HISTORY

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The Department of History is a place where students can study any region of the world, during almost any historical era, from a wide variety of perspectives. The faculty includes nationally distinguished scholars in United States, European, Latin American, African, and Asian history. Faculty expertise enables the department to offer major fields of study in the history of the Americas, English/European history, African/Middle Eastern history, Asian/Middle Eastern history, and global history.

Most history courses are open to any undergraduate. Few have specific prerequisites, although first-year students are generally advised to try 100- and 200-level courses before attempting 300-level courses. History majors have priority in registering for classes, but most students enrolled in history courses are majoring in other areas. The history faculty welcomes this diversity of students.

Since all courses listed below cannot be given in any one year and the quarters in which they are offered are subject to change, see the online quarterly class schedule from the Office of the Registrar for actual offerings.

The Teaching of History

Weinberg College students pursuing a major in history who also wish to be certified for secondary teaching must be admitted to the Secondary Teaching Program (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/education-social-policy/secondary-teaching/) in the School of Education and Social Policy and complete all requirements as outlined in the SESP chapter of this catalog. Students are urged to contact the Office of Student Affairs in SESP as early as possible in their academic careers.

Programs of Study

- History Major (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history/history-major/)
- History Minor (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history/history-minor/)

HISTORY 101-6 First-Year Seminar--European History (1 Unit)  
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First-Year Seminar

HISTORY 102-6 First-Year Seminar--American History (1 Unit)  
WCAS  
First-Year Seminar

HISTORY 103-6 First-Year Seminar--Non-Western History (1 Unit)  
WCAS  
First-Year Seminar

HISTORY 200-0 New Introductory Courses in History (1 Unit)  
Introductory lecture courses on topics not covered in regular offerings. Content varies. May be repeated for credit with different topic. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 201-1 Europe in the Medieval and Early Modern World (1 Unit)  
Culture and structure of preindustrial society, high medieval through mid-18th century. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 201-2 Europe in the Modern World (1 Unit)  
Impact of industrial and political change and development of modern society to the present. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 203-1 Jewish History 750-1492 (1 Unit)  
750-1492: Political, economic, cultural, and intellectual life of Jewish communities under medieval Islam and Christianity. Judeo-Arabic culture and its critics; Jewish-Christian relations; the place of violence; rise and influence of Jewish law and mysticism. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 203-2 Jewish History 1492-1789 (1 Unit)  
1492-1789: Jewish community's economic and cultural reshaping; legalized readmission of Jews to European cities and integration into European society. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 203-3 Jewish History 1789-1948 (1 Unit)  
1789-1948: Plurality of models of integration, acculturation, and assimilation; multiple identities; split of traditional community; sociocultural behavior; political movements. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 210-1 History of the United States, Precolonial to the Civil War (1 Unit)  
Interpretive survey from the 17th century to the present. Pre-colonial to the Civil War. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 210-2 History of the United States, Reconstruction to the Present (1 Unit)  
Interpretive survey from the 17th century to the present. Reconstruction to the present. Lectures, discussion sections. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 212-1 Introduction to African-American History: Key concepts from 1700-1861 (1 Unit)  
African origins, the slave trade, origins of slavery and racism in the United States, life under slavery in the North and the South. AF_AM_ST 212-1 and HISTORY 212-1 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 212-2 Introduction to African American History: Emancipation to Civil Rights Movement (1 Unit)  
Emancipation to the civil rights era. Reconstruction, rise of legal segregation, strategies of resistance, migration, and urbanization. AF_AM_ST 212-2 and HISTORY 212-2 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 214-0 Asian American History (1 Unit)  
Introduction to the history of Asians in the United States, with a focus on their impact on American society as well as their experiences within the United States. ASIAN_AM 214-0 and HISTORY 214-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 216-0 Global Asians (1 Unit)  
Survey of Asian diasporas in the United States and elsewhere in the 19th and 20th centuries, emphasizing causes of migration, process of settlement, relations with other ethnic groups, and construction of diasporic identities. ASIAN_AM 216-0 and HISTORY 216-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 218-0 Latina and Latino History (1 Unit)  
History of Latina/os in the United States and in the context of US- Latin American relations from the 18th century to the present. HISTORY 218-0 and LATINO 218-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 250-1 Global History: Early Modern to Modern Transition (1 Unit)  
The early-modern to modern transition. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 250-2 Global History: The Modern World (1 Unit)  
The modern world. HISTORY 250-1 is not a prerequisite for HISTORY 250-2. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 251-0 The Politics of Disaster: A Global Environmental History (1 Unit)  
A global survey of key natural disasters from the eighteenth century to the present. Focus on the political and human-made dimensions of these supposedly "natural" events. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 252-0 Global History of Refugees (1 Unit)  
Global History of Refugees Development of the international refugee regime in
the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, including humanitarianism, international law, and activism by and on behalf of refugees. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 255-1 Background to African Civilization and Culture: Origins to 17th C. (1 Unit) Historical approach to society, economy, polity, and culture in Africa. Agricultural origins to the 17th century. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 255-2 Background to African Civilization and Culture: 16th-19th C. (1 Unit) Historical approach to society, economy, polity, and culture in Africa. 16th through 19th centuries. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 255-3 Background to African Civilization and Culture: 1875-1994 (1 Unit) Historical approach to society, economy, polity, and culture in Africa. 1875 to 1994. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 260-1 History of Latin America in the Colonial Period 1492-1821 (1 Unit) Aspects of the development of Latin America's socioeconomic, political, cultural, and religious institutions and practices. From the pre-Columbian and Iberian backgrounds through the colonial period, c. 1492-1821. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 260-2 History of Latin America in the Modern Period, 1789-present (1 Unit) Aspects of the development of Latin America's socioeconomic, political, cultural, and religious institutions and practices. After independence and through the modern period, c. 1821 to the present. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 261-0 Sex after Shakespeare (1 Unit) Sexual behavior in England between 1500 and 1800, concentrating on scandalous narratives and public controversy. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 262-0 Pirates, Guns, and Empires (1 Unit) Piracy in the Atlantic Ocean, the Mediterranean Sea, the Indian Ocean, and the China Seas from the late sixteenth to the early nineteenth century. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 270-0 Middle Eastern/Islamic Civilization (1 Unit) Influence of Islam on the components of Middle Eastern societies (nomads, agrarian and urban populations) from the inception of the faith (7th century BCE) to the modern period. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 271-1 History of the Islamic Middle East: 600-1200 (1 Unit) The classical Islamic community; medieval Islamic civilization, 600-1200. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 271-2 History of the Islamic Middle East: 1200-1789 (1 Unit) Invasions from Central Asia and the empires that followed: Mamluks (Egypt), Ottomans (Turkey), and Safavids (Iran), 1200-1800. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 271-3 History of the Modern Middle East, 1789 - Present (1 Unit) Jewish and Arab nationalism, oil diplomacy, Islam in the modern context, 1789-present. Historical Studies Distro Area


HISTORY 275-1 History of Early Modern Science and Medicine (1 Unit) The transformations of science and medicine in Europe and beyond during the period known as the 'Scientific Revolution' (c. 1500-1800). Focus on the social dimensions of scientific and medical knowledge, including the relations of science and medicine to religion, politics, commercial markets, and the expansion of Europe's overseas empires during the first age of globalization. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 275-2 History of Modern Science and Medicine (1 Unit) The transformation of modern science and medicine in Europe, America and around the world over the past two hundred years; topics include the relations of science and technology from telecom to the A-bomb to biotech; and the relations of science to society, from Darwin to genetics/ eugenics to climate change. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 281-0 Chinese Civilization (1 Unit) Chinese history to the 16th century, emphasizing cultural and intellectual history. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 282-0 Sino-American Relations in the Modern World (1 Unit) This course considers the bilateral Sino-American relationship in its larger global context and in connection to the issues of war, diplomacy, race, gender, religion, and material and popular culture. Focuses on the ways domestic politics shape international relations. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 284-1 Japanese History, Ancient & Medieval, 200-1600 (1 Unit) Ancient and medieval Japan (200-1600), from the first evidence of civilization on the archipelago through the Warring States Period. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 284-2 Japanese History: Tokugawa Period, 1600-1868 (1 Unit) Social, cultural, and political developments in the Tokugawa Period (1600-1868). Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 286-0 World War II in Asia (1 Unit) Analysis of the vast intended and unintended effects of World War II on Asia. Nationalism, global history, decolonization, fascism, Communism, democracy, and the experiences of ordinary people. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 292-0 Introduction to Topics in History (1 Unit) Introductory seminar for non-majors and majors interested in a variety of topics related to a historical event, period, or broader historical problem. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 300-0 New Lectures in History (1 Unit) Lecture courses on special topics not covered in regular offerings. Content varies. May be repeated for credit with different topic. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 301-SA-1 New Lectures in History: City and Civilization in the Eastern Mediterranean World (1 Unit) Topics in the history of the eastern Mediterranean world. Restricted to students in Northwestern's study abroad programs. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 301-SA-2 New Lectures in History: Milestones of Czech History & Civilization (1 Unit) Topics in the history of the Czech Republic. Restricted to students in Northwestern's study abroad programs. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 303-1 American Women's History, to 1865 (1 Unit) Women and gender in American life, with attention to differences among women based on class, race, and ethnicity. To 1865. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 303-2 American Women's History, since 1865 (1 Unit) Women and gender in American life, with attention to differences among women based on class, race, and ethnicity. Since 1865.

HISTORY 304-0 Asian American Women's History (1 Unit) Exploration of race, gender, and the contours of US history from the perspective of Asian American women's experiences. Considers migration, exclusion, labor, marriage, family, sexuality, and cross-racial alliances. ASIAN_AM 304-0 and HISTORY 304-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 305-0 American Immigration (1 Unit) Themes in history of immigration, especially from Europe, Latin America, and Asia. Law, racial formation, acculturation, transnational and
changing values of the American people, how they have been transmitted, and how they have shaped American society, politics, and the economy. 20th century to the present.

Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 318-1 Legal and Constitutional History of the United States: Colonial Period to 1850 (1 Unit)
Colonial period-1850. Development of legal institutions, constitutionalism, law and social change, law and economic development. Taught with LEGAL_ST 318-1; may not receive credit for both courses.
Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 318-2 Legal and Constitutional History of the United States: 1850 to Present (1 Unit)
1850-present. Law in industrial society, administration, race relations, corporations, environmental protection, civil liberties. Taught with LEGAL_ST 318-2; may not receive credit for both courses.
Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 319-0 History of US Foreign Relations (1 Unit)
Survey of US relations with the rest of the world from the 18th century to the present, with particular attention to the 20th century. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 320-0 The Fourteenth Amendment (1 Unit)
The Fourteenth Amendment's role in defining and protecting citizenship, privileges and immunities, due process, and equal protection from its nineteenth-century origins to the present. HISTORY 320-0 and LEGAL_ST 320-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 321-0 The Vietnam Wars (1 Unit)
Analysis of Vietnam's wars for national independence, with emphasis on US involvement. Topics include international context, political rationales, military engagements, popular attitudes, cultural exchange, and lasting legacies. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 322-1 Development of the Modern American City: to 1880 (1 Unit)
City characteristics of urban society in America from the period of settlement to the present. To 1880.
Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 322-2 Development of the Modern American City: 1880-Present (1 Unit)
City characteristics of urban society in America from the period of settlement to the present. 1880-present.
Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 324-0 US Gay and Lesbian History (1 Unit)
Gender, sexuality, and the rise of modern lesbian and gay identities. Lecture and discussion. HISTORY 324-0 and GNDR_ST 324-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses.
Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 325-0 History of American Technology (1 Unit)
American history through its material culture; industrialization and its discontents; consumer culture and household technology; mass communication and democracy; technological utopia and the computer revolution.
Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 326-0 Medieval Sex (1 Unit)
Fluidity of sex and gender roles in an age before "sexual orientation"; impact of and resistance
to Christian theology's negative assessment of sexuality; the cult of chastity. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 331-0 Women in Medieval Society (1 Unit) Examination of medieval women's lives in both secular and religious spheres through the different ideologies (religious, philosophical, scientific) that shaped them. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 332-1 The Development of Medieval Europe: Early Middle Ages, 300-1000 (1 Unit) Early Middle Ages, 300-1000. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 332-2 The Development of Medieval Europe: High & Late Middle Ages, 1000-1450 (1 Unit) High and Late Middle Ages, 1000-1450. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 333-0 The Age of the Renaissance (1 Unit) Decline and revival of European civilization, 1350-1530. Cultural, political, economic, and social developments. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 334-0 The Age of the Reformation (1 Unit) Europe in the 16th century, especially origins, evolution, and effects of changes in religion. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 336-0 Spain 1500 - 1700: Rise and Fall of a European Empire (1 Unit) Social, political, and economic history of the largest early-modern European empire, its multicultural genesis, rise to domination in Europe and the Americas, and struggle to integrate internally. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 337-0 History of Modern Europe (1 Unit) Survey of the political and social history of Europe between 1815 and 1945, with emphasis on the political integration and disintegration of the Continent and the causes and effects of social and economic change. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 338-1 Europe in the 20th Century, 1900-1945 (1 Unit) Growth of mass politics, fascism, the home fronts, rise of the welfare state, loss of empire, economic resurgence and integration. 1900-45. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 338-2 Europe in the 20th Century, 1945-Present (1 Unit) Growth of mass politics, fascism, the home fronts, rise of the welfare state, loss of empire, economic resurgence and integration. 1945-present. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 340-0 Gender, War, and Revolution in the 20th Century (1 Unit) Examination of changes in gender ideals and in the lives of women and men in Europe and America as a result of world wars, Russian revolution, fascism, and the Cold War. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 341-0 Paris: World City, 1700 to the Present (1 Unit) Survey of the social, cultural, political, economic, and spatial development of Paris from aristocratic enclave to a class-divided bourgeois city, from an imperial capital to a postcolonial metropolis. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 342-1 History of Modern France: Ancien Régime and the French Revolution (1 Unit) The Ancien Régime and the French revolution. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 342-2 History of Modern France: 19th c. to present (1 Unit) 19th century to the present. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 343-0 Modern Italy (1 Unit) Italy from the Enlightenment to the present, concentrating on the Risorgimento, the world wars, Mussolini and fascism, the postwar economic miracle, and terrorism. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 344-1 Weimer and Nazi Germany (1 Unit) Survey of German political, economic, social, intellectual, and diplomatic history covering Weimar and Nazi Germany. GERMAN 344-1 and HISTORY 344-1 are taught together: may not receive credit for both courses. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 344-2 Germany Since 1945 (1 Unit) Debates about the development of the postwar German states from 1945 to the present. Social, political, economic, and everyday history within the context of East, West, and unified Germany. GERMAN 344-2 and HISTORY 344-2 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 345-1 History of Russia: 800-1700 (1 Unit) Emergence of the Kievan and Muscovite states, 800-1700. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 345-2 History of Russia, 1700-1917 (1 Unit) Russia from Peter to the Revolution, 1700-1917. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 345-3 History of Russia, 1917-Present (1 Unit) The Soviet Union and its successor states, 1917-present. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 346-0 East Central Europe under Communist Rule and Beyond, 1945 to the Present (1 Unit) The history of East-Central Europe from the World War II to the collapse of Soviet rule and beyond. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 347-0 Christians and Jews (1 Unit) Varieties of historical encounters between Jews and Christians. Origins of the "Jesus movement"; rabbinic attitudes toward Christianity; medieval polemic and engagement; the modern "Judeo-Christian tradition"; Christian Zionism and postwar ecumenism. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 348-1 Jews in Poland, Ukraine, and Russia (1 Unit) Social, political, religious, and cultural interaction of Jews and Slavs over a millennium, 1250-1917. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 348-2 Jews in Poland, Ukraine, and Russia (1 Unit) Jewish encounter with Marxism and communism; social, political, cultural, and artistic aspects of Jewish life; Soviet Jews and the Russian empire: patterns of survival, accommodation, and interaction, 1917-91. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 349-0 History of the Holocaust (1 Unit) Origins and development of the massacre of European Jewry during World War II. GERMAN 349-0 and HISTORY 349-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. Prerequisite: None. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 352-0 Global History of Death and Dying (1 Unit) How death shapes the modern world via slave trades, imperial conquests, pandemics, wars, medicine, and genocide. Transformations in rituals; personal and social meanings of death; ways and patterns of dying. Ethics Values Distro Area Historical Studies Distro Area Interdisciplinary Distro - See Rules (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#schoolrequirementstext)

HISTORY 355-0 North Africa, Early Times to 1870 (1 Unit) From the African iron age to the establishment of the multinational gold mining industry, emphasizing the rise of African states and the contest for land with white settlers. Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 356-2 History of South Africa, 20th century (1 Unit) Emphasis on the 20th century, the rise of African nationalism, and the clash with the apartheid state.
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HISTORY 385-1 History of Modern South Asia, 1500-1800 (1 Unit)
The early modern period, ca. 1500-1800: The Mughal Empire; the early phase of European trade and conquest in the subcontinent.

HISTORY 385-2 History of Modern South Asia, ca. 1750-present (1 Unit)
ca. 1750-present: The age of British colonial dominance; the politics of nation building and anticolonial resistance; independence, partition, and the postcolonial predicament.

HISTORY 386-2 History of Modern Southeast Asia Until 1945 (1 Unit)
A social and economic history of Southeast Asia from c.1750 to 1945.

HISTORY 386-3 History of Contemporary Southeast Asia Since 1945 (1 Unit) A social and political history of Southeast Asia from the end of the Second World War to the Present.

HISTORY 393-0 Approaches to History (1 Unit) Introductory seminar for history majors and others interested in understanding how history is thought about and written. Intensive exploration of a significant historical event, period, or topic.

HISTORY 395-0 Research Seminar (1 Unit) Students research and complete a term paper on a topic of choice. Required of majors.

HISTORY 398-1 Thesis Seminar (1 Unit) Advanced work through supervised reading, research, and discussion. Admission by written application, to be reviewed by department. Grade of K given in 398-1 and 398-2.

HISTORY 398-2 Thesis Seminar (1 Unit) Advanced work through supervised reading, research, and discussion. Admission by written application, to be reviewed by department. Grade of K given in 398-1 and 398-2.

HISTORY 398-3 Thesis Seminar (1 Unit) Advanced work through supervised reading, research, and discussion. Admission by written application, to be reviewed by department. Grade of K given in 398-1 and 398-2.

HISTORY 399-0 Independent Study (1 Unit) Reading and conferences on special subjects for advanced undergraduates. Open only with consent of director of undergraduate studies and instructor.

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