HISTORY 220-0	History of the Future	HISTORY 379-0	Biomedicine and World History
HISTORY 221-0	Famous American Trials	HISTORY 381-1	Qing China
HISTORY 248-0	Global Legal History	HISTORY 381-2	Modern China: The Twentieth Century
HISTORY 249-0	The End of Citizenship	HISTORY 381-3	Modern China: Post-Mao Reforms, 1978-2016
HISTORY 250-1	Global History: Early Modern to Modern Transition	HISTORY 382-0	The Modern Japanese City
HISTORY 250-2	Global History: The Modern World	HISTORY 385-1	History of Modern South Asia, 1500-1800
HISTORY 251-0	The Politics of Disaster: A Global Environmental History	HISTORY 385-2	History of Modern South Asia, ca. 1750-present
HISTORY 253-0	A Global History of Prisons and Camps	HISTORY 386-2	Southeast Asia in the Age of Empire
HISTORY 254-0	Entrepreneurship: A Global History	HISTORY 386-3	Southeast Asia: Decolonization & Independence
HISTORY 255-1	African Civilizations	HISTORY 393-0	Approaches to History
HISTORY 255-3	Modern Africa	HISTORY 395-0	Research Seminar
HISTORY 260-2	History of Modern Latin America	HUM 211-0	Humanities in the World II
HISTORY 261-0	Sex after Shakespeare	HUM 325-4	Humanities in the Digital Age
HISTORY 263-0	Witchcraft in the Early Modern Atlantic World	HUM 329-0	Archaeology and Nationalism
HISTORY 275-1	History of Early Modern Science and Medicine	HUM 370-4	Special Topics in the Humanities
HISTORY 275-2	History of Modern Science and Medicine	JWSH_ST 280-4	Topics in Israel Studies
HISTORY 281-0	Chinese Civilization	LEGAL_ST 221-0	Famous American Trials
HISTORY 284-2	Early Modern Japan	LEGAL_ST 248-0	Global Legal History
HISTORY 286-0	World War II in Asia	LEGAL_ST 305-0	American Immigration
HISTORY 292-0	Introduction to Topics in History	LEGAL_ST 318-1	Legal and Constitutional History of the United States: Colonial Period to 1850
HISTORY 300-0	New Lectures in History	LEGAL_ST 318-2	Legal and Constitutional History of the United States: Since 1850
HISTORY 305-0	American Immigration	LEGAL_ST 347-0	Comparative Race & Ethnicity
HISTORY 309-0	American Environmental History	MENA 290-4	Introductory Topics in Middle East and North African Studies
HISTORY 310-1	Early American History: Contact and Colonization	MENA 390-4	Advanced Topics in Middle East & North African Studies
HISTORY 315-3	The United States Since 1900: Late 20th C. to Present	RELIGION 262-0	Introduction to Black Religions: The North American Experience
HISTORY 317-1	American Cultural History: 19th C.	RELIGION 264-0	American Religious History from 1865 to the Great Depression
HISTORY 318-1	Legal and Constitutional History of the United States: Colonial Period to 1850	RELIGION 265-0	American Religious History from World War II to the Present
HISTORY 318-2	Legal and Constitutional History of the United States: 1850 to Present	RELIGION 351-0	Islamic Law
HISTORY 319-0	US Foreign Relations	RELIGION 360-0	Black Religions
HISTORY 324-0	US Gay and Lesbian History	SLAVIC 250-SA	Balkan Civilizations
HISTORY 327-0	Histories of Violence in the United States	SLAVIC 390-0	History and Culture in Central and Eastern Europe
HISTORY 330-0	Medieval Sex		
HISTORY 333-0	The European Renaissance		
HISTORY 340-0	Gender, War, and Revolution in the 20th Century		
HISTORY 341-0	Paris: World City, 1700 to the Present		
HISTORY 342-1	The French Revolution and Napoleon		
HISTORY 343-0	Modern Italy		
HISTORY 344-2	German History: Germany Since 1945		
HISTORY 345-1	History of Russia, 800-1917: From Kievan Rus to the Bolshevik Revolution		
HISTORY 345-2	History of Russia, 1917-1991: The Soviet Union		
HISTORY 345-3	History of Russia, 1991-Present: After Communism		
HISTORY 349-0	The History of the Holocaust		
HISTORY 350-0	Soviet History Through Film		
HISTORY 351-0	Europe in the Age of Total War		
HISTORY 352-0	A Global History of Death and Dying		
HISTORY 353-0	History of Capitalism, 1500-1850		
HISTORY 354-0	History of Socialism		
HISTORY 366-0	Latin America in the Independence Era: American Indians and Nations		
HISTORY 367-0	History of Mexico		
HISTORY 370-0	Music and Nation in Latin America		
HISTORY 374-0	The Arabian Peninsula Since the 18th Century		